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Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom

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QUEENS COMMUNITY BOARD 2 YOUTUBE CHANNEL.**

Board Members – Present

Amparo Abel-Bey
Czarinna Andres
Thalia (Karesia)) Batan
Kat Bloomfield
Danielle Brecker
Tannia Chavez
Osman Chowdhury
Stephen Cooper
Warren Davis
Jake DeGroot
Lisa Deller
Sally Frank
Morry Galonoy
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos
Camille Gray
Kenneth Greenberg
Benjamin Guttmann
Christine Hunter

Badrun Khan
Sheila Lewandowski
Kristen McGowan
Thomas Mituzas
Clara Oza
Steven Raga
Selena Romero
Katherine Sabal
Norberto Saldana
Laura Shepard
Laure Springer
Anthony Tudela
John Vaichunas
Julie Won
Frank Wu

Board Members – Absent

Nicholas Berkowitz
Sandra Bigitschke
Johanna Carmona
Gianna Cerbone
William Garrett
Somnath Ghimire

Taina McShane
Elliot Park
Karla Perez
Regina Shanley
Mary Torres
Adrienne Verrilli

Mohammed Choudhury Jewel
Dominic Lippolis

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager
MaryAnn Gurrado

Elected Officials/Representatives

Honorable Brian Barnwell, NY State Assembly Member
Tiffany Hurdato, Representing NY State Assembly Member, Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas
Jack Bernatovicz, Representing NYC Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer
Craig Caruna, Representing NYC Council Member Robert Holden
Kahleel Bragg, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Jacqueline, Representing Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz
Maria Bolanos, Representing the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs
Mary JoBaida, Representing NY State Senator Jessica Ramos

Department of City Planning

Teal Delys

Department of Transportation

Nicole Garcia
Gretha Suarez

Guests

Vincent Petraro, representing 67-02 Woodside Avenue
Amanda Hoffman, representing 67-02 Woodside Avenue
Alesandro Johnson, representing 67-02 Woodside Avenue

Public Comment – General

Many Gomez
Patricia Dorfman
Philip Leff
Gerald Perrin
Benjamin Lucas
Joe LoBello
Eileen Connolly-Goodwin
Denise Keehan-Smith
Lindsay Maurer
Katherine
Thomas Muccioli
Ryan Douglass
Richard Mazda
Michael Rubino

Alex Zamudio
Max Diamond
Deborah Farley
Jesse
Tracy Sullivan
Christopher Mitchell
John Downs
Paul Gabriel
Brendan Shera
Andrew Washington
Yahuda Pollack
Steven Bodzin
Huge Ma
Nuala O'Doherty-Naranjo
Jim Burke
Angus Grieve-Smith
Elizabeth Baldwin

Lisa Deller welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the following:

- Announced that Anatole Ashraf would be posting the Community Agreements:
 - Rules for Zoom Chat
 - Assume Best Intentions
 - Wait Why am I talking
 - Oops, Ouch
- Welcome back to our virtual CB 2 board meeting tonight.
 - Please note until further notice all CB 2 meetings and committee meetings will be conducted by zoom teleconference.
- Pledge of allegiance
- General Housekeeping Rules:
 - Please mute yourselves when not speaking.
 - If your mic is on and you're not speaking, we will mute you.
 - This is a community board meeting. Board members have priority when asking questions of guests or elected officials. You can make a public comment during the public comments section. The link to sign up is in the zoom chat. We'll post it every 30 minutes.
 - If you are not a board member and speak before board members...we don't want to have to mute you.
 - Please use the chat if you'd like to ask guests and elected officials a question.
 - Board members, please raise your hand using the raise hand function on zoom to ask a question.
 - And as always, please be courteous and respect the space and time.
 - Announced the Community Agreements:
 1. Rules for Zoom Chat

- Be respectful – everyone has a right to be here, even if you don’t agree.
 - No personal attacks – warnings will be given.
 - Keep sidebar conversations to a minimum
2. Assume best intentions
 - Assume good faith in each other
 3. Wait: Why am I talking?
 - Time is limited. Consider if what you say has been said, or is on topic, or if there’s a better time/place
 4. Oops, Ouch
 - Acknowledge when intention doesn’t match impact and hurt has been caused.

Tiffany Hurtado, Representing Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas

- Announced their office has compiled a List of Resources regarding Storm Ida. or Storm Ida she can resend it.
- If we know of anyone who has been affected by Hurricane Ida and cannot receive FEMA due to status, they could contact their office where they can apply.
- Homeowners and tenants can get up to \$32,000 in grants regarding FEMA for individual assistance.
- Announced there will be a Paper Shredding event on November 13, 2021 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on 69th Street and 34th Avenue.
- Community Clean up on October 16, 2021 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on 69th Street to 95th Street on Northern Blvd.

Tiffany Hurtado entertained questions.

Jack Bernatovicz, Representing Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer

Jack Bernatovicz provided the following update:

- With school back in session, the Council Member spent the first day of classes visiting schools across the district - PS111 in Long Island City, PS343 in Sunnyside, and his alma mater, William Bryant High School in Astoria- to view their COVID mitigation efforts and wish everyone a safe return to the classroom.
- This month the Council Member introduced legislation that would make the temporary Open Culture Permit Program permanent and year-round. Since the program’s inception in March 2021, more than 220 Open Culture Permits have been granted with more than 450 outdoor performances and rehearsals taking place across the city. Open Culture has become a vital tool for organizations like our very own Queensboro Dance Festival, the Chocolate Factory, and Drag Queen Story to share their work with the public, earn revenue, and activate city streets with arts and culture. We are hopeful the bill will be passed before the end of the year and Open Culture will become permanent in 2022.
- This month the Council Member celebrated a milestone in funding for arts & culture in New York City, having allocated nearly \$2 billion to arts and cultural organizations during his tenure

as Chair of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Libraries. Recently announcing \$5.1 million in funds for MoMA PS1's roof repairs, \$26.4 million for the completion of the Queens Museum's expansion project, and \$3 million for the Chocolate Factory's recently opened new home in Dutch Kills, the Council Member is proud of his work to support culture and hopes that what is now a record amount of funding for arts and culture in New York City becomes the norm moving forward.

- Earlier this week the three New York City Library Systems announced the elimination of all late fees for overdue books. The new policy, which went into effect Oct. 5, will remove all past-due late fees with no questions asked. This change will impact roughly 400,000 New Yorkers and the CM is excited for what a new chapter of equity will bring to our city.
- Last week the CM did a walk-through of Doughboy Plaza and Park with Queens Parks Commissioner Michael Dockett and his team as the renovations there are coming to a close. Parks has said that the fencing on the lawn should be removed in about one week as the re-sodding of the lawn takes hold. The memorial plaque dedicated to the Woodsiders who died on 9/11 will be reinstalled next month when the granite veneer is installed opposite the Doughboy statue. The plaza will also get new benches, but their installation is held up due to COVID-related shipment delays.
- This past month, our office worked with ACE to help clean up graffiti along Greenpoint Ave and on Barnett Ave. If you are aware of any graffiti that needs cleaning around the district, feel free to reach out to our office and we can help assist.

Jack Bernatovicz entertained questions.

Jacqueline, Representing the Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz

- Announced that DA Katz and her Latino Advisory Council will be hosting the Hispanic Heritage celebration which will take place at 6:00 pm LaBoom in Woodside. It will be free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP at their website at: queensda.org.
- October is National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention month and that on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 3:00 pm, the DA will host a virtual webinar on combating domestic violence. RSVP to queensda.org.
- The dedicated domestic hotline number is: (718) 286-4410 open 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Craig Caruana, Representing NYC Council Member Robert Holden

Craig Caruana provided the following update:

- Announced they will be holding an E-Waste recycling event on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 12 pm to 4:00 pm at the Maspeth Federal Savings Bank.
- Halloween Festival on the following dates: Saturday, October 23, 2021 at noon at the Glendale playground and on October 30, 2021 at noon at Juniper Valley Park and a Truck or Treat event that same day from noon to 2:00 on 80th Street near Juniper Valley Park.
- Announced that Council Member Holden will be meeting with the Commissioner of DEP in the district and tour the district to go over catch basins and sewers and enforcing rules for paving over green spaces which may be contributing to the flooding during Hurricane Ida.

Honorable Brian Barnwell, NY State Assembly Member

Assembly Member Barnwell provided the following update:

- Thanked Woodside on the Move for partnering with his office for the school supply drive. Thanked all for those who donated.
- Announced Food donation Drive distributes food pantries throughout the district. Anyone who wants to donate may do so may drop it off at their office anytime of the week.
- Announced that his office will start PB & J sandwich making and are trying to work out the mechanics of it. Want to distribute it to the needy and anyone interested in volunteering their time may reach out to his office.
- His office has been conducting community clean-ups in the district. They are seeking more volunteers. The days are on Wednesday at 2:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am. They may be moving the Sunday date to Saturday.
- Will be offering more Free Legal Advice Clinics and if anyone is needed to contact their office.
- Discussed National Grid is working with a contractor named Precision Pipeline Solutions. They are conducting gas inspections and are leaving notices at people's homes and if you try to contact them, they are not answering the phones. People are getting fees on their billing, anyone in need of assistance with this issue may contact his office at (718) 651-3185.
- Thanked all for their service.

Lisa Deller made an announcement that we have a capacity issue this evening at that we have maximum capacity for 100 people. She will ask anyone who is both a presenter and who signed up to testify for 62-07 Woodside Avenue, to leave the meeting and to return at 8:00 pm. Lisa Deller stated that after this meeting we will expand our capacity on Zoom.

Maria Bolanos, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit

- Maria Bolanos provided the following update:
- On October 29, 2021 there will be a Day of the Dead/Dia de Muertos Even in Jackson Heights at Corona Plaza and there will be many city agencies tabling there.
- Maria Bolanos provided her email address: mbolanos@cityhall.nyc.gov

Stephen Cooper requested that Maria Bolanos stay for the meeting in order that she could hear the public comments so she could take the information back to the Mayor's Office.

Mary JoBaida, Representing NY State Senator Jennifer Ramos

- Announced their office is open, however they are requesting people make an appointment to avoid overcrowding.
- Their telephone number is: (718) 205-3881
- Excluded Workers Fund is closed but they will still help applicants process their application.
- Announced Senator Ramos is in DC to follow up on Ida Relief meeting with Senator Schumer to follow up on Ida Relief especially those having hardships in the district or with their insurance and access to relief from FEMA.
- If anyone is still waiting on FEMA or having problems with their insurance to contact the Senator's office.

- Announced there is a Rental Assistance Hardship Declaration Form for homeowners who are having problems coordinating with their tenants to fill out the ERAP paperwork.
- Announced their office will be hosting a summit in celebration with the Peruvian, Columbian, Ecuadorian and Bolivian consulate and with the Queens Borough President's Office, Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas, and Senator Ramos Office.
- There will be an opportunity to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and Indigenous People's Day on October 17, 2021 from 12:00 m to 2:30 pm at 33-16 108th Street.
- On October 29, 2021 there will be a Day of the Dead/Dia de Muertos Even in Jackson Heights at Corona Plaza and there will be many city agencies tabling there at 5:00 pm.

Kahleel Bragg, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Kahleel Bragg provided the following update:

- Announced he is the advisor on community engagement.
- He handles gun violence issues throughout the borough
- Sports Specialist for the Borough President.
- Controls the Borough Board and Cabinet Meetings
- He will be taking over for Joe Nocerino as the liaison for CB 2.
- Had a successful Regional Town Hall at Boys and Girls Club. Have another one coming up in southeast Queens on Tuesday, October 19, 2021
- Will have a virtual Redistricting Town Hall on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6 pm
- October 14, 2021 Italian Heritage Celebration at Queens Borough Hall at 5:30 pm, must negative covid test and show proof of vaccine. People must RSVP at queensbp.org.

Guest Speaker

Nicole Garcia, Queens Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation

Commissioner Garcia discussed the implementation of the 39th Avenue Bike Boulevard:

- Hearing a lot from residents about the Implementation for the very first Bike Boulevard.
- It is a work in progress, working as quickly as they can to make sure it gets implemented.
- They have started implanting a new traffic signal.
- There is pedestrian work going on and trying to wrap it up.
- Announced her Borough Planners have been going out and reporting on progress.
- Commissioner Garcia asked for patience and stated this is a listening session.
- Announced that they can reach out to Debra Markell
- Commissioner Garcia stated this is the first of its kind in the Borough. She is proud to partner with the community to see what can be tweaked to make the project better.
- Making it safer for residents and cyclists who count on this connection.
- Announced that Gretha Suarez is present on the Zoom meeting.

Lisa Deller discussed the following

This has been disruptive to the neighborhood. Regardless of the intent of the end result, DOT has to do better on projects like this. There is nothing she can say to make it better. However, she urged and asked that they consider staff on the ground and have people as ombudsmen to be out there speaking to residents. The confusion and disruption have been extreme.

Questions were entertained.

Tom Mituzas said it is not alighted with what he saw on the ground the first few days.

Stephen Cooper said he sees the good but asked what kind of signage will be installed to stop bicycles, electric bicycles, and motorcycles from exceeding the 20 mile an hour speed limit or doubling it using three lanes of traffic. It is difficult to cross the street as a pedestrian. We can't wait for people to be there and we need someone there tomorrow.

Nicole Garcia stated they have a dedicated unit who are out in full force and she is happy to speak to the Assistance Commissioner to get folks on the ground. She will ask for these resources to educating folks that are using this corridor.

This was done to encourage slower safer space for all street users.

Gretha Suarez discussed some of the key elements missing from the implementation. There is still a lot of work to be done as the project is not complete.

Questions were entertained.

Public Comment

PLEASE SEE YOU-TUBE VIDEO FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS SECTION OF THIS MEETING.

Adriana Beltran, Woodside on the Move provided an update about programs at Woodside on the Move. following update:

- Housing Legal Clinic every Wednesday at 6pm.
- Job Openings for after school program.

BSA – 62-07 Woodside Avenue – CAL No. 1181-80-BZ

This application is to reopen the BSA resolution to extend the term of the previously granted variance. The BSA issued a resolution permitting in an R6 district the erection of a four-story office and warehouse building for a term of twenty years.

Vincent Petraro, representing the applicant at 62-07 Woodside Avenue provided the following information:

- This is to reopen the BSA resolution to extend the term of a previously granted variance the BSA issued a resolution permitting a narcissist district erection of a four-story office and warehouse building for turn 20 years.
- The variance was originally approved back in April 1981 for 20-year term the board had a couple of interim application approvals where they gave a little more time to finish construction and then we were back on in 2001 for an additional 20-year term.
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Attendance

Board Members Present 34 Board Members Absent 14 Quorum: Yes

Approval of the June and September 2021 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Amparo Abel-Bey stated that she did not receive the June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Lisa Deller stated the minutes were sent out and asked the Board Members if they were received.

Lisa Deller agreed to table the approval of the June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes and requested that we hold off until everyone received them.

Approval the September 2021 Meeting Minutes

Amparo Abel-Bey made a motion, and it was seconded by Frank Wu to approve the September 9, 2021 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

Capital and Expense Budget Priorities

Frank Wu, Chair of the Budget Committee presented the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities.

Capital and Expense Budget Priorities – Capital

Lisa Deller made a motion, and it was seconded by Norberto Saldana to approve the Top 5 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Capital Priorities. All were in favor with none opposed and no abstentions.

Frank Wu read 6 through 10 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Capital.

Lisa Deller made a motion, and it was seconded by Kenny Greenberg to approve the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Capital Priorities 6 through 10. All were in favor with none opposed and no abstentions.

Stephen Cooper made a motion, and it was seconded to approve the top 10 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Capital. The vote was 24 in favor of the motion; none opposed and 1 abstention.

Lisa Deller made a motion, and it was seconded by Frank Wu to approve Capital and Expense Budget for Capital Priorities 11 – 37. The vote 25 in favor of the motion with none opposed and 2 abstentions.

Capital and Expense Budget Priorities – Expense

Frank Wu provided an update on the new requests were added and read the top 10.

Stephen Cooper made a motion, and it was seconded by Christine Hunter to approve the top 10 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities – Expense. The vote was 29 in favor; none opposed and 2 abstentions.

Frank Wu reviewed the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Expense 11 through 45.

Lisa Deller made a motion, and it was seconded by Kat Bloomfield to approve the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities – Expense 11-45. The vote was 29 in favor; none opposed and 2 abstentions.

Lisa Deller thanked everyone for getting this done on time and thanked Frank Wu for his work on this.

Chairperson's Report

Lisa Deller provided the following update:

- Opening remarks
 - Discussion of slides – how rules - chat
- Elected officials please consider a 3-minute time frame as we have a busy agenda.
- The Budget Committee met and had the final discussion to review the Capital and Expense for tonight. Thank Frank Wu and his committee for their hard work.
- Accept nominations for the executive board as voting is in November.
 - All individuals seeking re-election/ election will have two minutes to introduce themselves as candidates.
- CB2 once again is partnering with LaGuardia community college we will have interns working with the CB 2 office mid-October. The interns will be with the CB 2 office until June 2022.
- Reminder election day is November 2, 2021 get out and vote.
- Queens covid testing sites are on our website.
- The next Land Use Committee meeting will be held on October 20, 2021 at 6:00pm.
- Wished all a Happy Halloween.
- Announced the next Community Board 2 meeting will be Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:30pm and will be a zoom teleconference.
- Lisa Deller announced we will be getting two interns from LaGuardia Community College.

Debra Markell provided an update about the LaGuardia College Internship Program and that the interns will be coming on board in mid-October.

Lisa Deller announced that she has decided not to run for the Community Board Chairperson this term and explained that she is doing this out of trust and respect for all the members and the institution of the Board and the members of this board and needs to step back and serve in a more advisory role. She has been a member of Community Board 2 since 1998, Lisa Deller spoke of her different responsibilities on the board over the years serving as Secretary, Co-Chair of the Land Use Committee, Chair of the Land use Committee, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair and Chair, and all the time she has been on the board her tenure as Chair has been the most rewarding and fulfilling. She is grateful to all for providing her with this opportunity.

Lisa Deller announced that she became Chair in June 2020 after the former Chair was unexpectedly not reappointed. As Vice Chair, you have the same power, authority, and duties as the Chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. She rose to the occasion during the raging pandemic and in a context dominated by an unrelenting stream of virtual meetings and communication, she served as chair.

Since June 2020, 36% of the Board has turned over and since 2019 that makes 48%. Since 2020 1/3 of the board has never experienced an in person full board or committee meeting. Members appointed or reappointed on or after April 1, 2019, are limited to serving 4 consecutive term 2-year terms. Terms served prior to this will not count so she could serve another 8 years and so could Stephen Cooper, Sheila Lewandowski and other people who were on the board at that time. Everyone appointed since 2019 can only serve 8 years. She kept telling herself that while she was chair that her job was to bridge the transition to a new era of Community Boards with shorter terms, new leaders and a younger more tech savvy and diverse membership. This it has been an exciting 1 ½ years. We were able in this time with a special allocation of city funds to hire a consultant to work with the Board on a community response to yourLIC proposed development and on the day, we shared the final version with the full board the development proposal was withdrawn. Since June we onboarded 18 new members, appointed new members and chairs, reinvigorate the environment committee, convened a new tech committee pivoted to virtual meetings on WebEx and then Zoom and struggled with the Chat. We adopted google sign in sheets and calendars, upgraded office laptops so staff could work from home. Convened a by-Laws revision group, reviewed the 2022 budget on time, advocated for the extension of the open meetings law, we dealt with complex ULURP applications and hosted virtual public hearings for the Barnett Avenue/Phipps project and 69-02 Roosevelt Avenue, three Department of City Planning Text amendment and the implementation of the controversial 39th Avenue Bike Boulevard plan. At the same time, we transitioned to a new Borough President administration policy procedure and staffing and a city council election where one of our members will likely become the next council person for the 26th district. The Pandemic changed a lot of things in her life and to reassess values and priorities.

Lisa Deller thanked everyone for their support, criticism, candor, and passion during this period and a special thank you to Sheila Lewandowski was her right hand.

She also thanked Frank Wu, for the Budget committee, Anatole Ashraf for starting the Tech Committee and to Jake DeGroot for continuing to push even though no one wanted to go where you wanted us to go and to Morry Galonoy for his levelheaded approach. She said thanked everyone so much and stated it was an honor to serve as Chairperson and that she looks forward to continuing to work together in a different role.

Sheila Lewandowski thanked Lisa Deller and stated it was an incredible honor and that she learned a lot and is humbled by the list of things that have gotten done. She has served as 1st Vice Chair for just about a year and is grateful for the trust of the Board for n supporting her in this capacity. It has been a honor to work closely with Lisa as chair and to get to know the rest of the Executive Committee. She is stated that Lisa has done a lot to shepherd even more transparency graciousness, inclusion than we have had in a long time which has been lacking on the Board for a long time and this is how we were able to get so much done and that she learned a lot from Lisa Deller. The new Executive Committee and new board members have helped increase the use of technology and expand open communication and challenge previous systems. She is excited for some more changes to happen in leadership and on the board. She announced last year and will serve out her term as a regular member and depending on the plans of the incoming council member and our Borough President may continue the board, but she has decided she is not going to run for the seat she has been in the position as 1st vice Chairperson or any other position on the Executive Committee. She wants to reduce the pool of candidates and make for other qualified people to step up and into these roles and looks forward to the Executive Committee being more reflective of the diversity of our district and our city. Thanked everyone for everything and is excited to see what comes next and is here to support if anyone is interested in speaking to her.

Lisa Deller announced that each person who has been nominated will have two minutes to speak at the November meeting.

Stephen Cooper asked if we could have an in-person meeting for the November meeting.

Lisa Deller stated that the maximum capacity at SCS is 75. We have to observe social distancing rules with no tables and people spaced apart. She is not clear it will work for November but will look into it and that we are working on a hybridization of how to do this.

Lisa Deller stated the Council Person has allocated \$40,000 dollars to implement working with PDF on the technical solutions s so they can broadcast as we did previously broad. Lisa Deller stated she will look into it.

Julie Won thanked Lisa and Sheila for their service and for making space for others to step up. She stated that SCS is requesting vaccinations and it is important for us to check. Lisa Deller announced that we would accept nominations from the floor.

Nominations:

Treasurer

Amparo Abel-Bey nominated Kat Bloomfield for Treasurer. Kenny Greenberg seconded the nomination.

Kat Bloomfield accepted the nomination for Treasurer, Community Board 2.

Secretary

Warren Davis nominated Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos for Secretary. Selena Romero seconded the nomination.

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos accepted the nomination for Secretary, Community Board 2.

2nd Vice Chairperson

Morry Galonoy nominated Lisa Deller for 2nd Vice Chairperson. Kenny Greenberg seconded the nomination.

Lisa Deller accepted the nomination for 2nd Vice Chairperson, Community Board 2.

1st Vice Chairperson

Lisa Deller nominated Frank Wu for 1st Vice Chairperson. It was seconded by Badrun Khan.

Frank Wu accepted the nomination for 1st Vice Chairperson, Community Board 2.

Chairperson

Kenny Greenberg nominated Morry Galonoy for Chairperson. Lisa Deller seconded the nomination.

Morry Galonoy accepted the nomination for Chairperson, Community Board 2.

District Manager's Report

Debra Markell Kleinert yielded her time.

Department of City Planning Report

Teal Delys provided the following report:

- Zoning for Accessibility adopted.
- Health and Hotels were voted on October 20, 2021.
- Open Restaurants went to the CPC Public Hearing and the vote will take place in November.

- Planning Coordinators Frank Wu and Lisa Deller put into the Needs and Budget Requests.
- Webinars October 8, and October 12, 2021.

Land Use Committee Report

Christine Hunter provided the following update:

The Land Use Committee heard presentations on the following:

- Dutch Kills Public Space – Park is being planned for Dutch Kills Public Space under the ramps.
- 38-01 Queens Boulevard – site that was planned for a movie theatre as part of a mixed-use building. They are rethinking their plans for a movie theatre and are revisiting their plans due to the disarray in the movie theatre business. Without changing the build of the building, they are going to amend the zoning to allow more office space and market the building as a research and development facility in addition to a health care facility.
- Rafferty Triangle – Art installation at the triangle which is being commissioned by LIC Partnership and is coming up soon.
- 62-07 Woodside Avenue
 - Christine Hunter discussed the recommendation of the Land Use Committee concerning the BSA Application for 62-07 Woodside Avenue. She reported the committee made a recommendation to extend the term of the previously granted variance and make it permanent. All were in favor of the recommendation with none opposed and no abstentions.

BSA 62-07 Woodside Avenue

Stephen Cooper made a motion, and it was seconded by Kenny Greenberg to adopt the recommendation of the Land Use Committee to extend the term of the previously granted variance and make it permanent. The vote was 31 in favor of the motion to adopt the recommendation with none opposed and no abstentions.

Environment Committee Report

Frank Wu provided the following report:

- The Mayor's Office of Environmental Justice provided a presentation. We can provide a letter of support and request more EV chargers in our district.
- DSNY discussed that curbside composting is back, but there is no curbside composting in Queens. There are not enough people signing up. If people want this, we have to mobilize.
- Trees NYC provided an update. We are organizing an event with Trees NYC on October 30, 2021, at 10:00 am in south of Sunnyside and Blissville they will be doing a tree planting event. Encouraged all to attend.

Karesia Batan asked if the committee can draft a template letter that we can spread to other buildings and to get the message out.

Laura Shepherd spoke about the Solid Waste Advisory Board. She reported there is frustration from members of every Community Board in Queens just to try to motivate everybody. Five is winning from Queens, then seven, then us and as of 30 days ago, we were well below their threshold, but they are not sharing current data.

Sheila Lewandowski mentioned that maybe we can mandate it for new construction in new buildings.

Frank Wu entertained questions.

Transportation Committee

Tom Mituzas provided the following report:

- We went through a record of 59 items were discussed and dealt with and that adapted the minutes and agendas to include the items that we had success and completed on. Encouraged all to read the minutes.
- There was a presentation by DOT on the 46th Avenue Plaza.
- There was a presentation on IS 125 Safety Enhancements.
- Open Streets and Restaurants
- Kudos to the 108th Police Precinct for being response to concerns regarding safety and reckless driving specifically on the corner in Blissville where there were many accidents and a death on the corner, the 108th Police Precinct responded immediately and grateful for their presence and changing the dynamics on this corner.
- 12 cars were ticketed and arrested an individual.
- Record number of attendees on the zoom call.
- Encouraged all to attend the committee meetings via zoom.

Sheila Lewandowski provided the following update:

- While we have a number of record items on the agenda is that we have not had a lot of success in getting other agencies to come including the MTA. In the past the discussions didn't happen, and we decided to make sure that
- MTA station improvements and accessibility that we discuss them as the minutes get distributed to the elected officials and the agencies.
- We talk a lot about DOT here but there are other transportation issues we have services. Ferry service, Access a Ride, and stations that are not accessible for the disabled and that we want to know these issues and we want to be discussing them and be on top of them and she encouraged everyone to send them our way.
- We received a negative letter back from DOT against the 12- and 14-hour parking meters and that they decided they are used and are not going to do anything about it.
- Residential parking permits, this is something we have been working on for decades to try to get the state to take this seriously.

Arts & Cultural Committee

Kenny Greenberg provided the following report:

- Dan Bamba, Flushing Town Hall provided an update about the many interesting programs going on there.
- A rep from the Queens Public Library attended the meeting. Kenny encouraged all to go to their Facebook page as there are a lot of information about their services.
- Kat Bloomfield from Arts Business collaborative who are doing a lot of programs designed to help organizations and artist find their way through the maze of grants. They have something called, the Help Desk who are in the business of doing art and the art of doing business.

Karesia Batan reported that a Sunnyside resident who lives facing Lou Lodati Park, he reached out to the CB 2 as he wanted to put together an event as a new artist core grant.

Queens Council on the Arts, along with the Mayor's office and other agencies released a bunch of \$5,000 grants to different artists to activate their work in public spaces and he was a first-time grantee. He was able to get a Parks permit and will be doing his first writers festival near the dog park. It will take place on the 9th.

She spoke about artists services department at Flushing Town Hall as they were giving funding to be a regrantor, this used to belong to Queens Council on the Arts. She discussed a hearing that took place. They will continue to discuss this at their meeting.

Karesia Batan spoke about what will be on the agenda for the next meeting and invited all to attend the next Arts & Cultural Committee meeting and encouraged arts and culture individuals to attend and provide the committee with their needs.

Tech Committee

Anatole Ashraf provided the following update:

- Discussed the Community Agreement that was shared widely today.
- Thanked Frank Wu for his original version on this.
- He apologized for the 100-person limit and that we will work on this.
- Thanked Camille Grey for her work on the newsletter a draft will be coming soon.
- Thanked Laura for volunteering and helping.
- Working on a hybrid situation.

Health and Human Services Committee

Amparo Abel-Bey provided the following update:

- Home care in the context of safety in so far as caregivers and client safety.
- They spoke with Sunnyside Community Services regarding vaccination status and protecting their clients.
- They discussed the issue of home care staffing.

- The next Health Committee meeting will take place on October 18, 2021 where they plan to talk about potential educational outreach and other ways to help can impact the shortage of home care workers that specifically affects our Community.

Homeless Shelter Task Force

Tom Mituzas stated that he would like to advocate for the Homeless Shelter Task Force to take role under someone's committee. He reported the Borden Avenue Shelter has reestablished itself. There are new concerns at the NorthStar for the residents there. We have so many sheltered residents in our community and this should be more prominent item on our community board for discussion.

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos discussed a community advisory board meeting which got cancelled and she asked if we should reach out to this group. Lisa Deller stated that we do reach out and it will be rescheduled.

Sheila Lewandowski asked if Amparo could bring back to the committee, the issue of Home Health Care workers who are not vaccinated and if there are things, we can do to support activities around this.

Sheila Lewandowski announced that Julie Won is going to hold a Period Drive event to get supplies to support menstruating people and to support people who need supplies, and we should do more to support our menstruating families.

City Services & Public Safety Committee

Stephen Cooper announced the meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm and there are 21 liquor license applications.

Public Comment

A discussion about the public comment section at the beginning of the meeting took place.

Lisa Deller wished all a Happy Halloween.

The meeting was adjourned
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