



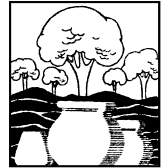
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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 12, 2022

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LYNN SCHULMAN

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OFFICE OF NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI

OFFICE OF NYC COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN

COMMUNITY BOARD 6 MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2022

This meeting was held in-person with a limited virtual option via WebEx for individuals with Extraordinary Circumstances. CB 6 Member Renee Mehrra joined the meeting via WebEx.

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis welcomed everyone to the first in person meeting since the beginning of COVID. She asked Commander Michael Arcati to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

All requests for public comment must be submitted via email to QN06@CB.NYC.GOV by 3pm on the day of the meeting. Public comments submitted by Friday at 5pm will be included in the minutes.

Joseph Ottomanelli – DSNY

Curbside composting began on October 3, 2022. This includes Food Scraps, Yard Waste and Soiled Paper. It will coincide with your recycling day. Program will run from now until December and will take a hiatus until March. They anticipate a reduction in Yard Waste during the winter months. The Department will be hosting compost bin giveaways over the next few weeks. Details can be found on the Department's Website.

Leaf collection will begin in the next few weeks. Leaf bags were delivered to the Community Board Office.

Louis Venezia

I am a resident on 71st Rd. in Forest Hills. Approving the application to change zoning would be catastrophic for the surrounding residents and the two neighboring schools. Street parking is already on the edge of impossible. With the proposed massive 10 story 120+ residential complex with only 66 parking spaces, parking in this neighborhood would become totally unachievable for both residents and patients who go to the numerous doctors with offices along 71st Rd. Traffic is already extremely heavy with trucks delivering to the apartment buildings, to the nursing home one block away, to the only grocery store two blocks away and to a post office pickup location one block away, all on 71st Rd and truck drivers consider it their privilege to block traffic.

Because 71st Rd. has direct access to Queens Boulevard in both directions, 71st Rd. is heavily trafficked, the additional traffic created by this project would result in a bottleneck, with noxious fumes, revving engines, and increased ceaseless honking. Double parking and traffic backing up from all these trucks exposes area residents along 71st Rd. to constant engine exhaust, horn honking and traffic delays. The residents on 71st Road would suffer enormous loss of quality of life, which is already on the brink of disaster.

To get back to Queens Boulevard drivers will circle around the block in front of the 2 schools. So, in addition to adding to the existing traffic crisis, these trucks and the sanitation trucks that would now be required to service the massive 10 story building residential structure, will create additional traffic jams for the school buses, create a hazard for the children, and delay their return home.

Parkway Hospital has already been approved for major residential structures literally a few yards from the 2 schools which means more delivery trucks, more sanitation trucks, more air pollution, more noise pollution, and more disruptions for the schools. It would be a

miracle if kids could get to and from school in school buses without being extremely late - more school disruptions. Please do not approve this application

Odette Wilkens

Hello, Community Board Members and local residents. My name is Odette Wilkens and I am the President and General Counsel for Wired Broadband, which is a nonprofit organization located in Forest Hills. I have been a technology attorney for more than 20 years and I have negotiated with some of the largest multi-national corporations in the world. I have reported here before on the 5G towers that are going up all over the city. These jumbo towers are approved by the Department of Technology and Telecommunication and the Public Design Commission. There are 4,000 of them. They are now being installed in Borough Park and the Upper West Side. It is only a matter of time before they come to Community Board 6. The US Government Accountability Office, in its 2020 report, said that their experts said that the 5G deployment would likely exacerbate the disparities in accessing telecommunications services, known as the digital divide.

You have probably heard that 5G is supposed to solve the digital divide, in other words, provide people in rural communities or underserved communities with telecommunications service. That is not correct. And that is by the highest Audit Institution in the federal government. We should know what is in these 5G antennas. We should know the kinds of antennas, the manufacturer, model number, power density, length, wavelength, frequency, specifications, engineering drawings, everything about them.

I have submitted Freedom of Information Law Requests to the NYC DOITT last year and they are continuing to ask for extensions. This is unacceptable. I asked for the proposed locations of the 5G Towers and any correspondence between NYC DOITT and City Bridge. No response.

Nobody in NYC has been notified and there have been no public hearings about these monstrosities. There has been no public oversight on the installation of these antennas.

Many in local government may say that they are preempted by the FCC to install these towers. However, this is incorrect. Telecommunications Act gives local government the explicit authority on number and placement of cell towers.

In July of this year, the Eastern District of NY, Federal District Court issued a sweeping decision which stated that the FCC's trying to strip local government of its control of regulating the placement of these towers is not binding within the NY jurisdiction.

5G is not meant for cell phone service. It is meant for larger file transfers, video streaming etc. This is not preempted by the Telecommunications Act.

I will be providing CB 6 with submissions that we have made to the FCC, the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council of the EPA.

We need to take action now to protect the residents of this community before it is too late. People wake up in the morning to a giant 5G tower outside their window. I have been personally affected as have others.

I have been personally injured by the towers that have been installed on buildings on Burns Street by the Tennis Stadium. I have experienced balance disorders and heart palpitations.

I implore City Council Member Lynn Schulman and Borough President Donovan Richards and others to stop the proliferation of these 5G jumbo towers.

Juan Londono

I am a neighbor to the rezoning/new building plan at the RTFH and while I am sympathetic to the temple's situation, it shouldn't be at the expense of the broader community and community at large. I am speaking against the rezoning and kindly ask the board to deny their application for the following reasons:

Environment and Trees: Tree lines are a vital part of Forest Hills and the developer has no plan to retain the existing decades-old trees around the current temple. In 2 previous opportunities, the developer hasn't made commitments to keeping the current trees. There are currently 7 trees, and the developer hasn't identified which trees will be retained or replaced. Cutting these trees and replacing them with younger, smaller trees will be detrimental to the environment, aesthetics and the shade that supports pedestrians at PS 196.

Building Mass should be smaller, plan and height. The developer has told us that they have accounted for history, character, aesthetics, architecture, facade and general feel of the neighborhood. The proposed building mass moves the building line to the edge of the sidewalk. This is the only building in the area that does this. It removes the existing sidewalk and garden area that is customary to all buildings around this block.

We haven't heard an answer to the question raised by Board Members at the Land Use Committee Meeting. Why 10 floors? The number of floors is also out of character for the neighborhood.

Versaille (60ft west) - 7 Floors, Westminster Hall (60ft west) – 7 Floors, Newport (190 ft south) – 7 Floors, The Majestic (200ft west) – 7 Floors, The Euclid (330ft south) – 7 Floors, Barclay Plaza (350ft west) – 9 Floors, Fairfax (400ft west) – 7 Floors, Joylane (430ft south) – 7 Floors, Grenada Terrace (570ft) – 6 Floors. Sans Souci (100ft west) - 9 Floors plus a penthouse. The tallest building in the area is still 30 feet lower than the proposed building.

The rezoning includes 12,500 sq ft space that doesn't belong to the applicant. Approving this part of the rezoning for future development that is not detailed or discussed here and belongs to a third party is like writing a blank check and the community will have no control over future changes.

The following public comments were submitted in writing and read by the Chair.

David Schantz

In the Sept. 15 issue of the Queens Chronicle, there was an editorial called "Illegal mopeds and scooters". This hits home on the mess that has occurred with electronic bikes and mopeds being used for delivery services.

Another factor is the complete ignoring of safety rules, which includes disobeying road safety regulations, such as stopping at lights and stop signs. Besides that is riding illegally on sidewalks, at high speeds. Unfortunately, it may take a serious accident or two to finally realize we need strict enforcement, with enforceable laws to get the job done. Until then, proceed at caution.

Bethany Thomas and Claudia Danies

I am a resident and shareholder in a building directly across from The Reformed Temple. Many residents of my building are members of The Temple and I am aware of the impact The Temple has had for them, their families and the community. I am also aware of the additional positive impact The Temple could have with a new space.

I am not in favor of the proposal as submitted as I feel this design does not show the developers desire to join in this community, but rather change the community which directly impacts my financial and emotional investment in the area where I live. I am asking the Board to consider requesting the following changes to the proposal:

1 - Rezoning consideration for ONLY the lot where The Temple is located. No additional zoning for additional Lots unrelated to this specific building redevelopment.

2 - Change in the base height of the building to 7 stories with a setback for 3 additional floors to contextually align with neighboring buildings.

3 - Sidewalk space reduced to 10 feet with an additional 10 - 15 feet of landscaped area up to the building to contextually align with neighboring buildings.

4 - Consideration for traffic during the school year. My recommendation would be to redirect traffic for school so that 71st road is for buses and residential only allowing additional walking areas for students to safely walk to school opposite of The Temple on 71st Road.

5 - Consider Flooding issues - once an underground garage is added, there will be flooding issues and drainage issues as do all buildings surrounding the lot in question.

Thank you for your consideration and desire to collaborate with the neighbors who will be directly affected by the project.

Kiril Nanev

I would request to speak against the development of the large residential building on the current synagogue.

The new building is too big, the area is already overcrowded, the parking is getting worse, the school ps196 cannot support more residents. I have been living for 13 years in Barclay Plaza, 110-20 71st Road and I don't think I will be able to bring my kid to ps196 as the school is already overcrowded and there is a long waiting list. The playing ground for the kids is already too small and overcrowded. It would not be fair for residents who have been living in the neighborhood for decades to not be able to bring their kids to school or to not be able to park on the street.

I strongly disagree with the current proposal and will seek legal counsel if I have to.

Dan Ai Liu

We are currently residing in 110-20 Barclay Plaza building. We strongly disagree with the proposal due to the overcrowded area and worsening parking. Thank you very much.

Elite Chak

Please address the below items related to the temple on 112th and 71st Rd.

- Rezoning consideration for ONLY the lot where The Temple is located. No additional zoning for additional Lots unrelated to this specific building redevelopment. Especially, in view of the Parkway Hospital project that will soon add an additional high rise building in the immediate vicinity of our building.

- Why has the developer requested the rezoning of a lot that has nothing to do with the present project?

- Change in the base height of the building to 7 stories to contextually align with neighboring buildings

- Sidewalk space reduced to 10 feet with an additional 10 - 15 feet of landscaped area up to the building to contextually align with neighboring buildings.

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Richard Parlani

The FHRT is a valued neighbor, but their application for rezoning to rebuild a massive structure does not meet the practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship criteria for such a variance. Additionally, rezoning is only permitted if the proposed rezoning would not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or be detrimental to the public welfare. Their rezoning proposal is both character changing and detrimental. Community Board 6 cannot permit this rezoning without ignoring these rules set forth by the city's Board of Standards and Appeals.

Another criteria for rezoning is showing that the practical difficulties and hardships claimed were not created by the owner, but the Forest Hills Reform Temple does not meet this standard either. We all

know that building maintenance and upkeep can be expensive, and responsible managers make sure these expected costs are controlled by keeping up with the items as they wear out. The temple's contention that their building wasn't built to last this long is ludicrous, as most of their neighbors are living and working in (well-maintained) older buildings of similar construction. The FHRT say that they need to make their building accessible now, but the ADA isn't new. It's been law for over 30 years.

Many statements were made at the previous meeting about neighborhood impact, including storm runoff, traffic & parking, school enrollment and spot zoning. None of these were refuted by the developer or temple, and this community board should not disregard them either. Making something look green or adding a potted plant is an insulting way to address storm drainage.

Zoning isn't a method to drive social policy, change behavior, or give favors. It is a way to develop cities sensibly and equitably. It makes no sense to allow the temple to, in the words of their rabbi, "Secure their financial future," by rezoning their plot to the detriment of our neighborhood, and I urge Queens Community Board 6 to vote against rezoning.

MINUTES

The minutes from the September 14, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN

Council Member Lynn Schulman began by thanking the Community Board leadership and staff for keeping all the Community Board meetings going during the pandemic.

Council Member Schulman also reported the following:

- As a member of the Aging Committee, she helped put together a package of bills to help older adults age in place (make sure they have services they need)
- Passed a series of legislation related to childcare
- As the Chair of the Health Committee, has been working on issues related to hospital affordability
- Had an onsite meeting with Congress Member Grace Meng and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection regarding flooding in the area
- New Chief of Staff – Jonathan Boucher

UPDATE FROM STATE SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR

Senator Joseph Addabbo thanked the Board members for their work during the pandemic. He also thanked the public for attending the meetings.

Senator Addabbo spoke briefly about Public Safety. He thanked the 112th Precinct for their hard work and reported that his office is in contact with the precinct to see what the State can do to help them do their job better.

Senator Addabbo spoke about Domestic Violence, since October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A constituent of his, Mandeep Kaur, committed suicide after posting her

experience (of being verbally and physically abused by her husband) on social media. The Senator provided pamphlets with resources for those experiencing DV.

Last, Senator Addabbo announced the following events:

- Food and Clothing Drive through November 18th
- Small electronics can be dropped off at his office
- Java with Joe – 10am – 12pm
 - o Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Atlantic Diner
 - o Saturday, October 22, 2022, at AB & G Bakery in Ridgewood
- Job Fair at Resorts World - November 18, 2022, from 10am – 2pm.
- Free Mammograms on December 2, 2022, in Rockaway

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis offered condolences to Mark Laster on the passing of his father Israel Laster. We will pass along details when we have them. The Aging, Social Services, Disabilities Committee Meeting for Thursday, October 13, 2022, has been cancelled.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis reported the following:

- On October 3, 2022, the Board of Standards and Appeals approved the application for 89-94 66th Road. She thanked Keith Engel, 2nd Vice Chair and Committee Chair for Land Use, Housing and Landmarks, for his work and leadership.
- At the October Borough Board Meeting, there was a presentation from SCA and they gave the following information:
 - o PS 196 now has a new extension that has opened.
 - o PS 206 – Expansion scheduled for 2023
 - o PS 174 - Expansion scheduled for 2024
 - o FH High School is overcrowded and the CB is staying on top of the SCA to figure out a solution

Chair Beers- Dimitriadis reminded CB 6 Members that the Office and the Chair are available to help them. If someone from the public or on social media asks a question, reach out or refer them to the office.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio reported that he met with 15 city agencies working on the FY24 Budget Consultations.

He shared the sentiment from the Mayor and Borough President in his meetings: “This is a real economic crisis,” “Expect an increase in taxes,” “This is the highest debt NYC has ever had,” The City is making PEG (program to eliminate the gap) cuts in each agency. The Community Boards are waiting for more information on cuts.

Mr. Gulluscio ended by reminding Board Members to be careful of social media.

LAND USE, HOUSING AND LANDMARK COMMITTEE REPORT
ULURP – REFORM TEMPLE OF FOREST HILLS: 71-11 112TH STREET

Zoning Map Amendment – ULURP Number: C220274ZMQ

Zoning Text Amendment – ULURP Number: N220275ZRQ

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis reported that a Public Hearing was held on this item on September 28, 2022. All public comments that were submitted were sent to the Board Members prior to this meeting.

Keith Engel, Committee Chair, gave a brief overview of the project:

The Applicant, Werber Management, Inc. and Reform Temple of Forest Hills, are seeking a map amendment from R1-2A to R7D and a text amendment to establish an MIH area to facilitate the development of a new 10-story, 126,000 zsf mixed use building, including 16,600 zsf of community facility space, 109,400 zsf of residential space, and 66 parking spaces at 71-11 112th Street (Block 2246, Lot 31) in Forest Hills, Queens Community District 6.

Mr. Engel thanked the members of the public that have offered comments on the project.

Vivien Krieger, representing the applicant, presented the following about the project:

- The proposed project would give the Reform Temple of Forest Hills a new, ADA Accessible building and provide residential apartments above it.
 - o Rabbi Mark Kaiserman spoke briefly about how this project would benefit the Reform Temple
 - Current building is not accessible and doesn't have the technology needed to provide services and teach students
 - Renovating the current building would be too expensive for the organization alone
 - Would allow them to stay in the community and provide services to many including seniors
- The proposed building would rise 9 stories before setting back for the 10th floor and would step down along 71st Road.
 - o Ms. Krieger stated that one of the conditions of the Land Use Committee was to lower the base height of the building to 7 stories instead of 9, which would result in less overall apartments. The Land Use Committee also asked that the applicant consider adding more affordable units. They are currently discussing how to make this balance work, but their priority would be to add more affordable units since it is very important to this Community Board.
- The developer plans to take the following actions to address site drainage and stormwater issues:
 - o Controlled flow roof drains
 - o Determining the best way to retain water onsite
 - o Increase greenery on the sidewalk
 - o Enlarge tree pits
 - o Low flow toilets
 - o Permeable pavers and additional green space will be used wherever possible

- Initial plans were to add more parking than the zoning would require but after receiving feedback they decided to keep the required amount of parking necessary and use the extra space for bicycle parking
- Based on the SEQR Technical Manual, this project would not have the potential to result in a significant adverse transportation impacts. The project site is well served by public transportation and located within a roughly 10-minute walk to the 71st Avenue subway station and several nearby bus routes. For this reason, no further transportation studies were required.
- Affordable Housing Proposal
 - o MIH Option 1: 25% of the units set aside permanently for affordable housing at an average of 60% AMI
 - o The developer is trying to fit in more affordable units at 60% AMI

Chair Engel reported that the Committee voted to approve the proposal (8 Yes, 3 No) with the following conditions:

- *Provide greater consideration for site drainage by going beyond the DEP-minimum storm water site retention requirements and incorporate bioswales and rain gardens along the sidewalk.*
- *Provide a greater number of units, above the MIH Option 1 percentage, at an average of 60% AMI.*
- *Consider a reduction to the number of parking spaces provided.*
- *Lower the building base height to set back at the 7th story rather than the 9th story.*
- *Consider a street wall set back from the property line along 112th Street and 71st Road to provide some relief along the street.*
- *All conditions noted shall apply to the rezoned portion of Tax Lot 41.*

There was discussion regarding this application including the following:

- What is the breakdown of the building (i.e. studio, 1 bedroom, etc.)
- What are the rents for 60% AMI?
- Why does tax lot 41 have to be included in the proposal?
- If tax lot 41 wanted to build, would they have to come to the CB in the future?

John Dereszewski suggested an amendment to condition # 6 above to read as follows: The CB would prefer if the rezoning did not include Tax Lot 41 but if it is necessary, all conditions put forth by the Community Board should apply to that lot as well.

Kevin Ly seconded this amendment.

The Community Board voted (26 Yes, 5 No) to approve this application with the following conditions:

- *Provide greater consideration for site drainage by going beyond the DEP-minimum storm water site retention requirements and incorporate bioswales and rain gardens along the sidewalk.*
- *Provide a greater number of units, above the MIH Option 1 percentage, at an average of 60% AMI.*
- *Consider a reduction to the number of parking spaces provided.*
- *Lower the building base height to set back at the 7th story rather than the 9th story.*

- Consider a street wall set back from the property line along 112th Street and 71st Road to provide some relief along the street.
- CB 6 would prefer that Tax Lot 41 is not rezoned, but if it is, all conditions noted shall apply to the rezoned portion of Tax Lot 41.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Elizabeth Newton, – Co-Chair, reported that CB6 received 1 new application:

Rego Park Coffee Shop 94-14 63 Drive, RP

It is a diner serving Greek and American food, The owner has owned the establishment for over 5 years. The applicant is applying for a Beer and Wine license and will keep the same method of operation. This establishment was also approved by CB 6 in May of 2021. However, they had circumstances that prevented them from completing their application with the SLA, therefore they had to notify us again.

The Community Board also received the following renewal applications:

1. Jade Eatery and Lounge One Station Square, Space A, FH
2. Bamboo Ya Sushi Inc., 69-12 Austin Street, FH
3. Dallas BBQ 61-35 Junction Blvd., RP

There were no negative reports from the 112th Precinct. The Committee motion is to approve the new application and the renewals. This motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

FY24 CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis noted that nobody signed up to give Public Comment on the FY24 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities.

The priorities below were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Capital Budget Priorities

1. Sewer Improvements and Maintenance
2. Subway Elevators
3. Sr. Affordable Housing
4. Supportive Housing Facility
5. Affordable Housing
6. Road Repair/Resurfacing/Curb Repair & Pedestrian Ramps
7. 100% ADA Accessibility at Public Schools
8. Reconstruct Rego Park Library
9. ADA Accessibility at Libraries
10. More Schools (1 Elementary School, 1 High School)
11. Rego Park Library Annex (Permanent)
12. Construct Rain Gardens
13. Biking Infrastructure
14. Elevator at FH LIRR

15. Park Water Fountain Improvements
16. Park Maintenance Truck (Gator)
17. Security Cameras at Public Schools
18. Security Cameras in all Business Districts
19. Subway Platform Screen Door System
20. Sound Abatement LIE
21. Water Bottle Refill Stations at Public Schools
22. Business District Signage
23. Sound Abatement Jackie
- Unranked Subway Safety Infrastructure (Cameras)

Michael Arcati made a motion to approve the list of Capital Priorities as presented. This was seconded by Peter Beadle. Motion passed on a voice vote. There was 1 abstention for item # 3 listed above.

Expense Budget Priorities

1. Supportive Housing Services
2. Youth After School Programs
3. Elderly In-Home Services
4. Transport for Elderly & Disabled
5. Meals On Wheels
6. "No Cost" Early Childhood Ed
7. Senior Mental Health Services
8. Seniors & Disabled Career Training
9. Basement Apartment Conversion Pilot
10. Senior Center Programs
11. Food Pantries
12. Curbside Composting
13. City Planning Study
14. Traffic/Pedestrian Studies
15. Crossing Guards
16. More City Park Workers
17. Subway Cleaning/Maintenance
18. Community Cleanliness Program
19. Substance Abuse Study (District Wide)
20. Tree Planting
21. Affordable Housing Funding Grants
22. Community Workshop Bike/Pedestrian Safety
23. Temp. Rego Park Library (during construction)
24. Garbage Cans/Horace Harding Park
25. Study Solar Panels on Schools
26. Anti-Littering Education
27. Moped/Motorcycle Parking Zones
28. Open Streets
29. Citibike Expansion

30. Materials and Web Site Design
Unranked Snow Removal
Unranked FDNY Fire & Life Safety Education

Michael Arcati made a motion to approve the list of Expense Priorities as presented. This was seconded by Howard Birnbaum. Motion passed on a voice vote. There was 1 abstention for item #1, #5, #7, #10, #21 listed above.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis thanked the committees for their work on the Budget Priorities.

LAW / BY-LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

John Dereszewski reported that when the By-Laws were updated recently, one item wasn't addressed. This is the removal of members for excessive absences.

The Committee met and unanimously approved the following amendment to Article XIII of the by-laws. This would create a section 2 to the Article:

2. With regard to members who may be removed from the board for poor attendance, the following procedures shall apply:

a. If after the conclusion of a regular monthly meeting, the Secretary of Administration records that a certain member has accumulated three unexcused absences since the commencement of the board's April 1 to March 31 appointment sequence, the Secretary shall promptly (within five business days) inform the Chair and the affected member of this fact and indicate that four unexcused absences within the calendar year shall provide cause for that member's removal from the board.

b. If after the conclusion of a regular monthly meeting, the Secretary of Administration records that that member has now accumulated four unexcused absences during the board's April 1 to March 31 appointment sequence, the Secretary shall promptly (within five business days) inform the Chair and the affected member of this fact; indicate that this provides cause for that member's removal; and schedule a vote on that member's removal at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Notice of this action shall be included in the meeting's agenda, though the name of the affected member shall not be specified.

c. At the next meeting, and in Executive Session, the Secretary of Administration shall provide the members with a record of the affected member's attendance and that member shall have the opportunity to dispute the record's accuracy. At the conclusion of this discussion, the board shall vote by roll call to approve or disapprove the removal of that member. A majority vote of all members present and voting, a quorum being present, shall be necessary to approve the removal of that member. Upon the recording of a vote in support of removal, the affected party shall immediately cease to be a member of the board.

d. For purposes of this ARTICLE, an excused absence shall mean: appearing on board related business at the same time as the regular monthly meeting; having a medical, mental or physical ailment that effectively prevents attendance; the need to perform one's military service; and the need for such absence due to childbirth, death or illness of a family member or the need to attend a significant religious or secularly equivalent event. Prior notice of such excused absences must be provided to the board's district office before the time of the meeting except for situations of imminent emergency where notice must be provided as promptly as reasonably possible. Requests for excused absences that meet this criteria shall not be unreasonably denied.

e. All excused absences shall be noted in the board's official records. However, they shall not in any way affect the board's quorum requirements.

f. Section 2 of this ARTICLE shall take effect at the commencement of the board's next appointment cycle, which will occur on April 1, 2023.

Michael Arcati made a motion to accept the above amendment as written. Kevin Ly seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Renee Mehrra, Chair, reported that the committee met on September 21, 2022 at the following was discussed:

- Guidelines for Facebook postings
 - o It should be nondiscriminatory, non-partisan, no fundraisers
 - o Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with Facebook postings
- Created a standard template for flyers
 - o A template was created – awaiting approval from the CB Office
- Creating a press release template and guidelines
- Working on strategizing social media branding to make it more informational, interesting and empowering for residents of our community
- Next meeting is October 25, 2022, at 7pm

EDUCATION, YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Titilayo Yasukawa, Co-Chair, reported that the committee met on September 21, 2022, and discussed the following:

- FY24 Capital and Expense Budget Requests
- Public Member Ari Feldman will attend the CEC Meetings and report back to the committee

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Martha Tucker, Chair, reported that the committee met on September 29, 2022, and discussed the following:

- FY24 Capital and Expense Budget Requests
- Committee Goals
- Ways to build up cultural events / awareness in the community

TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC TRANSIT AND STREET SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Beadle, Co-Chair, reported that the committee met on September 22, 2022, and discussed the following:

- FY24 Capital and Expense Budget Requests
 - o Key items include: Elevators for subway stations and street repair items
- Met with John O'Neill (DOT representative) to discuss Austin Street and Yellowstone Boulevard to see what can be done to help with the traffic congestion

- Next meeting will be October 27, 2022, and DOT will make a presentation on hardening of the bike lanes on Queens Boulevard.

GOOD & WELFARE

CB 6 MEMBERS:

Heidi Chain reported that the 112th Precinct Council Meeting will be on Wednesday October 19, 2022, at 7:30pm at the American Legion Hall. Also, the 112th Precinct Community Council will be holding a Street Fair on October 30, 2022, on Queens Boulevard next to MacDonald Park. Children are welcome to attend in costume.

Michael Arcati reported that the CB 6 Veterans Affairs / Public Service is planning a Veterans Day Breakfast on November 11, 2022, at 8am at the West Side Tennis Club. Mr. Arcati would like volunteers to help set up and serve food.

Pat Morgan spoke about a complaint she saw on Facebook regarding the new bike lanes on 62nd Avenue and 98th Street. They don't have all the necessary markings and it is causing vehicles to park where they aren't supposed to which is causing a dangerous situation. She sent it to the Transportation Committee and to the office.

Pat also spoke about Access-A-Ride. She said the system is getting worse and its horrible for people that rely on it. The program must improve. Everyone should notify the MTA about issues that residents experience.

Martha Tucker spoke about scooters and electric bikes that don't follow traffic rules in the area. It makes a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPRESENTATIVES:

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS

Amparito Rosero announced the following:

- Self-Defense Class on October 17, 2022, and October 21, 2022, at Queens Borough Hall
- High School Fair and Parent Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022, from 5pm to 8pm. RSVP at www.queensbp.org/rsvp

CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes announced the following:

- Congress Member Meng met with Council Member Schulman and DEP Commissioner to visit sites that experienced flooding and discussed possible solutions including a voluntary buyout program.
- Congress Member Meng is continuing to work with the US Postal Service regarding mail theft.

- Congress Member Meng also joined Speaker Nancy Pelosi at Queens Community House in Forest Hills to discuss the Inflation Reduction Act (lower healthcare costs).
- Helped pass the PACT Act, which provides Healthcare to Veterans.
- Helped get funding for free internet service at libraries.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Michael Carlier announced the following:

- Metropolitan Avenue Community Cleanup on October 23, 2022.
- AM Hevesi made a request to DSNY to increase the frequency of collections and trash bins on Queens Boulevard, Austin Street and Metropolitan Avenue.
- Thank you to MET Council, CHAZAQ and Commonpoint Queens for hosting food drives for the recent Jewish Holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Nolan
Community Coordinator

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 10-12-22	ULURP REFORM TEMPLE 71-11 112 STREET	NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APP	RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPS	FY24 CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES	FY24 EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES
MICHAEL ARCATI	YES				
ANISIA AYON	YES				
KAVISH BATRA	YES				
PETER BEADLE	YES				
MIRIAM BERFAS	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
HOWARD BIRNBAUM	YES				
HEIDI CHAIN	YES				
SHERIDAN CHU	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
L.T. CIACCIO	YES				
KANDRA CLARK	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
ALEXANDER COHEN	YES				
LATRICE DAVIS	NO				
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	YES			Abstain # 3	Abstain #1, #21
ALEJANDRA DIAZ-HOUSTON	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	YES				
KEITH ENGEL	YES				
KAREN IMAS	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
SARINA JAIN	YES				
MARK LASTER	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
BEATRICE LEONG	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
JONATHAN LI	YES				
KEVIN LY	YES				
JACK MEDINA	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
DR. RENEE MEHRRA	YES				
STEVEN METZ	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
JULIE MILNER	YES				
PAT MORGAN	YES				
ELIZABETH NEWTON	YES				
TANIA PADGETT	YES				
HOWARD POLLACK	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
DIANA RACHNAEV	YES				
SHARI ROLNICK	YES				
GLADYS SANDOVAL	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
PETRINA SCHNEIDERMAN	NO				
DAVID SCHNEIER	NO				Abstain #5, #7, #10
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	YES				
JEAN SILVA	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
TERESA SIMMONS	YES				
DR. ROBERT TAMAYEV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
IRINA TAMAYEVA	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
MARTHA TUCKER	YES				
SUSAN WANDERMAN	NO				
ALEXA WEITZMAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
JOAN WESTON	NO				
BRENTLY WINSTEAD	YES				
EDWIN WONG	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
TITILAYO YASUKAWA	YES				
TOTALS:	26 YES, 5 NO	VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR	VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR	VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR EXCEPT NOTED ABSTENTIONS	VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR EXCEPT NOTED ABSTENTIONS