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November 4, 2021 **Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes**

[You Tube Video](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=954wd3ZhnEw>
(Approximate time stamps provided below refer to this video)

[Transcript](#) in Block Party archive

Board Members – Present: Amparo Abel-Bey, Czarinna Andres, Anatole Ashraf, Thalia (Karesia) Batan, Nicholas Berkowitz, Kat Bloomfield, Danielle Brecker, Tannia Chavez, Osman Chowdhury, Stephen Cooper, Warren Davis, Jake DeGroot, Lisa Deller, Sally Frank, Morry Galonoy, Rosamond Gianutsos, Camille Gray, Kenneth Greenberg, Benjamin Guttmann, Christine Hunter, Sheila Lewandowski, Kristen McGowan, Taina McShane, Thomas Mituzas, Clara Oza, Eliot Park, Steven Raga, Selena Romero, Norberto Saldana, Regina Shanley, Laura Shepard, Lauren Springer, Mary Torres, Anthony Tudela, John Vaichunas, Adrienne Verilli, Frank Wu

Board Members – Absent: Sandra Bigitschke, Johanna Carmona, Gianna Cerbone, William Garrett, Somnath Ghimire, Mohammed Jewel, Badrun Khan, Dominic Lippolis, Karla Perez, Katherine Sabal, Julie Won

Community Board 2 Staff: Debra Markell Kleinert (District Manager), MaryAnn Gurrado

Elected Officials/Representatives

Honorable Carolyn Maloney, US Congresswoman
Honorable Brian Barnwell, NY State Assembly Member
Michelle Luna, Representing Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
Ernie Brooks, Representing Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney
Mercedes Jennings, Representing NYS Senator Michael Gianaris
Craig Caruana, Representing Council Member Robert Holden
Jack Bernatovicz, Representing Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer
Kahleel Bragg, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Maria Bolanos, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit
Jacqueline, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz

NYC Department of City Planning

Teal Delys

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

108th Police Precinct

Lt. Ryan Monahan

Guests

Monica Guzman, Sunnyside Community Services

Adriana Beltran, Woodside on the Move

Maroua Righi, Civilian Complaint Review Board

Charles Yu, LIC Partnership

Jason Estudillo, CB2 Intern and Student, Laguardia College

Time (approximate, from YouTube Video)

00:01:00 Lisa Deller welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the meeting was being [recorded](#) and teleconferenced. She welcomed the following representatives.

00:01:14 Pledge of Allegiance.

00:01:44 **Honorable Carolyn Maloney, US Congresswoman** - Legislation: Build Back Better Act, American Rescue Plan. Efforts re pollution, flooding, NYCHA

00:07:10 **Jack Bernatovicz, Representing Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer** - Legislation: "Skip the Stuff" - requiring customers to request plastic utensils. Community events: MOMA/Ps1; Drag Queen Story Hour on Skillman Open Streets; recent deaths of cyclists on our streets underscores need for improved street safety.

00:10:11 **Honorable Brian Barnwell, NY State Assembly Member** - Legislation: Contractors must give customers insurance information. Community services: food drives, clean-ups, cameras for illegal dumping.

00:20:43 **Mercedes Jennings, Representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris** - Community services: COVID testing and vaccination.

00:24:00 **Michelle Luna, Representing Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez** - Legislation: Build Back Better, Infrastructure

00:25:15 **Craig Caruana, Representing Council Member Robert Holden** - Legislation: Use of geospatial technology and flood mitigation; Confiscation of vehicles violating noise statutes; Prohibition of license plate covers.

00:28:26 **Kahleel Bragg, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards** - Borough Board Meeting; holiday events; Town Hall

00:29:54 **Jaqueline, Representing Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz** - Gun buy back event planned.

00:31:55 **Maria Bolonas, Representing the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs** - Cultural Thanksgiving event planned.

00:32:58 **Monica Guzman, Representing Sunnyside Community Services** - Resuming in person adult day program; Concert planned.

00:35:00 **Adriana Beltran, Woodside on the Move** - COVID testing; Housing information sessions; New “Youth on the Move” initiative.

00:37:38 **Lt. Ryan Monahan, 108th Police Precinct** - slight increase in crimes, especially property related; street closures planned for NYC Marathon; Vehicle towing limitations after loss of West Side tow pound. Questions raised by board members about the need to prioritize safety (e.g., street safety) over property crimes.

01:19:32 **Maroua Righi, Civilian Complaint Review Board** - Explaining the purpose and function of her agency.

Public Comment

01:09:34 **Osman Laast** - supporting NYS Senate Bill S4880 to reduce plastic container pollution

01:26:44 **Dietmar Detering** - concerns re truck safety violations associated with two recent cyclist deaths

01:36:03 **Reilly Owens** - requesting DOT address unsafe situation near parks and schools at 39th Drive

01:39:00 **Dana Ohlmeyer** - concerns re an allegedly illegal demolition and building plans at 5-28 49th Ave. Chair Deller and City Services Chair Cooper offered information and will follow up on behalf of the community.

01:48:43 **Attendance:** Board Members Present – 37; Absent - 11 Quorum: yes

01:54:16 **Approval of the October 7, 2021 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes** - Amparo Abel-Bey made a motion, seconded by Laura Shepard, to approve the October 7, 2021 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of approving the minutes with none opposed and 1 abstention (Mary Torres).

01:55:10 **Approval of the June 23, 2021 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes** - Danielle Brecker made a motion, seconded by Amparo Abel-Bey, to approve the June 23, 2021 CB 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of approving the minutes with none opposed and 1 abstention (Sheila Lewandowski).

01:57:00 **Chairperson’s Report (Lisa Deller)** - congratulated Board Member Julie Won on her election to City Council; reported the timely completion of budget, including the need for sewer repairs highlighted by Hurricane Ida, welcomed new student intern in CB2 office.

01:59:30 Announced the following nominations for CB2Q officers accepted from the floor in October.

- Morry Galonoy, Chairperson
- Frank Wu, First Vice Chair
- Lisa Deller, Second Vice Chair
- Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos, Secretary
- Kat Bloomfield, Treasurer

Chair Deller asked if there were additional nominations from the floor. Seeing none, she closed the nominations and invited the nominees to make statements.

02:02:15 Kat Bloomfield read a personal statement.

02:04:54 Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos read a personal statement.

02:09:07 Frank Wu read a personal statement.

02:10:50 Lisa Deller read a personal statement.

02:12:03 Morry Galonoy read a personal statement.

02:15:10 Stephen Cooper made a motion, and it was seconded by Lisa Deller to accept this slate of officers for the Executive Board. The motion carried with a vote of 37 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

02:21:22 **District Manager's Report (Debra Markell-Kleinert)** – The office has a new intern, a student from LaGuardia Community College; Meetings now posted on CB2Q YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_EHc2NP3nNr18zsOxYqwww) ; Working on obtaining a Twitter account; Increasing postings on CB2Q website (<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/queenscb2/index.page>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/QueensCB2>); Joan has retired from CB2Q office.

02:26:20 **Department of City Planning (Teal Delys)** - New website: <https://www.goodurbandesign.nyc/>; citywide text amendments; ULURP projects; Waterfront Certification on Block 11 in Hunters Point South

02:39:20 **Land Use Committee (Lisa Deller)** - Pre-ULURP presentation of proposed Lincoln electric car dealership on Northern Blvd in Woodside.

02:45:15 **Environment Committee (Frank Wu)** - Guest speaker presenting about Local Law 97 requiring city to address the carbon emissions of buildings; Described tree stewardship event attended by 4 community board members.

02:47:25 **Tech Committee (Anatole Ashraf)** – Appreciates increased capacity of Zoom account to 500; announced emergency broadband benefit, especially to help schoolchildren; improving CB2Q YouTube channel's naming; working on a CB2Q Twitter handle; discussed tech outreach to broader CB2Q community; planning survey of tech preferences and needs of community board members.

02:55:20 **Health and Human Services & Education (No report)**

City Services and Public Safety Committee (No report)

02:55:41 **Transportation Committee (Tom Mituzas)** - Discussed vehicle enforcement issues, cyclist deaths on Honeywell Bridge and in South Sunnyside, outreach to agencies other than DOT, e.g., MTA; DOT updates

03:01:33 **Arts & Cultural Committee (Karesia Batan)** Lisa Deller announced that Karesia Batan will be taking on the role of Chair, Arts & Cultural Committee. Karesia described plans and partnerships with other committees, upcoming events and invited board members to join the Arts and Culture Committee.

03:07:00 **Subcommittee on Homeless (Tom Mituzas)** Discussion of revitalizing this committee/subcommittee because of the urgency of the issue.

Public Comment

03:12:55 **Manny Gomez** -Congratulating newly elected board members and anticipating working together for our community.

03:18:20 Amparo Abel-Bey moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado

Reviewed / revised and approved for distribution by
Rosamond Gianutsos, Secretary
Morry Galonoy, Chair