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September 4, 2025

Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in person and teleconferenced on Zoom

Community Board 2 Board Members – Present

Amparo Abel-Bey, Nellie Afshar, Anatole Ashraf, John Bahia, Nicholas Berkowitz, Danielle Brecker, Carlos Castell Croke, Evelyn Chango, Lisa Charles, Tannia Chavez (PV), Osman Chowdhury, Stephen Cooper, Warren Davis, Lisa Deller, Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos, Alexandra Gonzalez (PV), Camille Gray (PV), Kenneth Greenberg, Corey Hannigan, Mohammad Hossen, Christine Hunter, Prameet Kumar, Bradford Leibin, Sheila Lewandowski, Benjamin Lucas, Patrick Martinez, Eric Narburgh, Reilly Owens, Jolly Patel (PV), Randy Plemel (PV), Oumaya Saab (PV), Alyssa Sawicki (PV), Phugelzen Sherpa (PV), Ryan Smith, Lauren Springer, Akello Thomas, Amaurys Valdez, Alaina Van Slooten, Leticia Vasquez, Michael Zoorob

Community Board 2 Board Members – Absent

Unexcused:

Karesia Batan, Chhemang Lama, Andrea Olivares,

Excused:

Morry Galonoy, James Kim, Pia Rahman, Norberto Saldana

Community Board 2 Staff:

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, MaryAnn Gurrado, Community Coordinator

Elected Officials/Representatives

Honorable Steven Raga, New York State Assembly Member

Evelyn Li, Representing Congresswoman Grace Meng

Tiffany Echevaria, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez

Mercedes Jennings, Representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris (PV)

Catherine Demby, Representing NY State Senator Kristen Gonzalez

Benjamin Lotto, Representing NYS Assembly Member Zohran Mamdani

Jamey Battle, Representing NY State Assembly Member Steven Raga

Stef McGraw, Representing NY State Assembly Member Claire Valdez

Farah Salam, Representing NYC Council Member Julie Won

*Michael Carlier, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Laura Shepard, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
JM Martinez, Representing Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz
Megan Yuan, Representing the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs*

Department of City Planning

Katie Crawford

Sunnyside Community Services

Chris Cardone

Public Comment – General

Barry Druss, Thomas Mituzas, Father Carl Adair, Nick Nyhan, Fran Casso

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(Approximate elapsed time stamps provided in these minutes refer to this video)

Link to <https://blockparty.studio/Archive> where you can navigate to a transcript of this meeting.

Time: (Approximate from YouTube Video)

0:11:14 Anatole Ashraf welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided housekeeping rules and reminded everyone their vote is their opinion. He requested everyone follow the WAIT Rule, (Why Am I Talking).

0:11:36 Pledge of Allegiance

0:12:19 Evelyn Li, Representing Congresswoman Grace Meng provided the following update:

- Spoke about a wave of new arrests by ICE coming up in our community. If anyone is need of help to reach out to their office.
- They are seeing a change in the immigration cases, especially with work permits and employment authorization. Seeing people denied when they try to renew.
- Discussed the I-730K this is for relatives for asylums applications. They are being transferred to a new office of USCIS.
- Provided an update on mail theft.
- Q & A

0:16:22 Tiffany Echevaria, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Valazquez provided the following update:

- Congress is now back in session after a recess period.
- Federal Fiscal year is set to end on September 30, 2025.
- When votes are held on the upcoming Congressional Budget, the Congresswoman will oppose any appropriation bills that reduce funding to critical services essential to people's survival and wellbeing.
- In July, the Congresswoman was denied again her right to perform oversight at 26 Federal Plaza building. She has visited this building multiple times, believing that it was being used as an ICE detention facility. The Congresswoman has called on the Department of Homeland Security to further investigate the facility.
- The Congresswoman is hosting a Congressional App Challenge. This is for middle school and high school students interested in STEM.
- Announced the Flood Solutions Fair will be taking place at Sunnyside Community Services on September 13, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Q & A

0:24:40 Mercedes Jennings, representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris provided the following update:

- Reported Senator Gianaris has provided funding for 14 schools within our district to help provide additional academic and extracurricular support to students.
- Reported on August 22, 2025, Senator Gianaris was at Woodside Houses alongside Assemblywoman Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas giving out backpacks and lunch bags to students in the community.
- The Senator was at the backpack event for CEC30 on August 26, 2025, giving out lunch boxes, backpacks and activity books to the students. He was also at Queens Community Day at the Met.
- This Saturday, Senator Gianaris will be at the Maspeth Federal Savings for the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. He will also be at the Variety Boys and Girls Club at the back-to-school event giving out more backpacks and activity books.
- Senator Gianaris will also be at the GBK community picnic in Queensbridge Park.
- Senator Gianaris has been keeping a close eye on the Queens Bus Redesign.
- The Senator thanked CB 2 for the support that the Transportation Community has provided to the constituents. The Q32 and the Q60 have had a lot of protests about some of the stops and those stops were reinstated, especially the one that is by Sunnyside Community Services. Their office is still receiving complaints and concerns from the community. They are keeping their eyes and ears to the ground so that they can provide continuous support to their constituents and see if there is anything that could be done to make the redesign a much easier transition for all.
- Announced their office will be moving, and at the October meeting there will be an announcement with the official address and information for everyone in the community.

0:27:27 Katherine Demby, Representing NY State Senator Kristen Gonzalez provided the following update:

- Announced the Queens Bus Network Redesign went into full effect on September 2, 2025. Their office is working the MTA and constituents to help them navigate route changes and any concerns they have.
- Encouraged all to reach out to their office with any concerns.
- The MTA is monitoring and taking this feedback in the first few months of the redesign so they can make it as good as possible.
- The MTA is raising the rates to \$3.00 starting in January of next year. They are still accepting public comments on these rate increases.
- Announced this is backpack giveaway season and their office has been working with various partners for over 13 events across this district.
- This Saturday, they will be at the Variety Boys and Girls Club back to school bash.
- Announced the September 13, 2025, Flood Solutions Fair will take place at Sunnyside Community Services.
- Announced their office along with Council Member Won, Borough President Donovan Richards, and Assembly Member Mamdani they will be hosting an MTA Accessibility webinar on September 11, 2025. It will be a virtual meeting and accessible on Zoom.
- Their office will be hosting a Virtual Fight the Right Town Hall on October 6, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Stay tuned for the link on their IG and in their upcoming newsletter.
- Q & A

0:36:55 Benjamin Lotto, Representing New York State Assembly Member Zohran Mamdani provided the following update:

- Announced, their office hosted five backpack giveaways and will be hosting a sixth this weekend. If anyone would like a backpack, please feel free to reach out to their office.
- Their office is hosting new satellite office hours for Queensbridge residents at the Queensbridge Community Center, starting on September 10, 2025, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Their office is planning to host this every month. If anyone needs assistance with housing, quality of life, or unemployment issues to stop by or call their office to learn more about this.
- Their office wanted to share a couple of reminders:
 - NYC Public Schools are currently seeking feedback regarding new school planning and buildings coming to the neighborhood from residents of CEC30 (LIC) who have a child attending school in CEC30 or a child who may attend school. As it builds a new elementary school for the 26-27 schoolyear, NYC Public Schools is asking what temporary site should house the new school and where the permanent location should be.
 - They also want to highlight District 30's Family Welcome Center. Family Welcome Centers serve NYC families year-round with questions they may have on admissions, enrollment, student guidance, and navigating the school system.

- District 30's Family Welcome Center is located at 28-11 Queens Plaza North, 3rd Floor, LIC, NY 11101, and is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- To get help virtually email: queensplazanfwc@schools.nyc.gov
- Q & A

0:41:08 Jamey Battle, Representing New York State Assembly Member Steven Raga provided the following update:

- Thanked the NY State Senator Gianaris and Council Member Julie Won, Woodside on the Move, St. Sebastians and other key stakeholders and community leaders for having the reinstatement of the bus stop outside of St. Sebastians.
- Announced their office has allocated discretionary funding to ACE, who are doing cleanings 5 days a week.
- Their office has been working with Council Member Won's office regarding pigeon droppings.
- The Assembly Member wants to tackle bridge pigeon pooping. If anyone has any location, contact their office.
- Assembly Member Raga signed onto Assembly Member Simon's Letter about the 100-Foot Bill Number A888.
- The Assembly Member also signed another letter that was sent to the federal government spearheaded by ACLU and NICLU urging the federal administration to re-enroll in the Human Rights Council Periodic Review.
- The Assembly Member signed a letter urging Governor Hochul to reject attempts to bring back gas pipeline projects to our state, specifically the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project and the Constitution Pipeline Project.
- Their office held backpack giveaways and a Youth Day Event.
- Q & A

0:46:16 Stef McGraw, Representing New York State Assembly Member Claire Valdez provided the following update:

- Announced that their office is staying vigilant concerning ICE in our communities.
- Gave a shout to every office as they have been working well with information sharing and keeping each other in the loop and collaborating on ways to keep our community involved and informed.
- Reported they are working with the Blissville Civic Association on the push to DEC to address the Green Asphalt Pollution issues. They sent a joint letter.
- Their office sent a letter of support for Blissville to receive a grant for air purification systems and air quality data collection.
- The Assembly Member has been vocal about calling for a special session for the following reasons: federal cuts, and to pass New York For All.
- The Assembly Member is trying to push the Governor on to direct the New York Power Authority to build 15 gigawatts of public renewable energy.

- Their Office will be participating in the Flooded Solutions Fair which will take place at Sunnyside Community Services on September 13, 2025, from 1 to 4 pm.
- Their office has been conducting tabling events every Saturday at the Sunnyside Green Market, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

A board member thanked the Assembly Member for their advocacy concerning the Green Asphalt issue.

- Reported LaGuardia Community College approached their office and Senator Gianaris's Office concerning an effort to potentially add the name LaGuardia Community College at the 33rd Street stop and get rid of Rawson Street. They want to make sure there is community input if they are going to make this change.

Anatole Ashraf stated that this could go to the Land Use and Housing Committee or be taken up by one of our other committees.

- Q & A

0:05:18 Farah Salam, Representing New York City Council Member Julie Won provided the following update:

- Announced there was a CPC vote, and the OneLIC passed through the CPC that has not started the process of negotiation.
- The final public hearing on OneLIC will be on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, beginning at 10:00 am at city Hall. This is a final critical opportunity for the public to weigh in on their rezoning ahead of the City Council vote later this fall. It is recommended to attend and testify in person. Testimonies will begin an hour or so after the hearing, and there is also a remote option available after that.
- Announced on September 29, 2025, the Committee on Parks and the Committee on Contracts will host a hearing on Griffin's Landscaping a vendor whose owner Glenn Griffin was recently sentenced to two years in federal prison. The company has been placed under monitorship by the NYC Department of Investigation and continues to receive taxpayer funded contracts. Anyone interested in attending that hearing can attend in person or view it online through the City Council website.
- Thanks to the \$2 million dollars secured in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, the Hunters Point Library will now have 7-day services beginning this Sunday.
- The Council Member thanked Speaker Adams and the public library for prioritizing literacy, learning and safe community places in our district.
- Their office distributed over 700 backpacks throughout to community members at over 12 different events.
- Their office conducted bike helmet fittings and giveaways, several movie nights and they have three different types of clinics coming up.
- Their office will have their Legal Immigration Services Clinic, and individuals must call their office to set up an appointment.

- Their office will have their Housing Lawyer on September 8 and 23, 2025 through Communities Resist.
- Their office will have a Veterans of Foreign Wars Clinic from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Their office along with NY State Assembly Member Valdez's office; they have been hearing a lot about the Green Asphalt issues in Blissville. Their office met with Green Asphalt and are asking them to be compliant with state regulations and that Green Asphalt monitors and shares air testing data and communicates directly with community members.
- Q & A

Christine Hunter stated it would be helpful to and to make our testimony more effective if we could understand the Council Member's positions and specifically what her thoughts are on our set of recommendations as well as Community Board 1's recommendations as well as the recommendation of the Borough President. We don't have any understanding right now or information about where the negotiations and discussions have gone and what the Council Member is thinking and what she supports of our recommendation.

Farah Salam reported Council Member Won was present during the working group meetings. At the final one, she was very supportive of the recommendations that CB 2 had made with each of the different recommendations. She reported today is the first day in which the process of negotiations begins. The testimonies will be done on the 17, 2025. This is when she goes into the negotiations period, that is going to basically change how this project looks. That process starts today. Farah Salam reported Ellie from their team will connect with CB 2 to explain a little bit more in depth.

A discussion followed.

Farah Salam reported that they do not have a final date for City Council hearing which is expected to be sometime in the fall.

Christine Hunter requested that Council Member Won and Ellie attend the next CB 2 Meeting scheduled for October 9, 2025.

Farah Salam provided an update on Innovation Queens.

1:15:44 Michael Carlier, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards provided the following update.

- Reintroduced Laura Shepard who will be the CB 2 rep going forward.

1:16:06 Laura Shepard, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards provided the following update:

- Announced the Queens Borough President's Office will be hosting monthly parent advisory meetings. The next one will take place on September 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm on Zoom. It will be a joint session with NYC Public Schools Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos.
- Announced on September 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm they will be hosting the Caribbean Heritage Celebration at the Queens Museum in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.
- Announced on September 25, 2025, at 6:00 pm they will be hosting their Mexican Independence Day celebration at Queens Borough Hall.
- Announced on September 27, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, they will be hosting their annual Climate Expo at the New York Hall of Science in Corona.
- RSVP to any of these events on their website at: www.queensbp.nyc.gov.
- If anyone has any questions, please call (718) 286-3000 or email directly at: lshepard@queensbp.nyc.gov.
- Q & A

1:18:44 Michael Carlier reported in response to a question, that they do have a non-profit resource network and they meet monthly. He announced Susie Tannenbaum, Director of Non-Profit Opportunities. He will take it back and share the contact information. If anyone is in close partnership with any local organizations to feel free to loop them in.

In response to a request, he announced he will forward the Borough Presidents OneLIC Recommendation to the CB 2 Office.

1:20:35 Anatole Ashraf made a motion, and it was seconded to allow City Planning to go before we get to attendance. All were in favor by a show of hands.

1:20:59 Nerissa Martinez, Representing Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, provided the following update:

- Reported on July 2, 2025, the last of the six defendants who attacked police in the early hours of June 17, 2024, outside a hotel on 12th Street in LIC has been sentenced.
- Reported their office recently padlocked six different businesses as none of these stores were licensed dispensaries.

1:24:06 Chris Cardone, Sunnyside Community Services provided the following update:

- Announced preschool programs welcomed back students today.
- Announced SCS will be hosting a free jazz concert on Saturday at 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow. Please RSVP.
- Announced SCS will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner and they welcome volunteers. All are welcome.

1:26:08 General Public Comment

1:26:21 Fran Casso spoke about the following:

- The Bus stop on 58th Street and Roosevelt Avenue that was restored still has the old sign that says the bus will not stop here. Had a hard time trying to convince the bus driver to let them off the bus because they restored the stop. There is a lot of confusion about where to get to the bus stops that are supposed to be on Roosevelt and 52nd Street. There is no sign there. She reported she had to go to 48th Street and Queens Blvd because the bus driver kept continuing going on Roosevelt Avenue because the 51st Street bus stop was eliminated. There is a lot of construction going on at 53rd, 54th Street, and riders don't know where to get the bus.
- Her bus stop on 53rd Street has been eliminated but they are still picking up passengers.
- She also spoke about the OMNY card which charges transfers. She was charged another fare when she took the Q32 to 58th Street to try to get to the Q18.

Mercedes Jennings, Representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris, provided an update about the OMNY card and that the MTA did in fact change the system. They are asking constituents to let their office know so they can continue to advocate.

1:36:00 Jennifer, volunteer with Transportation Alternatives, handed out information and announced they are launching a campaign revolved around Sunnyside and Woodside to create some existing bike lanes making a few of the trouble areas and making them protected bike lanes. They will have a ride for the start of their campaign on September 14, 2025, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Will start at Noonan Playground, they will have a picnic and free food. It will end at Lou Lodati Park. For more information visit www.queens@translt.org

1:38:17 Barry Druss spoke about his transportation advocacy and need for BRT operations in our area and a future rail operation through Penn Station and potentially Sunnyside station.

1:42:04 Thomas Mituzas, Blissville Civic Association spoke about the following:

- Thanked the Board for their ongoing support for the Blissville Civic Association and for our Council Member and Assembly Member for their support with their fight with Green Asphalt.
- Reported CB 2 was instrumental in having a visit by DEP, along with members of Council Member Won's office and Congresswoman Velasquez's office. They were assured they would have an update in April. Blissville Civic wrote back in August and did not receive a response. Tom Mituzas is asking CB 2 for their assistance in calling upon DEP to follow up and keep their word.
- Reported the Blissville Flagpole is under construction. They encountered a slight hiccup in that the soil is contaminated.

1:45:08 Father Carl Adair, Episcopal Mission in Sunnyside spoke about All Saints Episcopal Church on 46th Street and that they will be reopening beginning with Sunday services each week again at All Saints. Everyone is invited to their big public launch on September 14, 2025 at 10:00 am. They will also have a picnic.

1:48:39 Nick Nyhan, The City Sponge spoke about an event entitled the Flood Solutions Fair taking place at Sunnyside Community Services on September 13, 2025 where they will be bringing all the experts around the city who do the frontline work to discuss flood solutions.

1:50:57 Anatole Ashraf reported that the bylaws say votes can only be effective after attendance. We will take attendance and then have the City Planning Report.

1:51:19 Ryan Smith provided an update on the OMNY card which looks like the current fare structure is stated to become permanent in January 2026 and the comment period is closing on September 14, 2025. Visit www.mta.info where there is a link about the proposed fare changes.

1:51:43 Transition to Board Business:

1:51:44 Attendance (Ryan Smith)

Board Members Present:	32	Board Members Absent:	3
Present Virtual:	8	Excused:	4
		Quorum:	Yes

1:55:42 Katie Crawford, Department of City Planning provided the following update:

- OneLIC Neighborhood plan, the CPC voted in favor of the plan and will be moving on to the City Council for review.
- A rezoning application was certified for the property at 63-12 Broadway. The applicant will be at this month's Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting to present on the project and answer any questions.
- Q & A

2:01:54 Anatole Ashraf, Chairperson's Report provided the following update:

- Reported CB 2 took executive action in early August. We had an Executive Committee meeting joined by our Land Use Chairs and CB2 wrote a letter to Council Member Won in support for developer community commitments in the OneLIC plan. We received hardball thoughts and requirements and commitments from the Council Member which overall track and line up with what we requested. Overall, we support the letter saying that we support her efforts in trying to hold developers accountable and get benefits for the community. Specifically deliver critical educational infrastructure by creating space for a new public school for high school seats to grow and expand and maintain public space by activating publicly owned land, providing meaningful community facilities by setting aside space for nonprofit organizations at little to no cost with partnerships formalized and deepening housing affordability, commitments by going beyond minimum requirements of MIH and increasing the share of permanently affordable homes.
- Announced that CB 2 will get started on the bylaws review as we are required to update our bylaws every four years based on our bylaws.

- Discussed the digital process doctrine as this will be his legacy.
- There are huge changes potentially coming to the role of community boards overall based on the charter revisions.
- Wants to refocus on the core principles he has been discussing since 2020, which are accessibility, accountability, transparency, visibility and engagement.
- September 17, 2025, is the next testimony for OneLIC. He hopes that 15 to 20 members show up and it can be online or in person. He will send out a google form.
- Announced CB 2 will be doing a second performance review.

2:05:11 Approval of June 5, 2025, and June 18, 2025, Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

- Sheila Lewandowski made a motion, and it was seconded by Anatole Ashraf to approve the June 18, 2025 CB 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and 2 abstentions.
- Sheila Lewandowski made a motion, and it was seconded by Anatole Ashraf to approve the June 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and 2 abstentions.

2:08:10 Michael Zoorob, Treasurer, provided an update on the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities.

- Working on the Statement of Needs
- Circulated a survey to people who live or work or have a connection in our community district.
- Received 316 responses in 2025.
- The top three pressing issues, Affordable Housing, Parks and Open Space, Land Use Trends.
- There will be a meeting in September and one in October.
- Q & A

2:15:25 Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager provided the following update:

- Observed a moment of silence for those who perished on 9/11.
- Thanked outgoing members who are not returning.
Ann Marie Baranowski, Diana Kichler, Caroline Spitzer
- Announced CB 2 received composting stickers.
- Attended the new Q-team meeting for NYPD – they address quality of life issues throughout the district. Queens roll out was August 11, 2025.
- Announced Sanitation has a safe disposal event in Queens on October 18, 2024 at Resorts World. This is on our website.
- Announced we have new CB 2 Pins. Invited all to come up to get a pin.
- The 108th Precinct had a successful National Night Out – CB 2 was represented.
- CB 2 had approximately 69 complaints throughout the summer.
 - The top complaints were:

- PD – ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES
- DOT– POTHOLES, PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS.
- DOS- TRASH, ILEGAL DUMPING
- DEP – CLOCKED BASINS
- Wished all our school children a happy and safe school year.
- Wished all who celebrate a Happy Rosh Hashanah.
- The next Community Board 2 Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

2:19:15 Reilly Owens, Chair, Transportation Committee provided the following update:

- Reported the Transportation Committee heard a presentation by Open Plans. They discussed low traffic neighborhoods.
- DOT provided updates from the Review Avenue Safety Improvement Project.
- Reported he sent letters to the DOT over the summer about the Queensboro Bridge markings on the north side bike lanes which are still marked with pedestrian symbols in the bike lane which causes confusion and conflict between pedestrians who find themselves there and cyclists who are in the same lane.
- Woodside Avenue in our district is getting repainted. The Committee asked that Woodside Avenue and 39th Avenue see some safety improvements because there is a long crosswalk, and the area is in the middle of a lot of elementary schools and parks.
- CB 2 received a letter from DOT about parking at Hunters Point South, Center Boulevard, 2nd Street and 57th Avenue. There are lane markings going in for parking lanes on both sides of Center Boulevard formalizing curbside parking on both sides of Center Boulevard from 57th Avenue to Borden Avenue which will also be added on the street from 54th Avenue to 57th Avenue as well as 57th Avenue from 2nd Street to Center Boulevard. There is a lot of confusion and a lot of problems with trucks.
- The agency is also aiming to install plastic bollards at the bending of the curb on Center Boulevard on 57th Avenue. This will help deter illegal parking which has been observed to block safe clearance and turns for vehicles as well as congestion. There were problems with the Q101 bus stop there because of this.
- Q & A

02:29:00 Lauren Springer, Chair, Health and Human Services & Education and Unhoused and Shelter Committee provided the following update:

- Reported at the June meeting, we had mental health providers of Western Queens come and present. They were seeking a letter of support as they were co-locating. The Committee made a motion to send a letter of support.
- Some of the members of the Committee along with Andrea Thomas, Sunnyside Community Services and Tannia Chavez, Engagement and Inclusion Committee took a tour of Aviation High School conducted the Principal Stephen Jackson who had presented at an earlier committee meeting. They are trying to raise money for their test cell power classroom.
- Announced the next committee meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The Executive Director of the YMCA will be presenting.
- The committee also discussed budget priorities.

2:32:36 Eric Narburgh, Vice Chair, Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting provided the following update:

- Announced the next Committee Meeting usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, but for this month, it will take place on September 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.
- The Committee is planning to discuss their advocacy agenda for the year at this meeting.
- There will also be other guests.
- Sunnyside was designated by the Historic District Council as a big thing to celebrate. As part of their work with CB 2 they will be doing a survey of the community to identify a collection of buildings and public spaces that might be candidates for preservation. They will be working to promote that survey.
- Announced the Sunnyside Mural is back on 40th Street.

2:34:18 Danielle Brecker, Vice Chair, City Services & Public Safety Committee provided the following update:

- The next Committee Meeting will take place on September 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm. It is a full agenda.
- The Committee will be discussing budget priorities.

2:35:24 Evelyn Chango, Sunnyside Shines provided the following update:

- Discussed Case signs on October 12, with 43 business signed up. These comments were inaudible.
- Announced the Sunnyside Night Market Hispanic Heritage will take place on September 21, 2025. Everyone is welcome.

2:36:29 Christine Hunter, Chair, Land Use & Housing Committee provided the following update:

- After the June 5, 2025, CB 2 Board Meeting, the Land Use Committee held a joint meeting with the Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee.
- We had a lengthy discussion with the owners of the Bliss Theater. We emphasized two things, one in theory or at least they are open to incorporating a multi-purpose art space and, we really emphasized some historical display exterior street level display that would refer to the Bliss Theater. Possibly preserve some artifacts or pieces of the Bliss Theatre. And an art deco entry made permanently public.
- We approved one Landmarks Application from LIC for a rear yard enlargement that was virtually identical to several others on the block.
- We heard from a developer that controls the site on Skillman Avenue. They are contemplating another massive rezoning along there.
- She provided an update on the September 17, 2025 testimony.
- Q&A

2:45:58 Assembly Member Steven Raga, NY State Assembly Member provided the following update:

- Provided an update about the IBX and there will be another round of community input in the fall. It is going to be in the eastern side of his district and the southern side. He will follow up to see if there is anything CB 2 related that we can do.

2:46:52 Carlos Castell Croke, Chair Environment Parks and Recreation Committee Provided the following update:

- Reported if anyone wants to see the resurfacing schedule for the whole city, they can look it up online.
- Reported at the June meeting, DEP provided a general presentation overview of what DEP does specifically about flooding. They provided a lot of tips that people can do to help prevent or protect themselves from flooding on their properties.
- Announced Rebuild by Design gave a presentation about a project they were involved with in Jersey City. They created a network of parks in a specific area that is designed to specifically absorb storm water, and it is a new kind of way to tackle flooding in high flood risk areas.

Anatole Ashraf reported that CB 2 had a conversation with Nexamp, the Energy Storage Battery Project on Review Avenue. They are seeking a letter of support from the Environment Committee, and they have Council Member Won's support.

2:49:46 Tania Chavez, Chair, Engagement and Inclusion Committee provided the following update:

- Provided an update on the July 12, 2025 Meet and greet at Sanger Hall. Assembly Members Claire Valdez, and Assembly Member Steven Raga were in attendance.
- Right after they went to Windmuller Park to join the Queensboro Dance Festival.
- The Committee plans on having one more event for the winter.
- The next Engagement and Inclusion Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2025.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado

Reviewed/Revised and approved for distribution by:
X Anatole Ashraf, Chairperson, CB 2
X Ryan Smith, Secretary, CB 2
X Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, CB 2