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Chairperson

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May 6, 2021

Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced on Zoom

Board Members – Present

Amparo Abel-Bey
Czarinna Andres
Anatole Ashraf
Thalia (Karesia) Batan
Nicholas Berkowitz
Kat Bloomfield
Danielle Brecker
Joanna Carmona
Osman Chowdhury
Stephen Cooper
Warren Davis
Jake DeGroot
Lisa Deller
Sally Frank
Morry Galonoy
William Garrett
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos
Camille Gray
Kenneth Greenberg
Benjamin Guttmann

Christine Hunter
Badrun Kahn
Jordan Levine
Sheila Lewandowski
Kristen McGowan
Taina McShane
Thomas Mituzas
Clara Oza
Bianca Ozeri
Steven Raga
Katherine Sabal
Norberto Saldana
Laura Shepard
Lauren Springer
Anthony Tudela
John Vaichunas
Adrienne Verrilli
Julie Won
Frank Wu

Board Members – Absent

Sandra Bigitschke
Gianna Cerbone
Tannia Chavez

Elliot Park
Karla Perez
Selena Romero

“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”

Somnath Ghimire
Mohammed Chowdhury Jewel
Dominic Lippolis

Regina Shanley
Mary Torres

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manger

Elected Officials/Representatives

N. Phillips, Representing Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
Ernie Brooks, Representing Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney
Victoria Leahy, Representing Assembly Member Brian Barnwell
Ben Geremia, Representing Council Member Robert Holden
Jack Bernatovicz, Representing Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer
Joe Nocerino, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Shamima Rahman, Representing Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas

Department of City Planning

Teal Delys

Guests

Judy Zangwill, Sunnyside Community Services

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

- 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 teleconference.
- General Housekeeping Rules

Pledge of Allegiance.

Lisa Deller welcomed the following individuals:

Ben Geremia, Representing Council Member Robert Holden

Ben Geremia provided the following report:

- As a community board member for over three decades, serving on nearly 7-committees at some point, Council Member Holden sincerely appreciates the service you all do for CB2 residents.
- Volunteerism is essential, and you all play a role in making this city better.
- Our office has been inundated with phone calls, emails, and social media inquiries, on several quality of life issues.
- Heard from constituents of increased drag racing, speeding, and reckless driving. Also, illegal dirt bike and ATVs.

- We have also received complaints of illegal car meet up's, including in portions of the 108 Pct, where folks drink and play loud music at all hours of the night. Not to mention these cars are illegally altered with loud exhaust pipes and tinted windows.
- Council Member Holden has been a voice on this issue, and our office will continue working with local precincts to cease this infraction on our quality of life.
- As you all know, Little Bush Park is going through its playground reconstruction. Construction is slated to be complete by September of this year. I understand that they're ahead of schedule, but we don't have a tentative date on this. We are waiting to hear back from the Parks Department on this.
- If anyone has any locations with graffiti, illegal dumping, or litter, please call or email the office.
- This Saturday, our office, together with the Parks Department and Home Depot, will be hosting a Mother's Day event at Frank Principe Park, formerly known as Maurice Park, in Maspeth.
- Children will be given soil, seeds, and other tools and will be tasked with planting them in a cup to give to their moms. The event runs from noon to 2 PM.
- At the same time, we'll also have Bobbi and the Strays and North Shore Animal League doing a pet adoption outside of the park, also from noon to 2 PM.
- All are invited to come down and adopt a pet.
- With some sense of normalcy coming back to the city, our office will be hosting several events coming up.
- Including more pet adoptions and food giveaways.
 - Concerts
 - Animal vaccine and spay/neuter clinics
 - Thyroid scanning
 - Mammograms
 - Self-defense classes
 - Community clean-ups
- Please follow the Council Member's social media pages for more information on this.
- You can also call our office for more information and ask to be added to our email lists.
- Thank you for volunteering for your community.

Ben Geremia entertained questions.

Jack Bernatovicz, Representing Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer

Jack Bernatovicz provided the following report:

- First, COVID-19 vaccines are available to all New Yorkers 16 years and older with no appointment needed. I will add a link to the chat to find a City run vaccine site near you. Remember to keep social distancing, wear your masks, stay home if sick, and vaccinated when you can. (Link - <http://on.nyc.gov/walkupvax>)
- In April Council Member Van Bramer along with Parks officially cut the ribbon on the new Hart Playground in [Woodside](#). After years of planning & over \$3 Million in funding for this project, we have a beautifully renovated park with new playgrounds & basketball courts.
- This month the City Council approved making the Open Streets program permanent, creating a process for community organizations to apply to operate an Open Street, and

requiring DOT to annually evaluate Open Streets to determine potential design changes, like a shared street or pedestrian plaza.

- The City Council also began executive budget hearings this week. Next week on May 10, 2021 the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Libraries will be hearing from the Department on Cultural Affairs and all three library branches on the Mayor's FY21 budget. The Council has questions about the new City Artists Corps program and secured funding for our institutions, cultural organizations, and libraries.
- Next week the Queens Public Library will be moving to Phase 2, allowing in person services and computer access at 14 branches, including the Long Island City branch.

Mr. Bernatovicz entertained questions.

Joe Nocerino, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Mr. Nocerino provided the following report:

- Announced free Queens drive-in movie night is back on May 4, 2021, May 19, featuring Inside Out, May 26, 2021 featuring Moonlight. Register at www.queensbp.org.
- Borough Hall will be hosting ID NYC Pop up enrollment May 4, 2021 to June 30, 2021, make an appointment for a new ID or submit additional paperwork. RSVP on their website.
- BP Richard's will be hosting a bicycle jamboree for children ages 5 through 12 in the parking lot of Borough Hall. There will be Bike New York to teach young children how to ride, traffic safety board will be there teaching more skills, free helmet on May 15, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

Ernie Brooks, Representing Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney

Mr. Brooks provided an update about the Congresswoman's work in Washington, comments were inaudible.

Mr. Brooks entertained questions.

Victoria Leahy, Representing Assembly Member Brian Barnwell

Ms. Leahy provided the following information:

The recent State Budget was a historic one. Some of the highlights include:

- \$800 million for Small Business grants, \$35 million in tax credits, and \$25 million more for the NY Restaurant Resiliency Grant Program.
- \$2.3 billion in combined federal and state aid to help tenants pay back rent.
- \$29 billion in total education aid, an increase of \$3 billion, to support staff, restore programs, and provide more mental health support.
- \$575 million in mortgage assistance and \$20 million for the Homeowner Protection Program for Foreclosure Protection

- \$50 million for the COVID Recovery Workforce Initiative for workers
- \$2.4 billion in federal childcare to expand subsidy eligibility.
- \$94.2 million for libraries and \$34 million for library construction grants

For more information about the programs, please call our office. These programs, like the tenant/landlord application for rental assistance, are still being created and the portal to apply for such will be rolled out shortly.

Our office is still working remotely so if you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 718-651-3185 or you can email me at leahyv@nyassembly.gov.

Sheila Lewandowski asked about Bill A6642 which is being held up in the assembly and requested the Assembly Member co-sponsor this bill.

Dr. Gianutsos spoke about speeding issues on the roadways and the Crash Victims Bill of Rights and Safety Act. These are crucial that they are worked on.

Nick Berkowitz asked about the rationale as to why the Assembly Member voted against the legalization of Cannabis. Ms. Leahy will redirect to the member and she will provide his direct line.

Jake DeGroot suggested that perhaps he could attend the next CB 2 Meeting.

Kat Bloomfield asked how community-based organizations can get letters of support for funding opportunities from the State. Ms. Leahy will provide her with the information.

Ms. Leahy will flag these bills with the Assembly Member.

Shamima Rahman, Representing Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas

Ms. Rahman provided the following updates:

- Announced this is the month of Ramadan.
- Reported on a fire on 89th Street and that a Go Fund Me Page has been set up.
- Discussed the hardship forms that has been extended.
- Provided an update on the State budget.
- Announced a paper shredding event at the Farmer's Market on May 16, in Jackson Heights from 10 to 2 on 79th Street between Northern Blvd and 34th Avenue near the Auto Zone.
- Contact their office for any assistance. For PPE and hand sanitizers.
- Discussed the bill on disability rights.

Ms. Rahman entertained questions.

Judy Zangwill, Sunnyside Community Services

Ms. Zangwill provided the following update:

- Pre-K enrollment is now open, and they are serving 3- and 4-year old's. Visit their website for more information.
- Thanked everyone for their participation and attendance at the City Council forums. Over 1,000 people joined on the platforms.
- Discussed the Grab and Go Meals Program.
- Still waiting for word on when Sunnyside Community Services can reopen.
- Discussed programs in the schools.
- Summer camp will take place this year.

N. Phillips, Representing Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Najee Phillips provided the following update:

- Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez hosted a virtual Town Hall on April 23, 2021, anyone interested can view the recording on the YouTube page @RepAOC.
- Discussed the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Reported that as of May 21, 2021 restaurants can apply for relief through the Small Business Administration.
- SBA Shuttered Venue Program is back on-line.
- Discussed the new child tax credits.
- Announced that their office is working on the case that Morry Galonoy discussed concerning issues with SBA and the EIDL.

Sheila Lewandowski asked about EIDL running out of funds and SLOG and asked if there are conversations about refunding these. Najee Phillips will bring it up to the congresswoman and get back to her.

Najee Phillips entertained questions.

Ms. Deller announced this is a public hearing and the following applications will be voted in June.

ULURP Application #190260ZMQ for 48-18 Van Dam Street, Teamsters

Eric Palatnik provided the following information:

- Representing the Teamsters Local 813.
- This is their headquarters for their Pension Fund.
- Have met previously with the Community Board and the Council Member's Office.
- This is an application for a rezoning for 48-18 Van Dam Street.
- The Union Headquarters are there now and want to build a Union Pension Fund office building. The offices are for Teamsters pension holders and others, ground floor retail, pocket park, 49 voluntary parking spaces, 32 bicycle parking.
- There will be bike posts for bicycles outside near the pocket park.
- Will offer large meeting rooms for community organizations that are well vetted and endorsed.
- There will be a security guard and security system, 24/7 day a week security.

- They have interns from LaGuardia Community College that work with them.

Mr. Palatnik provided a power point presentation.

Mr. Palatnik entertained questions.

Laura Shepard asked if the bike racks can be changed to a different design as opposed to the squiggle shape.

Sean Campbell reported that he has not worked with any of the artists in the area and he is not opposed to meeting with or working with anyone. He reached out to LaGuardia and has reached out to the local high schools as he believes in education and if anyone has other individuals, they want him to explore a potential relationship with, he has no problem with it.

Lisa Deller requested they meet with Kenny Greenberg and Karesia Batan who Chair the Arts & Cultural Committee to discuss the type of relationship they are looking for and they can offer a host of possibilities.

Kat Bloomfield inquired as to MWBE construction business commitments and asked if they would be interested to 70% of minority and women owned businesses. Mr. Campbell stated he would not, the people he represents are about 70% minority.

She asked if there would be preferential rent for the commercial tenants to make sure that it reflects the district. Mr. Campbell said that he does not have control over the rent and that the rents would be at market levels.

Mr. Palatnik stated they are committed to doing whatever is in the best interest of their members and the community. The building is three years behind schedule, and they have many problems of their own and want to help and bring in more inclusive people.

Tom Mituzas reported the Blissville Civic would like to utilize the meeting space. Blissville has an artist community and they would like to talk and introduce and take advantage of their current retail vacancy. There is a group that works with youth that would be interested in meeting with them.

Tom Mituzas stated they appreciate the pocket park and wants to introduce them to their organization and make the connection.

Anatole Ashraf inquired about the meeting space.

Mr. Palatnik stated, if there is a path to achieve it, Sean will work with you.

Stephen Cooper discussed the balance of area being rezoned. The rezoning proposal is to rezone the entire block. It is up to the Council Member to see where the district boundaries will be. He also stated the pocket park is on Teamsters property.

Stephen Cooper inquired about whether the developer would be interested in displaying art in the ground floor retail space for the LIC Open Art event, which has been going on for about 10 years. Mr. Palatnik requested they get in touch with Sean Campbell.

Ms. Deller suggested that Sean Campbell attend the Arts & Cultural Committee meeting.

Mr. Campbell stated he would be interested in attending the Arts & Cultural Committee Meeting. Ms. Batan stated the next Arts & Cultural Meeting will take place on May 11, 2021 month at 6:00 pm on Zoom.

Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos discussed the NY City Medical Reserve Corp. and that they have many trainings and need meeting spaces and are charged quite a bit of money.

Mr. Palatnik stated they are looking to work with the community, and they can reach out to develop a relationship.

Camille Gray asked about the use of retail space. Mr. Palatnik discussed the various retail businesses that may be needed in the location.

Nick Berkowitz asked if they have done any outreach to other businesses in the area. Mr. Palatnik stated they have spent four years reaching out to the CB, Council Member and Borough President's office. They have done their best to speak to the local representatives.

Ms. Deller asked what is the price point for the rental space? Mr. Palatnik stated their allegiance is to their union members. Mr. Campbell stated that he can put her in touch with the individuals in charge concerning the information.

Public Comment

Vincent McGuire asked whether they would use Construction Union labor for the project. The response was yes.

Ms. Deller invited them to attend the Arts and Cultural Committee Meeting.

ULURP Application #N210270ZRY for Elevate Transit Zoning Text Amendment

Ms. Deller stated that this is application is about accessibility improvements in New York City transit. Teal Delys introduced Sarit Platkin and Howard Levine.

Howard Levine, MTA NY City Transit provided a power point presentation on Zoning for Accessibility.

Questions were entertained.

Attendance

Board Members Present	39	Board Members Absent	11	Quorum: Yes
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Approval of the April 8, 2021 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Christine Hunter made a motion and Kenny Greenberg seconded to approve the April 8, 2021 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor with none opposed and no abstentions.

Chairperson's Report

Lisa Deller provided the following report:

- Discussed the three ULURP Applications and announced that we will have to vote on all three. She said, anyone with comments or thoughts please share them with CB2. We have 60 days from April 5, 2021, and we must vote at the June 3, 2021, CB 2 Meeting. The votes then go to the Borough President's Office.
- Ms. Deller stated there are three additional City Planning Text Amendments proceeding through the ULURP process.
 - Hotel Text Amendment – Thomas and Sheila attended meetings on this. Certified on Monday
 - Physical Culture Establishments Text Amendment will be on May 17, 2012
 - Open Restaurants will be on June 7, 2021
- Attended the Borough President's Swearing in Ceremony held on April 19, 2021 at 6:00pm.
- Announced that she met with the new board members and assigned committees.
 - Any board member can attend any committee meeting.
- Provided an update on the Executive Committee Meeting.
- Reminded everyone that if you haven't done so already, please email / return your EEO POLICY signature page to the CB 2 office. It is important that the office receive these documents **ASAP**. There will be further trainings.
- Ms. Deller attended Training on Human Rights Law and Protections Against Discrimination Based on Race and Color. There will be another one on Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Communities. The Human Rights Law will be May 18, 2021 at 6:30 and May 20, 2021 at 12:00 and the Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Communities will be held on June 1, 2021 and June 3, 2021. Everyone should have been notified and to please advise the Board office if they have not received notification.

Ms. Lewandowski stated she was not on the list. Kenny Greenberg stated it was emailed the day before.

Ms. Markell Kleinert reported that a digital signature on the EEO statement is acceptable.

Morry Galonoy requested the video of this meeting be made available in order that it can be viewed since there is a lot of information. Ms. Deller requested the Tech Committee work with the office staff on this matter.

- Complaints received for the month of April were 141 total complaints resolved for April is 104.
- Mention CB2 attended the Hart Playground Ribbon Cutting with the Borough President and Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer and Debra Markell Kleinert.
- Queens COVID testing sites are on the CB2 website.
- The next Land Use Committee Meeting will be held on May 19, 2021 at 6:00pm.
- Thank all our Veterans on this Memorial Day weekend for their service to our country.
- Wished all the Mom's a Happy Mother's Day and that everyone have a have a safe and Happy Memorial Day weekend.
- The next Community Board 2 Meeting will be Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 6:30pm and will be zoom teleconference.

District Manager's Report

Debra Markell Kleinert provided the following report:

- Remember if you have complaints please submit to the board office for follow up.
- CB 2 as per the Tech Committee request has posted the CB 2 board agenda to Link NYC.
- Announced CB2 attended the Hart Playground Ribbon Cutting.
- CB2 attended the unveiling of One Claire Shulman Way former Borough President of Queens.
- Finalizing EEO audit and compliance.
- Thanked the Tech Committee for all their assistance to the DM and staff.
- CB2 has been posting more on information on our Facebook page and websites.
- Please check the website for updated information. Website www.nyc.gov/queenscb2

Department of City Planning Report

Teal Delys provided the following update:

- Hotel Text Amendment was certified on Monday
- Health and Fitness will certify on May 17, 2021
- Open Restaurants will certify on June 7, 2021

Previously she discussed that from the DCP perspective is focusing on making the sidewalk program permanent, but this text amendment will also look at roadway dining, which is more of an emergency

Amendment that has come up because of the Pandemic. She would like to provide an overview on what Open Restaurants is all about.

Ms. Delys entertained questions.

Ms. Deller discussed a complaint about a restaurant building a new Open Restaurant in Sunnyside where there is another Open Restaurant across the street. Ms. Delys stated that this is through the emergency text amendment and there have been a lot of issues with how the approval happens and the oversight of this approval. There has not been a very strict oversight of what is occurring with people opening the restaurants and this is what this is part of what this text amendment will start to determine how is this feasible in the long term, however, she will look into the matter.

Land Use Committee Report

Christine Hunter, provided the following report:

- The presentation by the Teamsters on the 48-18 Van Dam Street ULURP application.
- Landmark Application for the installation of a solar array on a gabled roof on a house on 43rd Street in Sunnyside Gardens, in the historic district.
 - This is the first application like this that we have seen.
 - It is well oriented to the sun and not shaded by trees.
 - The committee was surprised at the application as it seemed contrary to prior actions or restrictions by landmarks. The committee made a recommendation to support the application.

Ms. Deller added that the Land Use Committee did make a recommendation however, subsequently she reached out to the Landmarks Commission and was told that they had advised the homeowner and their consultant to come back to the community board to do a full presentation.

Stephen Cooper urged her to reach out to City Planning who is in charge.

Karesia Batan discussed the LPC application and noticed that there are skylights on some of the roofs and part of one of the roofs is already painted a darker shade of gray. Only where she was standing in front of City Harvest could she see the roof tops and could not see them with the trees in front of them when she was near the Lou Lodati Park.

Laura Shepard reported the Committee recommended approval based on a climate emergency and wanted to know if the full board could pass a resolution that clears the way for all solar in Sunnyside Gardens, so that each application does not have to come to the community board and get held up by red tape.

Christine Hunter stated that this is a city-wide issue for all historic districts and that it would make sense to have a clear set of guidelines to do this at the staff level for homeowners.

Note: This application was subsequently presented to the LPC and approved without a formal Board recommendation.

Ms. Hunter also discussed the Zoning for Accessibility Text Amendment.

City Services & Public Safety Committee Report

Stephen Cooper provided the following report:

- The Committee has been primarily reviewing SLA Applications.
- Hopefully by June or by the Fall, the Committee will start doing more of the things City Services was meant to do which is to make sure and keep track that we are being served.

Transportation Committee Report

Tom Mituzas provided the following report:

- The Committee discussed the Queens Borough Bridge NYC DOT provided a presentation on the south outer roadway of the Bridge, which will be converted to a pedestrian only facility.
- The Committee raised questions and concerns and the speed for delivery of the project.
- A discussion about the type of fencing that will be added to the south outer roadway took place.
- DOT provided an overview of the One New York City Plaza Equity Program, which addresses the needs of NYC Plaza's in under resource neighborhoods. WE have two medium need plazas which are under the #7 Line and Sunnyside Shines has these two.
- Tom Mituzas advised that a new plaza Glacial Rock Pedestrian Plaza in LIC on 12th street between 44th and 43rd, which is a low need plaza.
- LaGuardia Community College provided a presentation from the President's Society Environmental Program. This year the students worked on a project called the Proposed LaGuardia Community Greenway which includes 29th Street between Skillman and 47th, a shared Street on a small section of 29th and a shared street on 30th Street and support for bike lanes on Thomson and Skillman. The Committee voted to support the proposal. Provided an overall support for the vision.
- Discussed the Blissville Greenway received a support letters from Transportation Alternatives and the Newtown Creek Alliance. Mr. Banrey spoke about this initiative to move forward on this.
- Discussed the Blissville Veterans Memorial which is owned by DOT and managed by DPR. It is unfortunate that we will not be able to raise the flag for this Memorial Day. We hope that by Veterans we will be able to erect the flag as they have done 94 times and hope it will be the 95th in November.
- DOT completed its study for additional traffic controls at the intersection of Vernon Boulevard and 43rd and has been approved and will be completed by September 30, 2021.
- No standing signs along 43rd, this was deemed temporary.
- Open Streets approvals are forthcoming and to contact CB 2 if they receive a denial so they can follow up with DOT.
- Will be meeting with Principal Vitolo and members of the PTA with regard to PS 152.
- Questions and feedback with regard to the one-way conversion on how these conversions would impact local bus routes.
- Discussed the issue of drag racing where the mayor's has announced on Inside City Hall that additional focus and resources with regard to this issue. This is a quality of life issue.

Arts Cultural Committee Report

Kenny Greenberg provided the following report:

- Elizabeth Lusskin, LIC Partnership discussed programs that involve the arts, including past and present initiatives.
- Spoke with Marie Flagele from the original 5 Pointz group about their concern for how their name and the site are being used.
- Original 5 Pointz people want to make it clear that they support arts in LIC and those that work with GM realty.
- Discussed the ins and outs with working with building owners to create art on the outside of their buildings. She gave ideas and advise for artist that want to with building owners.

Karesia Batan provided the following update:

- LIC partnership is putting out a survey that they are encouraging people to fill out.
- The permits for Open Culture if anyone wants to see what events are happening in our district with organizations that have been approved and are put up every thirty days in advance.
- Queens Council on the Arts will present at the next meeting about upcoming programs.
- Will meet new committee members.
- Sean Campbell will be coming to the meeting to discuss about working with local artists for the Teamsters building.
- Provided an update on the Storefront Start-Up Program.

Stephen Cooper suggested meeting with them in person and discussed the LIC Arts Open. Kenny and Karesia should have a meaningful discussion in person rather than a zoom call. Kenny wants to follow up and have an initial zoom meeting.

Environment Committee Report

Frank Wu provided the following report:

- Provided an update on the Geothermal Technology and news about Proposed Green Energy Plant in LIC by the waterfront.
- Waterfront Alliance who presented waterfront resiliency plans. They discussed the issue of trucking, looking at how to utilize waterways.

A discussion about geo-thermal took place.

Health & Human Services Committee Report

Taina McShane provided the following report:

- Provided an update on the Presentation by Hour Children in LIC that supports incarcerated woman in many ways provide job training and job care. They are looking for donations and volunteers and the need for mentors. Their website is www.hourchildren.org
- Announced that CEC elections are here.
- Announced that NYC Kids Rise will provide an update.

Tech Committee Report

Anatole Ashraf provided the following report:

- Announced that we had a presentation by Block Party. They take CB meeting minutes and transcribe and post to their site and is a free resource.
- We hope to be up and live soon also.
- Continuing to make progress on PDF's clickable links and calendar.
- Want to redesign and digitize our CB 2 newsletter. Anyone interested may reach out to him.

Ms. Deller announced that Nick did a fabulous review and read all our old newsletters and did an analysis. We will start working on this to move it forward and thanked Nick Berkowitz for his assistance.

Amparo Abel-Bey discussed the difficulty in finding recordings of older meetings and wants to know when they will be posted.

Ms. Deller provided an update about the Block Party.

Anatole stated we are on the right track and seeing how we can make these recordings available as it is a crucial resource. They are being recorded and is just a next step.

Ms. Deller stated we are still working on this matter and there have been discussions about having this meeting posted and we are working with the Tech Committee to accomplish this and to accomplish getting all the meetings posted.

Jack DeGroot stated this is a huge step forward to getting more stuff posted. The Tech Committee can now take action to start a new trend.

Jake DeGroot requested that we include with the minutes the chat from these zoom meetings. This came up at last months meeting. We have discussed this with the office staff on how to save the chat file and it was not included with minutes from last month's meeting and he is hoping they will be included in this month's meeting minutes.

Nick Berkowitz thanked everyone for their hard work on the calendar notification and stated that it is a fantastic step forward and that he appreciates all the hard work from Tech Committee and the office. He also reported that he was happy to join the meeting through the live link and that it has opened up a new world and is a giant step forward.

He agrees with what everyone is saying with regard to the chat and that it should be included with the meeting minutes and suggested we seek guidance from Borough Hall to see how it fits in with our meeting minutes and whether it be part of the minutes. He agrees that it gets shared with everyone and that it gets included with the minutes or is an addendum to the minutes or adjacent to the minutes to make sure we do this above board.

Ms. Deller requested this be discussed at the next Tech Committee.

Morry Galonoy stated everyone should click the three dots on the bottom of the screen and they can click save chat. If you save it at the end of the meeting you will have everything.
meeting was adjourned

Morry Galonoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Kenny Greenberg

Public Comment

Seth Slade

- Discussed that the Tech Committee for the work they have done on the calendar.
- By-Laws are now available on the website.
- The By-Laws article 8 section 4, regarding public committee members being allowed to vote. Wants to know the timeline for making this happen.

Ms. Deller reported that public members are appointed by the Chair and this is her responsibility. We are working to amend our by-laws to have much more clear rules about the appointment of public members. We have been doing research and we are working to put them together We are happy there is so much demand for public members to be on the board. We need to have some structure for making this happen. This will be worked on over the summer. She appreciates his input and his interest in becoming a public member. She hopes that he would bring some of the concerns from the Wynwood Gardens to the Board.

A discussion followed.

David Burgoa, Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens

Mr. Burgoa provided information on the following webinar events:

- Emergency Repairs for Homeowners will help people walk through it.
- Grants for Homeowners - they will assist homeowners to apply.
- Assistance with foreclosures.
- First time homebuyers webinar
- LaGuardia Airport job opportunities on May 20, 2021
- NHS has a counselor on staff that assists with affordable housing and tenants and landlord's rights.

In response to a concern by Kat Bloomfield, Ms. Deller stated that small business services (SBS) is addressed across different committees and that we should discuss if there is one Committee, such as City Service where it fits best.

Amparo discussed the issue finding the recordings of other CB2 meeting and when this will be posted. Ms. Deller stated we are working with the Tech Committee to accomplish this.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado

05062021CB2MM