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Denise Keehan-Smith
Chairwoman

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Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

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Board Members Present

Czarinna Andres
Diane Ballek
Thalia (Karesia) Batan
Sandra Bigitschke
Osman Chowdhury
Stephen Cooper
Lisa Deller
Sally Frank
William Garrett
Kenneth Greenberg
Benjamin Guttmann
Ellen Kang
Denise Keehan-Smith
Badrun Khan
Nancy Kleaver

Jordan Levine
Sheila Lewandowski
Elizabeth McKenna
Taina McShane
Thomas Mituzas
Dorothy Morehead
Patrick Murray
Clara Oza
Steven Raga
Regina Shanley
Michael Son
Lauren Springer
Carol Terrano
Mary Torres
Anthony Tudela

Board Members Absent

Bessie Cassaro
Claudia Chan
Richard Gundlach
Mohammed Jewel
Marie Konecko
Dominic Lippolis
Donald McCallian
Patrick O'Brien
Elliot Park

Lakshmi Reddy
Jeremy Rosenberg
Norberto Saldana
Moitri Savard
Karolina Tosi
Rebecca Trent
Santiago Vargas
Maria Magdalena Vielma

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert
MaryAnn Gurrado

Department of City Planning

Coralie Ayres

Elected Officials/Representatives

John Perricone, Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz
Kenny Medrano, Representing NYC Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer
Mark Papish, Representing Brian Barnwell, NY State Assembly Member
Ben Geremia, Representing Council Member Robert Holden
Naureen Akhter, Representing Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Ms. Keehan-Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Keehan-Smith introduced the following representatives:

John Perricone, Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Mr. Perricone provided the following information:

- Announced the Internship Program for the spring semester is now open. Anyone interested can send their resume to Joe Nocerino's email address: jnocerino@queensbp.org
- Announced the TWA Hotel Job Fair at Queens Borough Hall will take place at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Ben Geremia, Representing Council Member Robert Holden

Kenny Medrano, Representing NYC Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer

Mr. Medrano provided the following information:

- Announced that Council Member Van Bramer went to PS 11 concerning the new library there and pushed for this.
- Concerning the # 7 Line debris, Council Member Van Bramer went to City Hall demanding that the state agency makes the necessary repairs.
- Participatory Budgeting Process is beginning on March 30, 2019.

Mr. Medrano entertained questions.

Board Member Tom Mituzas requested a follow up to the issues that he brought up at the last board meeting:

- Thanked the Council Member's office concerning the letter that went out regarding the Transportation issues in Blissville.
- Requested follow up to the promises that were made at the St. Raphael's Meeting concerning the homeless shelters.
- Asked why 97% of the homeless residents at the shelters are not from Queens.
- Requested an update about the millions of dollars allocated for LIC for infrastructure projects and yet none has been allocated to Blissville which is in LIC.

Stephen Cooper asked if there were any updates concerning Skillman Avenue being opened to two lanes.

Nancy Kleaver reported on two accidents that occurred recently.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that on Sunday a fire truck turned left which hit two cars and on Monday a tractor trailer turning left.

Mark Papish, Representing Brian Barnwell, NY State Assembly Member

Mr. Papish provided the following information:

- Announced that Assembly Member Barnwell was unable to attend the meeting as he is in Albany due to the budget season.
- Announced that on March 13, 2019 from 12-3 there will be a Women's Empowerment Session and for more information to call their office at: (718) 651-3185

Naureen Akhter, Representing Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Ms. Akhter provided the following information:

- Announced the grand opening of the Congresswoman's district office will be at the following location on March 18, 2019. For more information follow them on Facebook at: Office_of_AOC

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
74-09 37th Avenue, Suite 305
Jackson Heights, New York 11372

- Announced an Office Mural Contest.
- Announced that appropriations hearings are coming up. If anyone who receives federally funded programs to fill out forms so they can continue to get their funding. Visit their website at: www.ocasio.cortez.house.gov

Ms. Keehan-Smith introduced Debra Konecko, the daughter of Board Member Marie Konecko who was one of the first CB 2 members dating back to 1986. Ms. Keehan-Smith announced that Marie has decided not to renew her membership to Community Board 2.

Ms. Keehan-Smith read a list of Marie Konecko's accomplishments which are listed as follows:

- Member of the Board for over 30 years.
- Most recently she served on the City Services & Public Safety Committee.
- District Leader of the 37 AD.
- State Committee Woman for 37 AD.
- Served as secretary for the Queens County Committee.
- She was a member of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Served on the Ladies Auxiliary and was Senior Vice President of the VFW Daniel's Post.
- Member of the Lion's Club.
- She is on the Advisory Club of the Senior Center.
- Active on the 108th Police Precinct Community Council and served as treasurer for many years.
- Member of St. Sebastian's Parish and taught CCD for many years.
- Volunteered in setting up the St. Sebastian School Library.
- She served on the youth Committee and volunteered at CYO for swimming and basketball.
- She was also a den mother for Queen of Angels Boy Scouts.

Ms. Keehan-Smith presented Ms. Konecko with a Certificate of Appreciation for her mother, Marie Konecko and thanked everyone for this award.

Ms. Keehan-Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Judy Zangwill, Executive Director Sunnyside Community Services for her efforts during the Sunnyside Fire. She reported that Judy Zangwill was instrumental in helping the people impacted by the fire and for her dedication.

Judy Zangwill spoke about the following:

- Ms. Zangwill thanked Community Board 2 for the award and that she was happy to be a part of the Sunnyside Fire Relief Efforts.
- She thanked Marie Konecko who is a part of the Senior Center and served on their Board for many years.
- Ms. Zangwill announced that Sunnyside Community Services offers a Universal Pre-K Program serving 36 children, accepting applications, free full day and for 4 year olds born in 2015. Priority is giving to local schools. They also offer an aftercare program.
- Intergenerational opportunities are also available.
- For more information visit their website at www.sunnysidecommunityservices.org.

Ms. Keehan-Smith invited anyone who wished to speak during the public comment section of the meeting to come up and sign in as we have different opportunities to speak for different applications.

Consumer Affairs Applications

An application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats at AU Foods Corp./dba Riko at 45-23 Greenpoint Avenue, Sunnyside

Argilio Rodriguez, representative for the applicant provided the following information:

- This is an application for a renewal for a sidewalk café permit for outdoor seating in front of the restaurant. Mr. Rodriguez confirmed the application is for 10 tables and 20 chairs.
- The sidewalk has been working well and running for two years. The restaurant has a clean operational history.

A member of the community spoke about numerous noise complaints concerning this establishment. He stated there have been noise issues and when their windows are open, music is loud which keeps neighboring residents up at night. There is also music blasting early in the morning at 5:30 am when the staff arrives. People have called the establishment to complain to no avail.

Ms. Deller reported that she has heard complaints concerning people cooking on the street, and that CB 2 had one complaint concerning a noise issue in their file.

Ms. Deller invited the applicant and the residents to attend the next Land Use Committee Meeting to discuss this matter.

An Application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats at ME7782 LLC/dba Bellwether at 47-25 Vernon Boulevard.

The owner operator was present at the meeting and provided the following information:

- Originally planned for 15 tables and 30 seats for the sidewalk café.
- After discussing with Land Use Committee, they pulled 4 tables and 8 seats from Vernon Blvd only utilizing 47th Road. They will be using 5 feet of the sidewalk leaving 10 feet for pedestrian traffic
- Kitchen closes at 9pm weekdays 10pm weekends.

Historic Signage – Newton Historical Society

Newtown Historical Society would like to replicate the sign that previously was installed along Maspeth Avenue indicating the former location of DeWitt Clinton's Home

Christina Wilkinson, President, Newtown Historical Society provided the following information:

- The Newtown Historical Society would like to replicate the sign that was previously installed along Maspeth Avenue indicating the former location of DeWitt Clinton's summer Home.
- The marker was put there in the 1930's and disappeared in the 1960's.
- They are seeking to recreate and replace it in the original location.
- It will be placed on a piece of land owned by DOT, which was part of mapped right of way at the intersection of 56th Terrace, Maspeth Avenue and 58th Street.
- They have received permission from DOT to put the marker there.
- They must go through the Design Commission and come before CB 2.

- Discussed the funding for the project. The Historical Society is paying for the signage and has obtained a grant from Council Member Holden.
- Marker is done by a company in New York and will cost approximately \$1,100 and are not sure how much it will cost to install.
- Ms. Wilkinson provided information about the DeWitt Clinton House.

Ms. Wilkinson entertained questions.

**LAND USE REVIEW APPLICATION (ULURP) – MANA PRODUCTS TEXT AMENDMENT: 27-11 49th AVENUE
ULURP 180518 ZRQ, CEQR NO: 18DCP1892Q**

APPLICATION BY 27-11 49TH AVENUE REALTY, LLC (A HOLDING ENTITY AFFILIATED WITH MANA PRODUCTS, INC.) SEEKS A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING RESOLUTION (EXPANSION OF EXISTING MANUFACTURING FACILITIES TO ALLOW AN APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF ITS CURRENT FACILITY AT THE PROJECT SITE. THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD FACILITATE A 108,292 GSF HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL ENLARGEMENT OF THE EXISTING THREE-STORY FACILITY ON THE PROJECT SITE (THE PROPOSED PROJECT). THE PROJECT BLOCK IS BOUNDED BY 47TH AVENUE TO THE NORTH, 27TH STREET TO THE EAST, 49TH AVENUE/HUNTERS POINT AVENUE ROAD TO THE SOUTH AND 29TH STREET TO THE WEST. THE SITE IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE BLOCK AT THE CORNER OF 49TH AVENUE AND 27TH STREET, AND IS ALSO A WATERFRONT PROPERTY, ABUTTING THE DUTCH KILLS TRIBUTARY ON THE EAST SIDE. THE SITE IS IMPROVED WITH A THREE-STORY 213,938 GSF BUILDING WHICH HOUSES MANA PRODUCTS INC., A COSMETICS MANUFACTURER.

The representatives from Mana Products provided the following information:

- One of the country's leading manufacturer of cosmetics.
- Mana has been in LIC since the late 1970's.
- Privately held and family owned.
- The Company currently operates out of two locations and are a mile apart on Queens Boulevard and Hunters Point at 32-02 Queens Boulevard and 27-11 49th Avenue.
- The existing zoning of the 27-11 49th Ave site is M3-2.
- Seeking a text amendment to allow for the enlargement.
- Having its operations spread across two sites causes Mana to lose time shipping its products between locations to dedicate an inefficient amount of space to warehousing and storage and prevents the Company from creating efficient production lines. In comparison, Mana's competitors, in places like Rockland County, New York, and northern New Jersey, operate in expansive single-story facilities that allow for long, efficient production lines that necessitate very little on-site warehousing and storage.
- Mana is seeking to consolidate its operations into one location in Hunters Point. The proposed development would allow Mana to incorporate modern manufacturing equipment and longer production lines, leading to greater output.
- The applicant seeks the amendment to enlarge the building by approximately 108,000 square feet for manufacturing uses. The proposed enlargement would consist of the horizontal expansion of the building's three existing floors and the addition of two floors to be partially cantilevered over the existing visual corridor along the northern lot line of the site. The

proposed enlargement will allow Mana to consolidate its operations at one location and eliminate manufacturing and warehousing inefficiencies.

- The amendment is needed to facilitate the proposed enlargement. Section 43121, of the zoning resolution, currently allows manufacturing buildings constructed before December 15, 1961, to be expanded for manufacturing use above their base maximum floor area and FAR. The amendment would allow all buildings located on a zoning lot larger than two acres in an M3-2 district in Queens Community Board 2 in the LIC designated area developed for a manufacturing use prior to December 31, 1965 to be expanded for a manufacturing use up to 150 percent of the floor area existing on the site as of that date to a maximum of 10 percent of the site's base FAR.
- The amendment would allow Mana to hire more employees and to enlarge the building to expand its business and create manufacturing jobs in LIC.
- Mana currently employs approximately 835 full time workers between its two locations.
- They provide classroom training, computer training. Employees are skilled and the company is dual language.
- A limited amount of robotics are used.
- Most commute by the #7 Line.
- They have one shuttle bus to the subway and will have a second shuttle bus.
- Have 106 parking spaces.
- It is privately held family owned business and provided the history of the company.
- Employees have longevity at this company and they invest in their employees and provide scholarships.
- Have a four decade investment in the area.
- Summer jobs are available for students of LaGuardia College.

Dorothy Morehead asked if they would consider a green roof.

Questions were entertained.

COURT SQUARE BLOCK 3 TEXT AMENDMENT- 23-10 45TH AVENUE - CEQR: 19DCP038Q

THE APPLICANT TAVROS CAPITAL, WHICH THROUGH COURT SQUARE 45TH AVE LLC IS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTIES A BLOCK SOUTH OF THE CITIGROUP BUILDING AT 23-10 – 23-16 45TH AVENUE AND 45-03 – 45-09 23RD STREET. THIS IS AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE PROPERTY'S BLOCK IN ORDER TO ALLOW A SHORTER AND MORE EFFICIENT BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED, WITH A TALLER BASE BUT A SHORTER TOWER. UNDER CURRENT HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS, A 70-STORY BUILDING WOULD BE BUILT, WHILE UNDER THE PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT, A 45-STORY BUILDING WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED. THE BUILDING WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 256,000 SQUARE FEET (15 FAR) AND HAVE GROUND FLOOR RETAIL, OFFICES ON FLOORS 2-8, AND APARTMENTS ABOVE. WHILE NOT TECHNICALLY A DOWNZONING, SINCE THE AS-OF-RIGHT BUILDING WOULD ALSO BE 15 FAR, THE PROPOSED BUILDING WOULD BE 25 STORIES SHORTER.

The representative introduced his colleagues and provided a slide presentation and discussed the following:

- It is located on Block 3 of the Court Square Sub district.

- There are currently 13 occupied apartments on the site. They are all market rate, one by a commercial tenant which is a contractor.
- Tenants do not have long-term leases.
- The developer wants to change the configuration of the building to make it shorter.
- Ground floor retail, office use on floors 2 to 8 and apartments above.
- Floor plates were discussed.
- They are required to make a subway improvement, which has to be substantially completed before a TCO is issued. The subway elevator will be paid for by the developer.
- They have not determined if union labor will be used. Historically they have not.
- The 200 housing units will be market rate.
- No affordable units are required. Ms. Deller asked if they would consider including affordable apartments if they received a tax abatement. The developer indicated no interest in doing this and said they were already required to make the subway improvement.
- Seeking to make the building more efficient and shorter.
- There may be some remediation.
- Parking is not required due to the access to mass transit.
- The representative stated they had a conversation with 32BJ and are reviewing the proposal

Questions were entertained.

Ms. Deller reported that at the Land Use Committee Meeting the applicant did not discuss the issue of the apartments being condos.

The applicant stated the construction of the building will cost less but would be happy to get back to the board concerning the amount.

The applicant informed they are trying to be good neighbors.

Ms. Deller stated it is clear that there are a lot of needs for affordable housing, open space, work space for artists, and that we need to discuss what aspects of the project will benefit the community.

Ms. Deller reinvited the applicant to attend the March Land Use Committee Meeting.

**LAND USE REVIEW APPLICATION (ULURP) RESIDENTAL TOWER MECHANICAL VOIDS TEXT
AMENDMENT ULURP N190230 ZRY CEQR NO: 19DCPY110Y**

THE APPLICATION EFFECTS (1) SITE IN LIC. IT IS ESSENTIALLY LIMITED TO HOW PROJECTS CAN "EXPLOIT" MECHANICAL FLOORS TO CREATE VOID SPACES THAT EFFECTIVELY INCREASE THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING.

Coralie Ayres provided a slide presentation and spoke about the following information:

- Citywide text amendment relating to the use of mechanical floor space. Zoning resolution currently allows mechanical floor space to be excluded.
- The Mayor requested the Department of City Planning to examine excessive voids used to raise residential tower heights in predominately residential areas.
- The overuse of mechanical voids could result in residential towers that were never anticipated by zoning and that disengage with their neighborhoods.

- DCP is proposing modifications to R9 and R10 and equivalent zoning districts throughout the city. The proposed regulations for residential buildings will discourage mechanical void space taller than 25 feet.
- Mechanical voids taller than 25 feet will count as zoning floor area.
- Discourage the cluttering of void spaces in a way that unduly increases building height. Any mechanical void spaces located with 75 feet of each other will count as zoning floor area.
- Address mixed use buildings.
- It is in referral right now.
- Commission public hearing will be in early March.
- In all of Queens, it is the Court Square area and downtown Jamaica district that may be affected.

Ms. Ayres announced that DCP will be offering a make-up training session for anyone who missed the previous one. It will be held on March 20, 2019 at 120 Broadway in the City Planning Commission Hearing Room March 20, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. RSVP by contacting the CB 2 Office or Ms. Ayres by March 15, 2019. The course will cover Planning 101; Introduction to Zoning; Environmental Review and Land Use Review Procedure.

Attendance

Board Members Present 30 Board Members Absent 17 Quorum Yes

Approval of the Amended January 2019 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and it was seconded by Nancy Kleaver to approve the January 2019 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and 1 abstention.

Approval of the February 2019 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Nancy Kleaver made a motion and it was seconded by Sheila Lewandowski to approve the February 2019 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and 1 abstention.

CHAIRWOMANS REPORT

Ms. Keehan-Smith provided the following update:

- For those who may not be aware, Amazon has not chosen LIC as their HQ2 site. No further information is available at this time. We will share additional updates as we receive them.
- The letter drafted by several board members to elected officials will be further discussed in a working group. The group will finalize a letter and present it to the full board for a vote.
- Provide an update on the Sunnyside Yards Public Meeting to be held on March 26, 2019 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at PS166 the Henry Gradstein School 33-09 35th Avenue, Astoria. They have already had one session at LaGuardia Community College. Ms. Keehan-Smith is trying to have another one scheduled at Big Six Towers, which may take place in April.

- Green Infrastructure Grant Workshop offered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a Grant Workshop on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 4:00pm – 5:30pm at Civic Hall 118 West 22nd Street, 12th floor, New York.
- There was a joint homeless operation initiative conducted on 2/11/19 and 2/15/19 with Breaking Ground and the 108 Police Precinct.
 - 2/11/19 joint ops we canvas 1 located and engaged 2 people
 - 44th Ave and 21 Streets
 - The team engaged a couple living in their car. The team offered the couples services which they denied but were open to accepting advice regarding how to navigate the shelter system for couples.
 - 2/15/19 joint ops we canvassed 8 locations and engaged 7 clients.
 - One client was open to services. The client that was open to services came to the breaking ground drop in center and is working with staff to secure services.
 - 65th Ave and 35th Ave
 - Hart Playground
 - Woodside Plaza
 - Windmuller Park
 - Lawrence Vigillio Park
 - Doughboy Park
 - Sports Authority
 - Queens Blvd. and 38th St
 - Midtown Expressway and 40th
- Ms. Keehan-Smith thanked all those who attended the St Patrick's Day for all in Sunnyside. Thank you for celebrating our diverse community.
- Provided an update on Little Bush Park.
 - Parks contracted a consulting engineer Liro to test the soil.
 - The site is still in design review to April. Then it will go into procurement which will be at least 9 months.
- Borden Avenue Veterans Residence Legionnaire's Update
 - Department of health updated CB2 that after remediation and review of the follow up sample results they have been cleared to return to normal water usage.
 - They will continue long term maintenance at the site.
- Education Council Application Deadline Extension – The application deadline for the 2019 education council elections has been extended to 11:59pm, March 13, 2019.
- Reminder to change your clocks and batteries as we spring ahead.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's day which will take place on Saturday.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith announced the next Community Board 2 meeting will be Thursday April 4, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Mary Torres informed the Board that Citylights participated in one of DEP grants.

Carol Terrano reported another accident on 50th Avenue. Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that Sanitation cleaned up the debris in that area.

Nancy Kleaver announced that PS 11 will have a Universal Pre – K Class next year and asked if this information can be posted.

Tai McShane requested that we invite someone in to discuss affordable housing in order to have a better understanding at the state and local level.

District Managers Report

Ms. Markell Kleinert provided the following update:

- In the CB 2 Newsletter there is a map of the 108th Precinct (NCO) Neighborhood Coordination Officers that divides the 108th Precinct into sectors.
 - If you read the map you will find your block and the corresponding sector. The CB 2 office is in Sector C.
 - If you see something stay something.
- Thanked WNET Team for their hard work.
- Attended the Borough President's Budget Hearing held February 20, 2019.
- Attended the joint Queens Chamber and Borough Cabinet Meeting where the Borough President did a modified State of the Borough Speech.
- Please submit any complaints to the board office and we will follow up.
- Please visit the website for more information.

Land Use Committee Meeting

Ms. Deller provided the following update:

Consumer Affairs Applications

An application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats at AU Foods Corp./dba Riko at 45-23 Greenpoint Avenue, Sunnyside

A motion was made and seconded for this item to be tabled. The applicant will be re-invited to the March Land Use Committee Meeting to address noise complaints made by their neighbors. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

An Application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats at ME7782 LLC/dba Bellwether at 47-25 Vernon Boulevard.

Ms. Deller reported that the applicant agreed to not keep the 12 tables and 24 seats on Vernon Blvd.

Sheila Lewandowski made a motion and it was seconded by Stephen Cooper to approve the application with 31 in favor of the motion; none opposed and no abstentions.

Newtown Historical Society would like to replicate the sign that previously was installed along Maspeth Avenue indicating the former location of DeWitt Clinton's Home

Ms. Deller stated the applicant is seeking a letter of support

Dorothy Morehead made a motion and it was seconded by Mary Torres to send a letter of support with 31 in favor of the motion; none opposed and no abstentions.

**LAND USE REVIEW APPLICATION (ULURP) – MANA PRODUCTS TEXT AMENDMENT: 27-11 49th AVENUE
ULURP 180518 ZRQ, CEQR NO: 18DCP1892Q**

Ms. Deller stated the Committee did not have a quorum, however made a recommendation to approve the Mana Products Text Amendment.

A board member discussed the issue of the green roof. Ms. Morehead stated she would like to pursue this issue separately.

Dorothy Morehead made a motion and it was seconded to approve the application with 30 in favor of the motion; none opposed and no abstentions.

COURT SQUARE BLOCK 3 TEXT AMENDMENT- 23-10 45TH AVENUE - CEQR: 19DCP038Q

Ms. Deller made a motion and it was seconded to table this application and requested the applicant come back to the Land Use Committee. All were in favor of the motion with one opposed and no abstentions.

**LAND USE REVIEW APPLICATION (ULURP) RESIDENTAL TOWER MECHANICAL VOIDS TEXT
AMENDMENT ULURP N190230 ZRY CEQR NO: 19DCPY110Y**

Stephen Cooper made a motion and it was seconded by Dorothy Morehead to approve the Mechanical Voids Text Amendment with 29 in favor; none opposed and no abstentions.

Ms. Deller reported that she attended a meeting of the Gantry Parent's Association.

Transportation Committee Report

Ms. Lewandowski provided the following update:

- Announced the March Transportation Committee Meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather.
- Provided an update Street Seats project for 26-01 Jackson Avenue had a public meeting at PS 1 MoMA at 22-25 Jackson Avenue this will not be voted on this evening. This is being moved to April 1, 2019 and then to the full board meeting at the April 4, 2019 CB 2 Meeting.
- CB 2 is continuing to work on 50th Avenue one way conversion which DOT has stated they can only convert when school is not in session. DOT stated it will be converted during the summer.
- Attended press event with Congresswoman Maloney to call on state to fund promised stop in Sunnyside rail yard as part of East Side Access Plan and to expand the idea to have a station that accommodates stops for all lines that go through the Sunnyside Rail Yards.
- Provided an update on walk thru with John O'Neill, DOT and Tom Mituzas in Blissville.
- Ms. Lewandowski reported that she had a discussion with Lucille Songhai, MTA provided a statement concerning the debris issue. She read the following statement:

“We have inspected the area in detail, and have determined it is safe.”

"The safety of our riders, employees and neighbors is paramount, and this was an extremely serious incident that we are taking aggressive action on. We've launched a full scale investigation and will be inspecting the entire system, with a special focus on these types of connections, using a combination of internal resources and outside experts in order to complete it in the minimal amount of time possible. In addition, we are in the middle of a multi-million dollar painting and repair effort for the elevated 7 train line, in order to upgrade this century old structure – and we look forward to that project's completion.

"We've been in close communication with elected officials whose constituents have been impacted by these events and we will work in collaboration with them on this urgent issue. We thank them for their advocacy on behalf of all our riders."

- Announced the next Transportation Meeting is April 1st at 6:00pm at the CB2 Office.
- Announced there is an RFP for a grant to do public art projects tied to waste water clean-up.

Environment Committee Meeting

Ms. Morehead provided the following update:

- EPA has finished studies on Newtown Creek. Ms. Morehead has requested that the EPA insure the report is readable for anyone with no scientific knowledge of the clean-up of a water body.
- Ms. Morehead will request that Willis Elkins of Newtown Creek Alliance to do a presentation.
- Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board is going to being reactivated.

Arts & Cultural Committee Meeting

Mr. Cooper announced the Arts and Cultural Committee Meeting will be held on March 12, 2019 and that Arts and Culture groups have been invited to attend the meeting. CB 2 is seeking to assist the arts community to determine what their needs are so that we can best assist them.

Public Comment

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The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado

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