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Morry Galonoy
Chairperson

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This meeting was held in-person at Sunnyside Community Services

November 3, 2022

Queens Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Board Members – Present: John Laurence Bahia, Kat Bloomfield, Danielle Brecker, Stephen Cooper, Warren Davis, Lisa Deller, Sally Frank, Morry Galonoy, Rosamond Gianutsos, Camille Gray, Kenneth Greenberg, Benjamin Guttmann, Christine Hunter, Badrun Khan, Chhemang Lama, Sheila Lewandowski, Reilly Owens, Elliot Park, Norberto Saldana, Laura Shepard, Ryan Smith, Caroline Spitzer, Lauren Springer, Akello Thomas, Mary Torres

Board Members – Absent

Unexcused: Thalia (Karesia) Batan, Sandra Bigitschke, Gianna Cerbone, Tannia Chavez, Osman Chowdhury, Somnath Ghimire, Mohammed Choudhury Jewel, Karla Perez, Steven Raga, Selena Romero, Anthony Tudela

Excused: Amparo Abel-Bey, Anatole Ashraf, Nicholas Berkowitz, Kelly Craig, William Garrett, Benjamin Lucas, Patrick Martinez, Kristen McGowan, Thomas Mituzas, Clara Oza, Phuntsok Tashi, Frank Wu

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

Elected Officials/Representatives

Honorable Julie Won, NYC Councilmember

Farah Salam, District Manager for Councilmember Julie Won

Daniel Bonthius, for Congressmember Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Ernie Brooks, for Congressmember Carolyn Maloney

Mercedes Jennings, for State Senator Michael Gianaris

Tara Chester, for Queens District Attorney, Melinda Katz

Guests

Teal Delys, Department of City Planning

At 6:50 PM, Queens CB2 Chairperson Morry Galonoy welcomed the community together with elected representatives and other guests. This is our first meeting back to in-person. There is no YouTube recording.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Galonoy asked for a moment of silence to honor Richard Gundlach, former CB 2 Board Member and Land Use Committee Member who passed away at the age of 90. In

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

this meeting elected members present will speak at the beginning of the meeting, but representatives will be invited brief presentations later in the meeting. Committee reports will be abbreviated and will rely on committee meeting minutes posted on the Queens CB2 website.

Councilmember Julie Won announced the following:

Discussed a resolution on a Hybrid Option, thanked Chairperson Galonoy and the CB 2 Office. Announced that redistricting lines have been finalized, thanked all everyone for their testimonies. Wished all Happy Halloween, Happy Diwali and Dia de los Muertos. Discussed DOT Street closures, announced participatory budgeting process is taking place and the Council Member's office is looking for budget delegates. The Council Member's Office is continuing to collect donations for asylum seekers, they are now accepting new winter jackets for families and children. The Council Member's Office is partnering with CUNY Law Partnership for anyone seeking assistance, they are hosting a housing lawyer, contact the Council Member's Office at: (718) 383-9566. Reminded everyone early voting started and reminded everyone election day is November 8, 2022. Provided an update on legislation matters.

Public Hearing – General

Sharon Silva, Woodside Library provided an update about events and programs at the library.
<https://www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/locations/woodside>

Vitold Rak, welcomed everyone back in person, announced he was a former Board Member.

Sarah Frasier, resident of the Sunnyside community discussed noise pollution from leaf blowers. Morry Galonoy encouraged her to forward the 311 reference numbers to the CB 2 Office.

David Espinosa, Sunnyside Community Services announced that on behalf of Executive Director Judy Zangwill, he welcomed Community Board 2 back to Sunnyside Community Services. Announced their annual Thanksgiving Dinner/Luncheon will be back this year live and in person on Thanksgiving Day and they are looking for several volunteers to help. There are two time slots which are 7:30 am and 2:30 pm. Anyone interested may email www.volunteering@scsny.org. Will forward a flyer to the CB 2 Office.

Pat Dorfman, Sunnyside Artists announced The Craft Fair will take place at Queen of Angels Church on December 3, 2022.

Public Hearings

- Presentation: Landmark application for 39-84 46th Street – enlargement of windows.
- Presentation: Landmark application for 39-21 46th Street - 2 rear skylights.

- No representatives appeared for BSA 68-01 / 05 QUEENS BLVD CAL NO. 271-90-BZ - Extension of term of a zoning variance previously granted permitting automobile repair (Use Group 16) and used car sales (Use Group 16) in a R 7X/C2-3 district.

Transition to Board Business - Chairperson Galonoy announced we will now be transitioning from the portion of the meeting during which the public can participate to the board Business session where the public can observe the Board discussing and deliberating board business.

Attendance Board Members Present: 25; Absent: 10-Unexcused, 13-Excused. Quorum: yes

Motion: To approve both the September 8, 2022 and October 3, 2022 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. (Motion made by Mary Torres and seconded by Stephen Cooper)

Motion carried: All in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

Chairperson's Report (Morry Galonoy) –

- Discussed that CB2 has been working for several months with the Tech Committee and with a potential provider to stream and record live in person CB2 meetings.
- Discussed that he is working with the Tech Committee on a Resolution to address how we will deal with streaming and virtual meetings and how people will be able to participate remotely.
- Announced the public member applications have been received, are under review and selections will be announced in December.
- Attendance at committee meetings is being monitored. Attendance report has been submitted to Borough Hall. Members may discuss committee assignments with the chairperson.
- He thanked Kat Bloomfield and the budget committee for their work on Capital and Expense Priorities.
- Thanked Anatole Ashraf, Tannia Chavez, and Nick Berkowitz for their work on the CB 2 Newsletter that went out.
- Reminded everyone that November 8, 2022 is Election Day.
- Thursday is Veterans Day and thanked our Veterans for their service.
- The district manager reports that in October there were approximately 29 complaints, ranging from Department of Sanitation issues such as Garbage, NYPD for safety and enforcement issues, Department of Transportation for potholes and other road related issues.
- Our next meeting is December 1, 2022 at 6:30 pm. It is expected to be in person at Sunnyside Community Services.

District Manager's Report (Debra Markell Kleinert) –

- Remember to submit complaints to the board office for follow up.
- Announced partnership with LaGuardia Community College and the internship program. A previous student has returned to work with CB 2.

- Thanked the Engagement and Inclusion Committee for their work on the Coat and Sock Drive. Anyone interested in donating an item, may bring it to the CB 2 Office from Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Lawn and leaf bags from DSNY are available through the district office.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Budget Committee (Kat Bloomfield) – completed its deliberations for both Capital and Expense priorities. Summary spreadsheets were circulated to board members. These, and the District Needs Statement will be posted on the CB2 website in the [Current Projects Section](#) under “Capital and Expense Budget Priorities”

Motion: To approve both the capital and expense budgets.

(Motion made by Kat Bloomfield and seconded by Lisa Deller)

Motion carried: All in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

Nominations for Executive Committee (2023 term) Based on our new by-laws candidates for each office will self-nominate. For any contested position there will be an election by secret ballot in December.

Parliamentarian	Stephen Cooper and Akello Thomas
Treasurer	Kat Bloomfield
Secretary	Anatole Ashraf
2nd Vice Chair	Morry Galonoy
1st Vice Chair	Rosamond Gianutsos
Chairperson	Danielle Brecker (who also made a brief statement)

Department of City Planning (Teal Delys) – Regarding the ULURP proposal for a zoning variance at 58th and Northern to allow construction of an automobile dealership. It went to hearing with the Department of City Planning on October 26th and is pending a vote. 23-10 Queens Plaza South, a 26 story all commercial building was certified and will require Community Board review and vote before Jan 9. Ms. Delys presented CB2’s letter and recommendations regarding the extension for special permits for the “Ramps” proposal to DCP. Board members asked if their concerns regarding the developer’s failure to follow through on their original promise of a parking lot or community-benefiting facility. No clear response was heard, other than that the DCP has more power to say what cannot be built, rather than to say what can. Finally, DCP expects a proposal for Planet Fitness to expand into a commercial building at 61-10 Queens Blvd., using the Health and Fitness Text Amendment passed last year.

Committee reports and deliberation

Land Use and Housing Committee (Lisa Deller) – The committee met and details are in the [minutes](#). Their next meeting is Weds, Nov. 16, 6 PM.

- **Motion:** to approve the landmark proposal for Sunnyside Gardens (39-84 46th Street – enlargement of windows)

(Motion proposed by Badrun Khan and seconded by Sheila Lewandowski.)

Motion approved by show of hands with one opposed and no abstentions, with the Chairperson of Community Board 2 present and not voting.

- **Motion:** to approve the landmark proposal for Sunnyside Gardens (39-21 46th Street - 2 rear skylights)

(Motion proposed by Stephen Cooper and seconded by Badrun Khan)

Motion approved by show of hands with one member in opposition and no abstentions with the Chairperson present and not voting.

Transportation Committee (Sheila Lewandowski) – ([October 2022 Minutes](#)) The committee met and heard updates with Sgt. Pak and Officer Diana Torres of the NYPD on their responses to our concerns. With Jason Banrey of the Department of Transportation the committee discussed the status of projects and plans. Representatives of two car share businesses which seek to expand their operations in our district made a presentation. A benefit of car share is to replace private car ownership, which these businesses have seen in their pilot implementations. Discussion stressed the importance of placing the vehicles in transit deserts, and making them accessible especially to lower income populations. Concerns were also centered on procedures to qualify the renter's driving record and provide for information privacy. These companies will be invited to make a presentation to the full board. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 PM.

City Services and Public Safety (Stephen Cooper) indicated that details of their October meeting is in the [committee minutes](#). They are hoping to expand their scope beyond liquor licenses. The Lt. from the 108th Police Precinct is scheduled to attend the next City Services & Public Safety Committee meeting on November 9, 2022, 6:30PM.

Engagement and Inclusion Committee – Morry Galonoy announced the next meeting will take place on November 9, 2022, 5:00PM.

Health and Human Services and Education Committee (Lauren Springer) Guest Speaker: AIA Member of Manhattan CB 5 Julie Chou -Presentation and discussion of NYC public restroom access. The next meeting is Monday, November 14, 2022, 5:00PM.

Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee (Frank Wu) Their October meeting was cancelled and they will not meet in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Budget Committee (Kat Bloomfield) announced she will be holding a Budget Committee meeting for a debrief about the budget process.

Technology and Access Committee (Anatole Ashraf) – No report. The meeting was postponed because of a schedule conflict with the invited guest.

Small Business and Local Economy (Kenneth Greenberg) – There will be a joint meeting with Land Use on November 16, 2022. The LIC BID expansion will be on the agenda.

Subcommittee on Unhoused and Sheltered (Warren Davis) – No report.

Arts & Culture Committee (Karesia Batan) Details and announcements from the October meeting are in [the minutes](#). Their next meeting is Nov 15, 6 PM.

Representatives of elected officials

Daniel Bonthius, representing Congressmember **Alexandria Ocasio Cortez**

- Reported on the Congresswoman's Town Hall meeting
- Provided an update on government funding bills
- Reminded everyone about internship applications are always open.

Contact: Rep. Ocasio-Cortez – Tel: (718) 662-5970 or www.ocasio-cortez.house.gov

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6XBnYptBnproA_ydn-boA

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Legislative comments and general questions: <https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/contact>

Internship details and to apply: <https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/services/internships>

Morry Galonoy discussion the issue of data rights. Morry Galonoy made a motion for a Resolution about data rights. It was seconded by Stephen Cooper. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

04:23:08 **Motion: A motion was made and seconded** to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed: without opposition and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rosamond Gianutsos, Secretary and
MaryAnn Gurrado, CB2 Office

Reviewed / revised and approved for distribution by

☒ Rosamond Gianutsos, Secretary

☒ Morry Galonoy, Chairperson

Debra Markell Kleinert