

Community Board No. 5

Borough of Queens Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village and Glendale

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Vincent Arcuri, Jr.

Chairperson

Gary Giordano District Manager

Minutes of Community Board 5 Public Meeting

July 14, 2021

Board Members Present

Bhubaneshor Adhikari; Vincent Arcuri, Jr; Tobias Sheppard Bloch; Jessica Boiardi; Alyssa Bonilla; Eric Butkiewicz; Rachel Caracci; Robert Cermeli; Walter E. Clayton, Jr.; Patricia Crowley; Brian Dooley; Dr. Sukh Gurung; Fred T. Haller; Fred Hoefferle; Richard Huber; Paul A. Kerzner; Maryann Lattanzio; Diego Leclery; Edward Lettau; John Maier; Patricia Maltezos; Edgar Mantel; Katherine Masi; Eileen Moloney; Margaret O'Kane; Michael O'Kane; Donald Passantino; Michael Porcelli; Kenneth Rehberger; Luis Rodriguez; Lee S. Rottenberg; Walter H. Sanchez; Dennis Stephan; Katarzyna Syta; Gyanal Thapa; Barbara Toscano; Patrick J. Trinchese; Maryanna Zero

Board Members Absent

Antonetta Binanti; Maria de la Cruz; Derek Evers; Dmytro Fedkowskyj; Steven Fiedler; Kinga Kurzyna; Marcin Nadgorski; April Narsasian; Theodore Renz; Kelvin Rodriguez; Catherine Sumsky; Michaeline Von Drathen

STAFF

Gary Giordano, District Manager-CB5Q Catherine O'Leary, Community Associate-CB5Q

ELECTED OFFICIALS

NYS Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, 38th AD
Office of the Queens Borough President Donovan Richards - Joseph Nocerino
NYC Council Member Robert Holden – Craig Caruana
NYS Senator Joseph Addabbo – Sarah Spellman

GUESTS

Joseph Nocerino – Office of the Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Joy Chen, Borough Planner, Sarit Platkin, West Queens Team Leader, and Benjamin Huff, Planner for
Transportation - Dept. of City Planning, Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens, NY
Albert Silvestri, Deputy Borough Commissioner, NYC Dept. of Transportation, Queens Borough Hall
P. O. Michael Berish, Community Affairs Unit – 104th Police Precinct

The Board Chairperson thanked everyone in attendance at our first live in person Community Board Meeting since the emergency declaration for the COVID19 pandemic. He explained that the Special Presentation on tonight's Agenda will be conducted remotely and livestreamed on Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to view the livestream of this Board Meeting on YouTube, which will be posted on our CB5Q Website Homepage at www.nyc.gov/qnscb5.

Following the Salute to the Flag, the Board Chairperson announced the first item on the Board Agenda as:

PUBLIC HEARING RE: CITYWIDE OPEN RESTAURANTS ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (ULURP #:

2021Y0291) – Presentation by Joy Chen, Queens Planner, NYC Dept. of City Planning and Albert Silvestri, Deputy Queens Borough Commissioner of the Dept. of Transportation

According to the Dept. of City Planning, New York City's Open Restaurants Program has re-energized city sidewalks and streets, has saved many small businesses, and saved thousands of local jobs. The City Council has passed legislation making this popular program permanent. The Dept. of City Planning has worked with the NY City Dept. of Transportation and other city agencies to draft regulatory changes that would allow sidewalk restaurants and cafes to remain in operation. The Open Restaurants Text Amendment, according to this Application, will remove Article 1, Chapter 4 and all other text related to sidewalk café regulations from the Zoning Resolution. The proposed text amendment will no longer require restaurants to have appropriate zoning in order to apply for the sidewalk café program. If this text amendment is adopted, restaurants seeking to open a sidewalk café would be required to apply for approvals from the proposed DOT Open Restaurants Program.

Albert Silvestri, Deputy Queens Borough Commissioner of the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT), introduced himself and Joy Chen at the Dept. of City Planning as he summarized the purpose of the proposed Open Restaurants Program that will expand the number of sidewalk cafes throughout the City. He pointed out that, unfortunately, the city has lost some long-time institutions in the past year as continued restrictions and the public's avoidance of indoor dining made it very difficult for dining establishments to stay open. And, to provide support for the restaurant industry and the need to move dining outdoors, he said that the City administration started up an Open Restaurant Program that allowed for the emergency use of sidewalks and roadways by restaurants. He explained that prior to this past year, the majority of the sidewalk cafés that were approved in the City were administered by the Department of Consumer and Workforce Protection. In addition, DOT ran one small Pilot Program for Public Roadway Seating, which had a total of 25 setups city-wide, and the vast majority of those setups were in Manhattan. That was pre-COVID19, he said.

As a result of the COVID19 pandemic, Mr. Silvestri said that New York City suspended the existing rules for operating sidewalk cafes through an Emergency Executive Order that allowed DOT to create a fast and simple way for restaurants to conduct their business in the public right-of-way. Secondly, he said that the program was free and extremely easy to access. So, unlike the pre-Covid sidewalk cafe program, he said that this new approach eliminated months of reviews and multiple agencies involved, In addition, he said that Open Restaurants has added the element of roadway dining which is something completely new to the City.

Mr. Silvestri said that now the city is proposing to make the Open Restaurants program a permanent feature citywide. He said that the guidelines may vary from site to site, depending on the width of the sidewalk and the amount of pedestrian traffic in any given area. He said that their goal is to ensure that there's adequate walking room for pedestrians, particularly in sections of Midtown Manhattan, or extremely dense areas with lots of pedestrian traffic, where a 12-foot, clear path may be required. Generally speaking, he said that an 8-foot clear path will be the rule. He said that for restaurants that don't meet these requirements, there will be a waiver process to potentially go down to a 6-foot, clear path and that waiver would be reviewed by DOT and the Mayor's Office of for People with Disabilities to ensure there's a high standard of accessibility in those tighter locations.

The industry still has challenges ahead, but Open Restaurants has been able to provide the twin benefit of both helping businesses flourish, while also offering some of the best dining options in the world on New York City streets and sidewalks.

Mr. Silvestri explained that since this program was launched last year, as part of the emergency program, over 11,000 restaurants have participated in it, saving approximately 100,000 jobs that could potentially have been lost during the COVID19 pandemic. There were 2500 new locations that were permitted in areas that would have been prohibited or limited under the existing zoning. He said that the Proposed Zoning Text Amendment will now permit them, pointing to the locations that were marked on the map on the display screen.

Mr. Silvestri said that under the proposed revisions to the guidelines, applicants would still be required to seek the local Community Board's approval in a public hearing if their application includes rooftop seating or anything like that, because that is not covered as part of this permanent Open Restaurants Program, which is focused on the sidewalk and street area adjacent to the restaurant.

Mr. Silvestri explained that throughout the initial roll out of this program, DOT has had to fine-tune guidelines specific to roadway seating and its interaction with travel lanes, utilities, manhole covers, etc. He said that, for instance, there have been issues with turning radii for the FDNY's fire engines and other apparatus, as well as reports about safety concerns, and signage that was blocked by roadway setups. He said that pedestrian and traffic safety will always remain a top priority for DOT.

Another area of concern that he mentioned has been to ensure adequate enforcement. He said that they've received complaints on both sides of this issue: from restaurant owners who felt they were being over inspected; and from the mobility impaired residents who voiced their concerns about under enforcement and said that the city's enforcement actions were too little, too late and very ineffective. Over the past year, he said that it's been determined that the best way to address these issues would be to consolidate the administration of the Citywide Open Restaurants Program under DOT, where authorized personnel could be put in charge of enforcing the applicable rules and regulations. He said that the guidelines for this program will be formulated and released for public review prior to adoption by the NY City Council and the Mayor.

Joy Chen, Borough Planner for the Dept. of City Planning, introduced her colleague Benjamin Huff from their Transportation Planning Unit. She explained that the Open Restaurants program will continue to operate under the current Emergency Plan for the next year and a half while the zoning guidelines that will govern the proposed permanent Citywide Open Restaurants Program are finalized. She said that public hearings on this proposal are scheduled to be held throughout the City over the next few months. She explained that sidewalk cafés were initially subject to review by the Dept. of City Planning in the 1970's, as part of the Uniformed Land Use Review Process (ULURP).

She pointed out that there are 27,000 restaurants currently operating in the City of New York, with 42% of them located in Manhattan. Over the years, she said that the review process for establishing a sidewalk café became more involved, along with the number of agencies.

She said that the purpose of this proposal is to simplify the zoning regulations that govern sidewalk cafes, as well as the application process, and reduce overlapping jurisdictions of local agencies. She pointed out that pre-COVID, there were only 2 sidewalk cafes in Community District 5, Queens. At present, there are 130 new sidewalk cafes.

Ms. Chen pointed out the sections of the map on display where certain restrictions would apply, including where enclosed sidewalk cafes would be permissible; and areas where unenclosed sidewalk cafés with large retractable awnings would be permissible. She said that whether or not a sidewalk café is enclosed, a clear path on the sidewalk, at least 4 feet wide, must be maintained. She pointed out that currently there are 124,000 mostly unenclosed sidewalk cafes throughout the City and she expects that

trend to continue, since most people find the online application process so much less cumbersome than the prior process, before the pandemic.

Ms. Chen said that the proposed Open Restaurants Zoning Text Amendment was certified by the Dept. of City Planning on June 29th and the public review process will end on September 27th, 2021. She estimated that the new zoning regulations for Open Restaurants would be adopted by late 2022 for implementation in early 2023.

The Board Chairperson Vincent Arcuri thanked everyone for their presentation and opened the floor to questions.

Kathy Masi asked if this new sidewalk café application process would have any impact on the liquor licensing approval process, as well. Ms. Chen said that the State Liquor Authority has separate jurisdiction over issuing liquor licenses. The proposed zoning ordinances aren't applicable to liquor licenses, she said.

Mr. Arcuri pointed out that under this temporary sidewalk café application process, all fees are being waived. He asked if that would be the case under the new set of rules and regulations. Ms. Chen replied that a new fee structure would be established, once this proposal has been adopted.

Fred Haller said that previously, sidewalk cafes paid rent to the City for the use of the sidewalk area. He asked if that would still be required. Benjamin Huff replied that the City suspended a bunch of fees and regulations that are related to sidewalk cafes for the duration of this zoning amendment process. He said that once the new zoning regulations are adopted, applications will be approved for a term of 4 years each, instead of at 2 years intervals as it is now, and the fee structure will be amended, as well. Robert Cermeli pointed out that building structures out into the street impedes traffic flow, and onstreet parking spots are being eliminated. He asked if there's been any assessment of the impact on adjoining businesses to the proposed expansion of sidewalk cafes citywide.

Speaking on behalf of himself and other disabled people, Lee Rottenberg said that the reduction of onstreet parking spaces makes it harder for him to shop in local stores or eat in local restaurants. Richard Huber said that he is concerned about the potential for a manhole fire to envelope a sidewalk café seating area if it's anywhere nearby, in addition to the potential for injury by a careless driver. Edward Lettau asked if this proposal would be applicable to rooftop restaurants. Mr. Huff replied that it doesn't apply to rooftops, only sidewalks and streets.

The District Manager commented that sidewalk cafes should be required to close at 10pm, so residents who live on the floors above the restaurant could rest and relax, too. Mr. Huff replied that sidewalk cafes are required to close by 12 Midnight on weekdays, and 1am on weekends. He said that when they come before the Community Board as part of the approval process, you could negotiate the terms of their hours of operation.

Donald Passantino pointed out that he's seen unsafe situations involving a bike lane in the roadway, where the waiter serves meals to patrons sitting on the far side of that bike lane. The Board Chairperson agreed that it's hazardous.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tim Alnwick, the attorney representing the Seneca Bar Corp. at 681 Seneca Avenue in Ridgewood, spoke on his clients' behalf regarding their application for a new liquor license that was recently submitted to the State Liquor Authority. He said that his clients are not associated with the prior owner of Aby's Bar at this location, at least one of the owners has stipulated that he will remain on premises whenever they are open. He said that they have no plans to expand the bar to outdoor use.

The District Manager spoke about the history of complaints about loud music and the overcrowded conditions inside, particularly the basement. Mr. Alnwick replied that their liquor license wasn't revoked, the former owner relocated to another location. He said that he's been informed that after

hours parties were frequently a problem there, under the prior management. He said that his clients both work during the day and have no plans to stay open all night. He requested a meeting with the District Manager to discuss it further, if warranted.

Victor Rodriguez, a Glendale resident, spoke about the dirty area along the RR fence on Edsall Avenue between 72 Street and 73 Place, in Glendale. He said that the fence is broken, and trash collects around the vehicles and trucks that have been abandoned there this year. He asked the Community Board to help clean up this section of Edsall Avenue. The Board Chairperson replied that the City recently installed new sewers and catch basins on Edsall Avenue between 71 Place and 73 Street where there was no connection before. The District Manager replied that he recently contacted the District Superintendent in the Dept. of Sanitation to inspect the area and remove the derelict vehicles there.

Franco DiPiazza spoke on behalf of the Federazione Italo-Americana di Brooklyn & Queens and advised the Community Board that the dates of the Fresh Pond Street Festival were changed by the Mayor's Office this year from September 9th thru 12th, 2021 to July 29th thru August 1st, 2021. The Board Chairperson replied that he spoke with P. O. Michael Berish, the Community Affairs Officer in the 104th Precinct, who confirmed that the dates of this street fair have been moved up to July 29th thru August 1st, this year due to the lack of available personnel to cover this event.

Luis Ross, a Glendale resident, agreed with the previous speaker about conditions on Edsall Avenue but said that his concern was about the noise that the freight trains generate all through the night. He said that there's no need for the motorman to blow the horn four times as the train moves east in the middle of the night. He asked the Community Board's help in alleviating the noise there.

Lee Rottenberg, a Board member, spoke about the City's plans to change the City's Health Coverage for retirees to a Medicare Advantage Plan, beginning on January 1, 2022. The Board Chairperson directed him to contact his Union representative about that. He said that it's up to the Union to negotiate health benefits, not the Community Board.

Brian Dooley, a Board member and president of the Glendale Property Owners Association, said that he agrees that the fencing along the railroad on Edsall Avenue should be replaced with the type of fencing that was installed along the north side of Otto Road, in Glendale.

He also stated that he supports the adoption of proposed legislation in Albany to regulate electric bikes and motorized scooters, because they pose a danger to pedestrians. He asked the Transportation Committee to address this issue as soon as possible.

Richard Huber, a Board member, requested a Moment of Silence on the passing of Jerry Drake, a former Board member who succumbed to his illness earlier this month. He pointed out that last year, 70,000 Americans died of a drug overdose, and there's a mental health crisis that's not being addressed in this country. In closing, he asked the Board to support the motion that was tabled at last month's Board Meeting regarding adopting new legislation to regulate electric scooters and bikes.

P. O. Michael Berish, the Community Affairs Officer in the 104th Precinct, thanked everyone for their support for the officers in the 104th Precinct all through the pandemic. He reported that there's been an overall decrease in crime by 18% over the past 28 days within the confines of the 104th Precinct. He said that recently, the number of motorcycles that have been stolen has gone up, and vehicles are still being stolen because drivers leave their keys in the car. He said he was happy to report that the number of

burglaries has decreased recently. He advised shop owners with roll down gates to make sure they work properly so they provide greater security.

Officer Berish said he looked forward to seeing everyone at National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 3rd, 5:30PM - 8:30PM at Juniper Valley Park.

Kathy Masi commented that all too often, police are responding to problems inside the homeless shelter on Cooper Avenue in Glendale. She said that the homeless clients who arrive at this shelter should be subject to some type of screening process and referred for treatment, as needed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vincent Arcuri

The Board Chairperson directed Kathy Masi to take attendance of Board members present.

MINUTES

The Board Chairperson asked Board members to review the minutes of last month's Board Meeting which was conducted on June 9, 2021. The minutes were adopted by acclamation on a motion by Walter Clayton, that was seconded by Robert Cermeli.

The Board Chairperson read aloud the following Liquor License notifications that were received at the Board office since last month's Board Meeting:

LIQUOR, WINE and BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS and RENEWALS New Liquor Licenses

- 1) Mexico 2000 2 Inc. 565 Woodward Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 2) Las Vegas Bar Restaurant Corp. 64-60 Dry Harbor Road, Middle Village, NY 11379
- 3) 1080 Kafe Corp. 1080 Cypress Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 4) BierWaxQueens, LLC 55-27 Myrtle Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385

<u>Liquor License Renewals</u>

- 1) Kantu Inc. 74-17 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, NY 11379
- 2) *Charlie Work LLC d/b/a Evil Twin Brewing 1612-1616 George Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 3) C&Q ON MYRTLE INC. d/b/a CELTIC GASTHAUS 64-04 Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385

New Wine, Beer and Cider Licenses

1) *Ann & Son's LLC d/b/a Onderdonk & Son's 566 Onderdonk Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385

Other Notifications

- 1) MACA RESTAURANT CORP. 62-12 Woodhaven Blvd, in Rego Park will be submitting an Alteration application to Change the Class to serve Wine, Beer and Cider in their restaurant.
- 2) *DMI, Inc. d/b/a The Knockdown Center lanet X, at 801 Seneca Avenue, in Ridgewood will be submitting an application to Add Additional Bars to their existing On-Premises Liquor License.

The Board Chairperson stated that the Board is trying to obtain more information about the new application that's been submitted for the Las Vegas Restaurant at 64-60 Dry Harbor Road in Middle Village.

The Board Chairperson reported that one demolition/excavation notice was received at the Board Office, since last month's Board Meeting, for **71-20 80 Street**, in Glendale, where excavation for the construction of a new building on this lot is expected to begin this week.

^{*}Licensed Outdoor Area

District Manager's Report Gary Giordano

The District Manager reported the results of last month's Election of At-Large Members of the Executive Committee. He said that the existing slate of officers was re-elected by a majority vote of the Board. He said that Fred Haller was elected with 35 votes; John Maier with 33 votes; Theodore Renz with 30 votes; and Paul Kerzner with 29 votes. Walter Clayton and Edgar Mantel both received 20 votes each.

He reminded everyone that the Dept. of Sanitation plans to restore organics collection this Fall. He said that the program will be voluntary, and asked everyone to join the program, by calling 3-1-1 or going online to www.nyc.gov to register.

The Board Chairperson announced that while there won't be any parades to mark the occasion this year, wreath laying ceremonies are planned at all the monuments on Myrtle Avenue on Monday, May 31st to commemorate Memorial Day. He welcomed everyone to attend these ceremonies.

Regarding the status of several major capital improvements in our Board area, the District Manager reported that the contractor has begun work on the Reconstruction of the Turf Soccer and Football Field and Running Track in Juniper Valley Park. He said this project is slated for completion next year, on or before April 19th, 2022. He said that the contract was awarded to a very good contractor who set up equipment to start work on this project right away.

Regarding the Water and Sewer Main Reconstruction Project in Ridgewood, he said that work is progressing on schedule on Himrod Street between Cypress Avenue and Grandview Avenue where the contractor is currently installing a new trunk water main and sewer main. This project is expected to be complete in 2022, he said.

Regarding the large sewer replacement project that's currently underway on Grand Avenue, between 72 Place and 69 Place, he said that the contractor is currently installing a 96" sewer main about 60 feet below the pavement in some places. He said that work on this contract is proceeding on schedule this year.

Regarding the Penelope Avenue sewer replacement project, he said that the Board hasn't received any complaints about the job. He said that during the next phase of this sewer replacement project, the contractor will install a 72" sewer main underneath the railroad tracks between Lutheran Avenue and Our Lady of Hope School.

The Board Chairperson gave the floor to State Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar to address the Board. Assembly Member Rajkumar said she was proud to be the first south Asian legislator who was elected to the State Assembly, and happy to see everyone in person at the Board Meeting once again. She said that over the past year, she sponsored a Public Safety Town Hall to address the problem of illegal guns, and the fact that, for example, there were 51 shootings in NY State over the weekend. She said that the Town Hall was very well attended, and she plans to hold more of them.

The Assembly Member said that the Veterans Committee was the first committee that she joined when she went to Albany in January and said that helping them with job placement is her first priority. The Assembly Member said that this summer she is sponsoring a Summer Reading Program for school children. She said that the response from her constituents to this program has been overwhelming. In closing, she welcomed calls from constituents to her office at (718) 805-0950, which has extended office hours on Saturday from 11am to 2pm, at 83-91 Woodhaven Boulevard, in Woodhaven. Flyers were distributed to all present.

On behalf of Council Member Robert Holden, Craig Caruana reported that the City's Capital and Expense Budget passed on June 30th this year. He wished everyone a safe and healthy Summer.

On behalf of State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Sarah Spellman reported that the State's legislative session just ended and the Senator is taking some time off now. She welcomed constituents to call their office at (718) 497-1630 for information or assistance with unemployment insurance claims, COVID19 relief programs, or quality of life problems that they need help with. She informed everyone that the State Senator will host a Veterans B-B-Q again this year, in September. Volunteers are always welcome to participate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning and Land Use Review Committee Walter Sanchez

Walter Sanchez reported that the committee met recently to review the Citywide Zoning Text Amendment for Health and Fitness Centers, aka Physical Culture Establishments. He said that the committee is unanimously opposed to the proposed Zoning Amendment because it would permit massage parlors in residential communities, the same as doctors, dentists, and lawyers offices.

As there were no questions or comments on the motion, the Board Chairperson requested a Roll Call vote on the matter which passed by a vote of 36 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, and none not voting.

Education Committee Katherine Masi

Kathy Masi reported that the Committee met remotely with Superintendent Chen and her staff in Community School District 24 to discuss the District's plans for the Summer. She reported that CSD 24 has students from the most culturally diverse backgrounds in the City with an overall Reading Proficiency Score of 52%. She said that despite the pandemic, the daily attendance rate in the district has been about 90% this year.

Over the Summer, the school district will provide academic instruction in the morning and athletic programs in the afternoon to 3,000 students in the district.

She said the Committee plans to hold their next meeting in October, this year.

Transportation Services Committee John Maier

John Maier, Co-Chair of the Transportation Services Committee, reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, June 29th, 2021.

He said that the committee reviewed the status of several current and planned major capital improvement projects in our Board area, as well as traffic safety requests.

Regarding the painting of the M-Train BMT-Line structure in Ridgewood, he said that MTA workers have resumed painting the structure south of Forest Avenue, in Ridgewood.

Mr. Maier reported that the Reconstruction of Wyckoff Avenue from Flushing Avenue to Cooper Avenue is stalled now, due to concerns about potential underground contamination of adjacent infrastructure in the vicinity of the Wolff Alport site on Irving Avenue, in Ridgewood. He said that the Dept. of Design and Construction has submitted a Pre-Design Investigation Plan for cleanup of contamination near the Wolff Alport site to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Regarding the Grand Street Bridge over the Newtown Creek in Maspeth, Mr. Maier said that the Dept. of Transportation has scheduled weekend closings of this bridge through the Summer so the work crews can perform structural repairs on the bridge.

Mr. Maier said that committee members were informed that the Bus Route Re-design process will resume and allow for more community input as part of the process, this year. In closing, Mr. Maier welcomed input from residents regarding street resurfacing requests, as well as any traffic and pedestrian safety measures that may be needed in our Board area, preferably via email at qn05@cb.nyc.gov. He announced that the next Remote Committee Meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021.

New Business

In the absence of Theodore Renz, the Executive Director of the Myrtle Avenue BID and a fellow Board member, Fred Haller read aloud a proposed resolution regarding the Myrtle Avenue Business Improvement District's application for funding through the NY Main Street Program.

After a general discussion of the matter, Fred Haller made a motion to support the Myrtle Avenue BID's request for funds to improve the shopping corridor on Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood which was seconded by Katherine Masi. As there were no questions or comments on the matter, the Board Chairperson requested a Roll Call vote on the matter which carried by a vote of 34 in favor, -0-opposed, -0- abstentions, and -0- not voting

Board Chairperson Vincent Arcuri announced that the next monthly Community Board Meeting will be conducted in person, unless otherwise directed to conduct it remotely, starting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021. As there was no further business to come before the Board, the Board Chairperson entertained a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.