



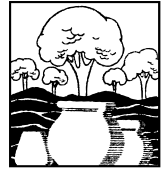
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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2022

PRESENT

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T. YASUKAWA

ABSENT

M. BERFAS

S. CHU

K. LY

R. NEKTALOV

S. ROLNICK

G. SANDOVAL

H. SCHONHAUT

R. TAMAYEV

I. TAMAYEVA

D. YAKUBOV

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO

L.SCHULMAN

A. ROSERO

M. CARLIER

S. MCCABE

I. SHARGAL

CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

OFFICE OF QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT RICHARDS

OFFICE OF NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI

OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO

MAYOR'S OFFICE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

COMMUNITY BOARD 6 MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2022

This meeting was held virtually via WebEx due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis welcomed the newly appointed Community Board Members and took a moment for all board members to introduce themselves.

The new members are: L.T. Ciaccio, Kandra Clark, Karen Imas, Sarina Jain, Beatrice Leong, Julie Milner, Howard Pollack, Diana Rachnaev, Petrina Schneiderman, Brently Winstead, Titilayo Yasukawa.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Matt Salton – FH Green Team

Food scrap drop off site has reopened at Commonpoint Queens (67-09 108th Street) on Sundays from 10am – 1pm. All participants will receive a small bag of compost from the Queens Botanical Gardens while supplies last.

The Green Team is continuing to partner with other local groups to help maintain MacDonald Park. The next event is tentatively scheduled for April 24th.

The Green Team does presentations for local schools and community groups about climate change. If anyone would like to schedule a presentation, please email fhgtinc@gmail.com

Thank you to Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis for testifying at the City Council Sanitation Committee regarding cuts to composting. We are happy to see that some of these funds have been restored in the Council's proposed budget.

On Saturday, June 4, 2022, the FHGT will be partnering with Parks to identify local tree pits that need to be mulched and maintained.

The FHGT meets virtually on the 3rd Monday of every month. The next meeting is Monday, April 18, 2022. If you are interested in attending, please email us at fhgtinc@gmail.com.

Pedro Rodriguez

Austin Street is currently not a pleasant place to be in. I am sure everyone knows what I'm talking about. Every time I'm walking on Austin Street it all feels claustrophobic. Everyone is crammed together on those small sidewalks. People with wheelchairs or mobility scooters can barely move around. Slower people end up causing pedestrian backups. And to make things worse, when the trash is put on the sidewalks, people have even less space to move around. Meanwhile, the street is clogged with traffic, the air is polluted, everyone's honking, the buses are stuck, trucks are double parked or blocking bus stops, and cars with loud pipes are speeding down the street, damaging everyone's eardrums. Additionally, we're getting more and more development in the area, which is great, as it means more housing and more people, but these people will go to Austin for work, shop, and play. The Austin/71st area is our Downtown, we can't continue to let it degrade like this.

Luckily, there is a solution that has been proven to work: Austin Street must be pedestrianized. We must expand the sidewalks and discourage personal driving on Austin as much as possible while prioritizing truck deliveries and buses. Austin should also get sealed, on-street containers for business trash and recycling. The Department of Sanitation is currently running a program to solve this, called

the Clean Curbs program, that we should apply for.

I know in the past some businesses have fought against the idea. This happens because business owners tend to heavily overestimate how many customers drive, while massively underestimating how many walk, bike, or take transit. Study after study has shown that pedestrianization leads to increase business activity as it increases foot traffic. At the end of the day, locals visit local stores, by foot or mobility scooters, more often than faraway drivers do.

Pedestrianizing Austin will be good for our health, our community, our businesses, and the city as a whole. It will turn Austin from a simple, congested business area to a destination for all of Queens and NYC at large.

I have included some of the many studies done on pedestrianization and businesses, as well as articles from before and after COVID:

<https://futureplaceleadership.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Tallinn-High-Street-Case-studies-Future-Place-Leadership.pdf>

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-05-11/the-business-case-for-car-free-streets>

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-11-26/what-car-free-streets-mean-for-family-friendly-culture>

MINUTES

The minutes of March 9, 2022 were approved as written.

COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN

Council Member Schulman welcomed the new members and gave the following updates:

- The City Council will be voting on 98-81 Queens Boulevard Rezoning on 4-14-22. She is happy that they met almost all conditions from the CB and Borough President.
- Thanked the Forest Hills Green Team for assisting with clean ups at MacDonald Park
- The City Council is pushing for composting in the budget
- She met with the SCA to discuss capacity in our schools. They agree that it is an issue.
- The state voted to allow for hybrid meetings in the future. However, the logistics are still being worked out with the city. While these details are being worked out, meetings for all boards can be virtual for the next 60 days.

Last, Council Member Schulman asked the Community Board to consider a street renaming for Greg Stein. It was requested by Former Council Member Danny Dromm. Mr. Stein was a Forest Hills resident and very active in the community. He was on the board of the AIDS Center of Queens County, active in LGBTQ and Pride Events throughout Queens, and active with Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, where he taught. This will be requested for the corner of Queens Boulevard and 77th Avenue.

There is also a street renaming in the works for Former CB 6 Chair Joseph Hennessy. This will be requested for the corner of 108th Street and 62nd Drive.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis announced that there will be an internal training for new CB Members on May 4, 2022. It is mandatory for new members, but all members are welcome to attend if they wish.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis also announced that it is time for the board members to choose which committees they wish to sit on. An email will be sent out this week asking members to choose their desired committees. Members will be required to sit on 2 committees and have the option to sit on a third. If you wish to Chair a committee, please indicate this as well. All members are eligible to become Chairs and Co-Chairs of Committees. We will also send out a form to the public asking them if they would like to serve as a Public Member on a committee. Public Members are only permitted to serve on 1 committee. If any members of the public are interested, please contact the office. These selections are due back by April 22, 2022.

The Executive Committee recently met to review the current list of committees and made some changes. The new committee list is:

AGING, SOCIAL SERVICES & DISABILITIES
BUDGET RECONCILIATION/DISTRICT NEEDS
COMMITTEE FOR THOSE WITHOUT SHELTER
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SMALL BUSINESS
EDUCATION & YOUTH
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/SANITATION
FINANCE
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
LAND USE & HOUSING
LAW & BYLAWS
LIBRARIES/CULTURAL AFFAIRS
PARKS & RECREATION/BEAUTIFICATION
PERSONNEL
PUBLIC RELATIONS, SOCIAL MEDIA
TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC TRANSIT/STREET SAFETY
VETERANS AFFAIRS & PUBLIC SERVICE

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis concluded her report by saying that 2 of the things that make her proud to be a member of this board is “our transparency and how we center the public’s concerns and comments in our work. We see ongoing criticism on social media of the Trylon / Tower diner project. We can fully see tonight that our Council Member is really working very hard to meet the needs and concerns of this community and bring in affordable housing. The recent criticism is unfortunately uninformed, and it is very unfortunate. We all recognize that land use decisions are complex. We know that ULURP can be very complex, but given how open that entire process was to the public, there should be very little confusion. As always whenever there is confusion to any member of the public or any member of this board, we ask you to reach out to our office and we will answer questions and provide clarification. You can call or email, but we are here to serve this community.”

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis announced that CB 6 will be sending a request to the MTA asking them to review all security cameras in subway stations across the city to make sure they are working for the safety of our residents.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio announced that there will be 2 trainings for new members; one at Borough Hall and one internally. Our training will be virtual.

Mr. Gulluscio reminded everyone that the Chair, DM and office staff are always available to answer questions. He reported that “in person” vs “virtual” meetings are still in question. We are waiting for further guidance. Virtual meetings could be extended to 2024.

District Manager Gulluscio thanked all the members for volunteering their time to improve our community. This board is very proactive.

PRESENTATION BY MAROUA RIGHI, CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD

Ms. Righi gave the following information about the CCRB:

- The largest independent oversight entity of the largest police force in the country.
- It investigates, mediates and administratively prosecutes complaints of police misconduct.
- The reason it is called the civilian complaint review board is because it is staffed entirely by civilians.
- CCRB isn't part of the NYPD, it is a separate agency to ensure an unbiased investigation.
- CCRB is governed by a 15-member board. Those board members are selected by the Mayor, City Council, Police Commissioner, and the Public Advocate's Office.
- CCRB uses the NYPD patrol guide as a resource when they conduct their investigations to determine if police misconduct has occurred.
- There are 4 types of police misconduct that they investigate: Force, Abuse of Authority, Discourtesy, and Offensive Language.
- The CCRB also investigates whether or not the Right to Know Act has been violated.
 - o Right to Know Act is a law passed in 2018 that outlines what officers should inform people of during interactions. Officers must:
 - Identify themselves by providing their name, rank, command and shield number.
 - Explain the purpose of the interaction.
 - Inform you of your right to say “no” when asking for your consent to search your person, property, vehicle, or home

- Offer a business card with the officer's information that explains how to comment or complain about an interaction with the NYPD. Civilians may request this business card in all interactions.
- Inform that everyone has the right to language access services

Ms. Righi explained that there are many ways to report police misconduct

- Call the hotline (800-341-2272) or 311
- Visit the office at 100 Church Street – 10th Floor, New York, NY 10007
- File a complaint online at www.nyc.gov/ccrbcomplaint
- DM on social media via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Mail a complaint to the office
- File a complaint at your local precinct

Who can file a complaint?

- Anyone can file a complaint, regardless of a person's immigration status; this is something a complainant or witness will never be asked about.
- A person can file complaints, regardless of whether they're incarcerated. They still can receive the same services, but the CCRB representative would meet them where they are.
- Youth can also file a complaint with the assistance of a parent or guardian.

When a complaint is received and confirmed to be within CCRB's jurisdiction, the following steps are taken:

- Interview the complainant
- Locate and interview witnesses
- Interview the officers involved (Police Officers must cooperate with the investigation and are required to give a sworn statement)
- Gather evidence (including video evidence, documents, and records)
- Present findings to a 3-member panel from the 15-member board
- This panel will review all evidence and make a final recommendation for disciplinary action or administrative prosecution
- The prosecutors are not civil or criminal. A person can also take civil or criminal action by consulting an attorney.

The Civilian Assistance Unit will speak to the complainant during the investigation and offer them mental health services, food assistance, health insurance options and other social services.

The Policy Department gathers data and develops data-driven solutions to policy challenges that impact the CCRB.

There is a database where you can find any existing member of service at the NYPD, whether they are currently active, retired, quit, or were fired. You can find all of their

information, their history past the year 2000, how many complaints they've had against them, what were the findings? What were the rulings? What was the disciplinary action that was taken?

As an outreach coordinator, Ms. Righi gives presentations to educational institutions, community organizations, organizations that provide services to the homeless, libraries, etc. If anyone would like to schedule one of these presentations, please contact jrose@ccrb.nyc.gov

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Elizabeth Newton – Co-Chair, reported that CB 6 received 2 new applications:

1. El Coyote Restaurant - 7009 Austin Street FH (Change in Ownership)
There is no change in the operation of the business. Only change in ownership from husband to wife.
2. UA Midway Stadium 9 - 108-22 Queens Boulevard, FH
Movie theater will serve beer and wine Friday through Sunday at the smaller concession counter located on the upper level. The servers will be licensed bartenders and security will be manning the area.

The Committee motion is to approve the new applications. This motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Community Board received the following renewal applications:

1. Rosalia Pizza – 103-15 Queens Boulevard, FH
2. Tu Casa Restaurant – 103-11 Queens Boulevard, FH
3. Painting with a Twist – 97-14 Metropolitan Avenue, FH
4. Avellino Restaurant – 97-01-97-03 64th Avenue, RP
5. The Dinerbar – 97-45 Queens Boulevard, RP
6. American Legion Continental Post 1424 – 107-15 Metropolitan Avenue, FH
7. Black Sea Fish and Grill – 95-36 Queens Boulevard, RP

There were no negative reports from the 112th Pct. The Committee motion is to approve the renewal. This motion passed on a roll call vote with 1 abstention for the American Legion Continental Post 1424.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Beadle, Co-Chair, reported that the committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. There was a meeting on 3-24-22 and the following was discussed:

- Ride Circuit (all-electric, hyper local, uber-type project that is inexpensive or free depending on funding source. Visit <https://www.ridecircuit.com/> for more information)
- PS 220 and Halsey JHS – Working to address some safety issues with DOT

- Austin Street & Yellowstone Boulevard intersection traffic issues
- Change in the light cycle at QB, 71 Avenue and Austin Street. DOT implemented a Barnes Dance for safety of pedestrians.
- Loading Zones
- Queens Bus Network Redesign
 - o This was originally presented to the CB a few years ago before COVID
 - o There is a new draft out and MTA is holding public meetings and taking input
 - o The meeting for our area is May 5, 2022
 - o Information can be found at <https://new.mta.info/project/queens-bus-network-redesign>
- Fitchett Street between 65th Road and 65th Drive – DOT approved a speed reducer
- 64th Road between 102nd Street and Yellowstone Boulevard – DOT approved a speed reducer

If anyone sees any issues please report them to 311 (via phone or app), and then call / email the office so we can follow up. The next meeting is Thursday, April 28, 2022

AGING / SOCIAL SERVICES / DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Co-Chair, Latrice Davis, reported that the committee met on 4-11-22 and discussed the following:

- o Planning another intergenerational event and an event for Pride Month in June
- o Planning a program related to Social Engagement for Seniors and People with Disabilities
- o Ageism Presentation and Senior Fraud Presentation will be planned for September
- o Continue working on a senior resource guide
- o Making hard copies of the senior survey and getting volunteers from the committee to distribute them to local senior centers and libraries.

The committee meets the 2nd Monday of every month, and the next meeting will be on 5-9-22

GOOD & WELFARE

CB 6 MEMBERS:

Heidi Chain announced that the 112th Precinct Community Council Meeting will be meeting on Wednesday April 20, 2022, at 7:30pm via Zoom. To attend or ask questions of the Deputy Inspector, please contact council112@yahoo.com. Heidi briefly explained what the Community Council is.

Jean Silva announced that Flushing Meadow Corona Park is hosting a variety of events for Earth Day. From 4-17-22 -4-24-22, there will be different events each day. For more information, please visit www.allianceformcp.org

Brendan Griffith announced that Local 32BJ, which represents residential service workers, is currently in negotiations for a new contract with the Real Estate Advisory Board; the current contract expires on April 20th. If you live in a building that has these workers, you may have received notice about a strike. He encourages residents to speak to their management companies and ask them to encourage the Real Estate Advisory Board to negotiate a contract that reflects the work and sacrifice of these workers.

Latrice Davis encouraged the new members to commit to public service during their time on this board.

Pat Morgan briefly spoke to the new members, recalling the following quote from the late Joseph Hennessy (Former Chair of CB 6): “You’re not here to serve yourself; you’re here to serve the community. This was something that she keeps in mind while doing the work of the Community Board.

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ REPRESENTATIVES:

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Michael Carlier announced the following:

- Assemblyman Hevesi will be sending out a district wide mailer outlining what was secured in this year’s state budget.
 - o Led the effort to secure \$7 billion to expand childcare eligibility in New York.
 - o A family of four can now earn up to \$76,500 and have their childcare covered, where previously the same family could only earn up to \$53,000.
 - o This makes 400,000 more children eligible for childcare, and will save each family an average of \$23,000 per year. Anyone eligible for the subsidy can contact our office
 - o \$224 million to strengthen the gun violence prevention efforts of law enforcement
 - o \$41 million for flooding-repair assistance from Hurricane Ida
 - o \$53 million for children’s mental health programs
 - o \$20 million for the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Equity Fund
 - o Will increase public health resources, develop a K-12 AAPI curriculum, and fund AAPI organizations across New York
- Sunday 4/10, we partnered with Council Member Lynn Schulman and the 102nd Precinct & 112th Precinct Crime Prevention Unit to clear graffiti from the Austin St underpass underneath the Jackie Robinson Parkway

- This Saturday 4/9, we partnered with the Girl Scouts of America for a cleanup of Annadale Playground & PS 175
- On 3/27- we partnered with CB 6, Council Member Lynn Schulman, District Leader Mark Morrill, Forest Hills Asian Association, Color of Justice Forest Hills, Forest Hills Green Team, Women's Action Group of Forest Hills for a cleanup of MacDonald Park
- We'll be continuing our parks cleanup series over the season, where students can receive service credit for helping maintain our communities
- 4/23- Cleanup & composting event in Glendale
- With the recent uptick in COVID, we're staying stocked on masks, sanitizer, and at-home rapid tests. If anyone would like to arrange a pickup at no cost, they can contact us at (718) 263-5595 to schedule an appointment

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR.

Sean McCabe announced the following:

- The State Budget Passed with some changes to Bail Reform. They expanded the list of factors that a judge must consider when setting bail, such as previous violations of an order of protection, history of gun violence.
- Paper Shredding Event at Atlas Park on May 21, 2022, from 10am – 1pm.
- Veterans Information Fair on May 21st from 12 Noon – 2pm.
- For more information about these events visit Senator Addabbo on Facebook.

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS

Amparito Rosero announced that the New Board Member Training and Swearing In is on May 3, 2022, at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center at 6:00pm.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

Ido Shargal introduced himself as the new Queens Borough Representative. The CAU is the link between the Mayor and the Community Boards. He will work with the District Manager and the other City Agencies to make sure all of our concerns are addressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Nolan
Community Coordinator

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 4-13-22	ATTENDANCE	NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS	RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS
MICHAEL ARCATI	PRESENT	Y	Y, ABSTAIN FOR AMER. LEGION
ANISIA AYON	PRESENT	Y	Y
KAVISH BATRA	PRESENT	Y	Y
PETER BEADLE	PRESENT	Y	Y
MIRIAM BERFAS	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
HOWARD BIRNBAUM	PRESENT	Y	Y
HEIDI CHAIN	PRESENT	Y	Y
SHERIDAN CHU	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
L.T. CIACCO	PRESENT	Y	Y
KANDRA CLARK	PRESENT	Y	Y
ALEXANDER COHEN	PRESENT	Y	Y
LATRICE DAVIS	PRESENT	Y	Y
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	PRESENT	Y	Y
ALEJANDRA DIAZ-HOUSTON	PRESENT	Y	Y
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	PRESENT	Y	Y
KEITH ENGEL	PRESENT	Y	Y
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	PRESENT	Y	Y
KAREN IMAS	PRESENT	Y	Y
SARINA JAIN	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
MARK LASTER	PRESENT	Y	Y
BEATRICE LEONG	PRESENT	Y	Y
JONATHAN LI	PRESENT	Y	Y
KEVIN LY	ABSENT	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
JACK MEDINA	PRESENT	Y	Y
RENEE MEHRRRA	PRESENT	Y	Y
STEVEN METZ	PRESENT	Y	Y
JULIE MILNER	PRESENT	Y	Y
PAT MORGAN	PRESENT	Y	Y
RAFAEL NEKTALOV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
ELIZABETH NEWTON	PRESENT	Y	Y
TANIA PADGETT	PRESENT	Y	Y
HOWARD POLLACK	PRESENT	Y	Y
DIANA RACHNAEV	PRESENT	Y	Y
SHARI ROLNICK	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
GLADYS SANDOVAL	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
PETRINA SCHNEIDERMAN	PRESENT	Y	Y
DAVID SCHNEIER	PRESENT	Y	Y
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
JEAN SILVA	PRESENT	Y	Y
TERESA SIMMONS	PRESENT	Y	Y
ROBERT TAMAYEV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
IRINA TAMAYEVA	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
MARTHA TUCKER	PRESENT	Y	Y
SUSAN WANDERMAN	PRESENT	Y	Y
ALEXA WEITZMAN	PRESENT	Y	Y
JOAN WESTON	PRESENT	Y	Y
BRENTLY WINSTEAD	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE	NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
EDWIN WONG	PRESENT	Y	Y
DANIEL YAKUBOV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
TITILAYO YASUKAWA	PRESENT	Y	Y
TOTALS:	PRESENT - 40 ABSENT - 10	38 - YES	38 - YES 37 YES, 1 ABSTENTION - # 6