



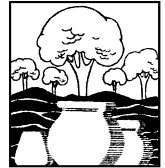
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## CB 6 MEETING MINUTES MAY 11, 2022

### PRESENT

H. BEERS-DIMITRIADIS, CHAIR

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I. TAMAYEVA

M. TUCKER

S. WANDERMAN

J. WESTON

B. WINSTEAD

E. WONG

T. YASUKAWA

### ABSENT

M. ARCATI

K. ENGEL

R. NEKTALOV

P. SCHNEIDERMAN

R. TAMAYEV

A. WEITZMAN

D. YAKUBOV

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO

L. SCHULMAN

J. GOLDES

A. ARECCHI

S. MCCABE

K. MCALEER

CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

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OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO

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## COMMUNITY BOARD 6 MINUTES

May 11, 2022

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

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis opened the meeting by recognizing that May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Jewish American Heritage Month. She continued by saying the following: We are very lucky to live in a community that is made richer by the contributions of those who share both of those ancestries and yet we must also recognize that our community has been anguished by the way that members of both Jewish and Asian and Asian Pacific Islanders have been relentlessly and cruelly targeted.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis took a moment to recognize the tragic loss of 2 people who impacted our community in different ways, Orsolya Gaal, and Zhiwen Yan. Our thoughts are with their families and friends. She then asked for a moment of silence to reflect on their lives and contributions.

### PUBLIC FORUM

All requests for public comment must be submitted via email to [QN06@CB.NYC.GOV](mailto: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.

#### ***Nicholas Elizabeth Faby***

*I'm attending this meeting to talk about the issue of sidewalk safety. Specifically, the issue of how to pay for sidewalk repairs. I've reviewed the city code and there's a provision for the following: when the owner of a business or multi-unit residential property has been given sufficient notice to repair sidewalks and has not done so, the city can hire someone to make the repair and post a lien on the property to cover the costs. I repeatedly report things to 311, including things that can cause me, as a disabled person, to fall and could potentially seriously injure me. I've never actually seen anything I've reported be repaired (even though several things have gone beyond the 75-day period). Once it's been past the 75 days the owner is given to repair it, I'd want the city to repair it themselves or hire someone to make the repairs and place a lien on the property. I understand that it would be too cost intensive for the city to pay for all the sidewalks to be repaired but there needs to be something done. There are so many disabled residents in this area, that it is a major hazard for us and the seniors. I have also been caring for a foster dog with a broken leg and I have to be especially careful. Even when my nondisabled roommate was caring for her, he was worried about tripping and breaking the puppy's leg again because of how dangerous the sidewalks are here. I think we need to look into using this part of the city code to ensure that property owners are repairing the sidewalks and being held responsible for the repair rather than the sidewalks simply going unrepaired.*

#### ***Matt Salton – FH Green Team***

*Food Scrap drop off site at Commonpoint Queens (67-09 108<sup>th</sup> Street) on Sundays from 10am – 1pm. There is a lot interest in this program.*

*As of last night, we are participating in the Borough President's new Operation Urban Sustainability Initiative, which is composed of many different local civic groups in Queens. There will be a regular*

*monthly meeting to develop a sustainability plan for Queens to tackle different environmental challenges.*

*We will also be doing a presentation at the MELS High School this Friday to discuss what students can do about climate change.*

*We've done a few of these different educational opportunities to get more young people involved in tackling environmental challenges. If anyone is affiliated with any schools, where you would like someone from our group to come to a presentation, please reach out and let us know.*

*Save the date for Saturday, June 4th, we partnered with parks to have a truck by the Yellowstone Long Island railroad underpass and we'll be identifying trees that need mulching and asking volunteers care for these trees. That will be from 12 to 2 and we already have 12 volunteers signed up.*

*We continue to advocate and to ensure that there are no cuts to composting in the city budget. We want to thank Council Member Schulman for her advocacy on this front. Both the city council and the Mayor have restored the proposed cuts in the budget. We are part of a group called Save Our Compost and this group continues to advocate to ensure that the cuts do not go through and that curbside composting could become mandatory in the future.*

*So, if you're interested in learning more about the Forest Hills Green Team, please email [fhginc@gmail.com](mailto:fhginc@gmail.com) Thank you very much.*

### ***Michele Doney***

*The proposed redesign of the Queens bus system completely eliminates the stop at 108<sup>th</sup> St and 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive. Currently, the Q23 local bus and the QM10, QM11, and QM40 express buses all stop there. I believe eliminating that stop is both unjust and premature.*

*Here's why eliminating that stop is unjust. At that location, there is senior housing on one side of the street and a middle school on the other side. As I understand it, that middle school serves students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, of which only the 6<sup>th</sup> graders ride the school bus. Eliminating that stop on the Q23 will force children and the elderly to walk farther to catch the bus in a neighborhood that is not entirely safe. Under the proposed plan, the QM10 and QM40 express bus routes will be eliminated completely. The QM12 and QM42 buses will be re-routed to partially compensate for the loss. However, even though they will both pass right by 108<sup>th</sup> St and 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive on their new routes, they will not stop there, and neither will the QM11. This is unjust because the neighborhood to the east of 108<sup>th</sup> Street, bounded by Horace Harding to the North and the Grand Central Parkway to the east, has already lost bus stops in past service cuts. The stop at 108<sup>th</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive is only our closest stop now because closer stops for both express and local buses have already been taken away. To take this stop away from us too is completely unjust. The closest stops left in either direction under the new plan are both half a mile away from the building where I live, which is home to more than 400 families. That's quite a hike when the weather's not good, or for anyone with limited mobility, or for women like me walking alone at night on their way home from work in a neighborhood that's, again, not entirely safe.*

*The decision to eliminate the express bus stop at that location is also premature. The MTA's reasoning for eliminating express bus service at that stop is low ridership. However, their ridership sample was taken prior to 2019. That ridership sample is completely obsolete. There are currently three large high-rise apartment buildings under construction within one block to the east of that stop. By the time the new plan is implemented, there will be several thousand additional residents of that block, and express bus ridership at that stop is likely to increase. The MTA should preserve that stop at least until all of these buildings are finished and fully occupied and an updated ridership sample can be taken. Since all three express routes and the Q23 will still pass by that location, it should be very simple to retain that stop for at least a few more years until those*

*buildings are occupied and a new ridership sample can be taken. Please help us save our bus stop. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak.*

### ***Stella Xu***

*On April 16, this community experienced the tragic loss of Orsolya Gaal, a mother of two who was found murdered. Thanks to the members of the NYPD, her alleged killer was arrested four days later on April 20. Orsolya was a friend to many in Forest Hills, including myself, and we are grateful that a dangerous criminal is off the streets.*

*On April 30, just two weeks later, this community experienced yet another tragic loss. Zhiwen Yan was brutally murdered while making deliveries for his employer, The Great Wall.*

*The difference in attention these two cases received from the media speaks volumes as to how poor, immigrant, people of color, and laborers are treated and considered by the newspapers and news stations. While there was widespread media attention on Ms. Gaal's murder, the stories on Mr. Yan continues to be few and far in between.*

*In January of this year, 75 year old Younghee Choe was pushed on Queens Boulevard by Trehvahn Brown. Coupled with the national rise in anti-Asian hate crimes, Mr. Yan's cold-blooded murder has forced the AAPI members of this community on edge again. Since the start of the pandemic, there has been a 361% increase in anti-Asian hate crimes in New York City.*

*It has been reported that the dispute between the perpetrator and The Great Wall happened over duck sauce. It's hard to imagine that the feud would have occurred with equal fervor over say, ketchup with another restaurant. Yet the AAPI community continuously finds ourselves in positions of being the perpetual foreigner, as disposable, as easy targets, as someone to be stepped on. In a recent post on social media about the murder, a community member felt it necessary to remark on the cleanliness of The Great Wall mere days after the restaurant experienced the loss of a human life. Once again, it's hard to imagine that happening at another restaurant. Often it is not racial slurs that indicate bias, but just how lowly the AAPI community can be treated.*

*I think it is vital that we openly discuss these social issues surrounding Mr. Yan's murder and recognize the many obstacles that exist for the AAPI community.*

*This case touched me personally. As an immigrant to this country, my father delivered Chinese food for a while. I know firsthand how much hard work goes into these jobs while being subjected to not just verbal harassment, but physical dangers as well. There are those in our society who lack the social capital or the language skills to be able to advocate for themselves, and those issues are amplified in the AAPI community because we are so frequently marginalized. These workers deserve to be seen and heard.*

*We hope the 112th precinct has the resources it needs to continue their investigation of this horrendous crime.*

*I would like to also thank Councilmember Lynn Schulman and Congresswoman Grace Meng for their continued advocacy on the family's behalf.*

### ***Jess Zhao***

*Zhiwen Yan was murdered on April 30th. It has been 11 days since he was shot dead in an unprovoked attack. Why has the suspect not be named yet if there is a violent history of his targeting Great Wall employees, an abundance of footage from multiple surveillance cameras that captured his murdering Mr. Yan in cold blood in the middle of the street (including a video shared by CBS News), his car matching the description of the car that the suspect drove fleeing the crime scene, and the 112<sup>th</sup> precinct has already been provided with a photo of the suspect after he slashed the employees' car tires and threatened them with a gun in January?*

*The NYPD has previously released the names of murder suspects despite an active investigation, which continues even after the suspect is arrested, so there should not be a disparity in expectations for burden of proof to at least identify a suspect, who we know lives in the neighborhood and is armed with a gun. Per the news reports, the suspect was also previously convicted of armed robbery, so how is he still able to possess a firearm? Was it obtained illegally? How much of the obfuscation is due to the District Attorney's office?*

*The Asian community and our fellow Forest Hills neighbors are appalled at the lack of progress and transparency surrounding this homicide case. Actions speak louder than words, and the actions taken to seek justice for Mr. Yan and his family, who are all innocent victims, do not measure up to how the horrific murder of Ms. Gaal was handled, which was swiftly and with a sense of urgency shared publicly. In comparison, the suspect in her homicide case was identified and apprehended within a few days.*

**Kevin Ly**

*I am submitting a public comment (speaking tonight as a Forest Hills resident, not a community board member) on the murder-tragedy of Zhiwen Yan. I am concerned regarding the lack of communication and accountability in the last 11 days, and the primary concern is that while a suspect has been identified, nobody has been arrested. I am even more concerned that in identifying the suspect, we learned there was a previous incident involving a gun, tires being slashed, and threats were made. This should have been documented as early warning signs of bias, harassment, gun violence and anti-Asian hate but it was not.*

*Chinese fast-food workers are often underpaid without any social safety net. Immigrant and first-generation businesses are rooted in a history of working for laundromats, dry cleaners, kitchens, and convenience stores. We need more preventative measures for all of these businesses in Forest Hills & Rego Park.*

*My condolences are to Mr. Yan's wife and his three children that he leaves behind. The family deserves justice. The community deserves more transparency and a community that prioritizes public safety, crime concerns, and justice.*

***The following comment was read by Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis on behalf of Betty Chen:***

*“I would like all concerts/events at the West Side Tennis Stadium to continue to end at 10 pm due to the noise and traffic when patrons leave. If they end at 11pm, it will be even worse for those living by the stadium. As for danger to Chinese restaurant owners and workers, any assistance would be greatly appreciated. I don't know what else to say other than having the police take complaints/threats seriously — as if they were being made by Non-Chinese people”*

***The following comment was read by Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis on behalf of Christine Chong-Lin:***

*“I am extremely concerned that there has not been any update on Mr. Zhiwen Yan's case . We need closure for the family and also a sense of safety and security for the Great Wall Restaurant staff as well as our neighborhood.”*

***The following comment was read by Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis on behalf of Elizabeth Gomez:***

*I am frustrated about the lack of police response to the murder of Yan Zhiwen. I want the murderer caught. It's been almost two weeks and the police aren't doing anything about it. The Great Wall restaurant made complaints several times and no arrests were made. Why haven't they caught the suspect yet?*

***The following comment was read by Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis on behalf of the following individuals: Fulton Hou, John Bahia, Janet Mark***

*I am a long time Queens resident. In light of what's been going on to Asian and Asian Pacific Americans across the country, and especially here in New York City to our elderly and 1st generation immigrants. I felt it was important to speak up about Mr. Yan and his senseless murder. As of today, it has been 11 days of uncertainty as to what steps the precinct is taking on this case after hearing about the lack of action regarding a previous customer, who has threatened workers at the Great Wall restaurant with a gun even after the restaurant called numerous times. We are demanding accountability and transparency. To add on, it was police sources that said the vehicle fleeing the scene of the fatal shooting matches that of the customer's car. So, rather than trying to educate businesses on what they can do to protect themselves, we need answers as to how the precinct let someone with a gun go on about their business threatening the community like this. Thank you.*

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of April 13, 2022, were approved with one correction:

Under the New Liquor Licenses # 2, UA Midway Stadium 9 - 108-22 Queens Boulevard, FH  
It will be corrected to say the following:

*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.*

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis announced that she and District Manager Frank Gulluscio had the following meetings:

- Site visit at PS220 with the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct, DOT and Council Member Schulman's Office to discuss traffic issues there.
- Met with Ido Shargal from the Mayor's Office to discuss tractor trailers that park on the Grand Central Parkway Service Road and behind Forest Hills High School.
- Met with the producers at the Forest Hills Stadium to discuss the upcoming concert season. They discussed changes that have been made to improve sound absorption and how post-concert trash is mitigated in the community. They also give back to the community by sponsoring the holiday lights in the neighborhood. Chair Beers-Dimitriadis pointed out that the Community Board and District Manager have been working with the stadium since day one in this community and have a longstanding and positive relationship.

Community Board 6 will be co-sponsoring a By-Stander Training program with the FH Green Team. This will be facilitated by the NYC Commission on Human Rights. The training helps provide attendees with the tools and strategies to safely respond when they witness bias incidents and discrimination. It will be on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign up details will be forthcoming, and we will send them out as soon as we have them.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

District Manager Frank Gulluscio announced that the Memorial Day Parade is coming back to Metropolitan Avenue on Sunday May 29, 2022. There are some Board Members that will be marching in the parade and if anyone is interested in marching – all are welcome. Mr. Gulluscio also announced that there is a Parade Kick-Off Party on May 13, 2022, at 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall (107-15 Metropolitan Avenue). All residents are welcome to attend at no cost.

Mr. Gulluscio also announced the following:

- There was a Puppet Show at Painters Playground with more to come
- He is in the middle of Budget Consultation meetings with other Community Board District Managers
- He attended a meeting with the State Veterans Association and the DSNY regarding a New Waste Management Plan
- Queens Borough President Donovan Richards will give his State of the Borough on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

District Manager Gulluscio reminded everyone that the staff is here to help if anyone has any issues or concerns.

## **PRESENTATION BY DEPUTY INSPECTOR JOSEPH CAPPELMANN COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 112<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT**

Deputy Inspector Cappelmann reported that the city, as a whole, is struggling with crime. The city is up 41%. Every precinct in the city has experienced an increase in crime this year. Crime is up 50% overall in Queens North and the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct has experienced a 45% increase in crime. The 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct is up in all 7 major index crime categories. Over the last 4 weeks, crime has leveled off in many categories except for murder, grand larceny, and grand larceny auto. The grand larceny autos have mostly been Honda Vehicles (specifically late model Honda CRV's). These vehicles are being broken into and then a device is plugged into the OBD reader, and they reprogram the keys and then they just drive off. On 4-26-22, there were 6 stolen in 1 night. That's a really devastating number for the 112, because there aren't typically a lot of Grand Larceny Autos, and they were all along the Woodhaven Boulevard corridor at 60 Avenue / 60 Road. People should try to park off the street and if you can't, try to park in a well-lit area or consider alternative types of anti-theft devices like a club, tracking device, etc.

DI Cappelmann reported that they've also been struggling with robberies, year to date. These are mostly shoplifters that display a weapon when they are confronted. In addition, there were 2 bank robberies in our area.

Assaults and burglaries are down for the last 4 weeks but up for the year.

Grand Larcenies are up for the last 4 weeks as well as the year. The main contributor to this is identity theft.

DI Cappelmann reported that there has been mailbox fishing again. This is due to tax season and many checks going through the mail. If you have to mail a check, bring it to the post office to prevent this.

DI Cappelmann reported on the violence that has been occurring in our neighborhood since December 30, 2021. This is violence that we don't usually see in this community:

- December 30, 2021 – A person was shot during a robbery at 70<sup>th</sup> Road and Austin Street. They believe the victim was followed to the location.
- April 10, 2022 – Shooting at Low-Key Lounge (the individual responsible was arrested.)
- April 16, 2022 – Murder of Orsolya Gaal (this was the first murder in the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct since 2016 and the individual responsible has been arrested.)
- April 30, 2022 – Murder of Zhiwen Yan

The murder of Mr. Yan is still under investigation. Every available resource is being used to investigate this crime. The detective squad and the homicide squad are working together with all available detectives to solve this case. DI Cappelmann said he understands that the community is frustrated with the lack of information being shared but he stressed that a Public Forum isn't the place to discuss active murder investigations. Any information leaked can compromise the case. However, he is confident that the case will be solved.

There were questions from the Board Members including the following:

- Questions about the Zhiwen Yan murder including: Why haven't any suspects names been released? Was there a previous order of protection in place? Were there previous harassment complaints at the Great Wall? Was there a gun present in previous incidents?
  - o DI Cappelmann: The NYPD doesn't release information about cases while an investigation is ongoing
- Are catalytic converter thefts an issue in our Community Board?
  - o DI Cappelmann: It is a problem citywide. There is a catalytic converter vin etching program. You can reach out to Crime Prevention office at 718-520-9319
- Are there neighborhood beat officers that walk around the neighborhoods and speak to people and get to know people in the area?
  - o DI Cappelmann: There is a Neighborhood Policing Program, Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs), Community Affairs Officers. There are Build The Block Meetings and Pop Up with a Cop Events.
- Does the Precinct have enough personnel to address the increase in crime in the community recently?
  - o DI Cappelmann: You can always use more officers but the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct does have significant resources to provide coverage.



- What is being done to address substance abuse / mental health issues that lead to an increase in crime?
  - o DI Cappellmann: They work with Breaking Ground to help with homelessness and there was a response team in the past made up of Mental Health Professionals and Police Officers to address these issues. More should be done in this area.
- What is being done to address the increase in homelessness around the train stations?
  - o DI Cappellmann: They work closely with Transit District 20 and post officers at the stations as well. They also offer those in need of assistance services. This isn't an enforceable offense, but he is open to working with groups to address these issues.
- What can the Precinct do to end gun violence and hate crimes?
  - o DI Cappellmann: These issues transcend boundaries throughout the city. The Mayor has an initiative to end gun violence. Education is important to address hate crimes.
- Can an effort be made to provide some type of information to the community to address their fears?
  - o DI Cappellmann: Homicide investigations are never discussed in a public forum.
- There was a pilot program called B-HEARD to dispatch social workers to address mental health issues. Can this program be brought to this community?
  - o DI Cappellmann: He is not familiar with this particular program but if the Pilot Program was successful, it will be expanded to other precincts

## **COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN**

Council Member Schulman gave the following updates:

- Working on increasing funding for sanitation, including composting. There is a pilot program in Manhattan that she is trying to get in Queens
- Working on the budget and trying to get more mental health resources here
- Part of the Budget Negotiating Team for the NYC Council
- Death of Zhiwen Yan
  - o Spoke about him at the State Council Meeting
  - o Working with Grace Meng and the Mayor's Office regarding the following:
    - Funeral Arrangements, Family Visa Issues, Legal Support, Mental Health Services, Insurance Assistance, Paul Weiss (Pro Bono Attorney for the family), Visited Great Wall Restaurant to speak with the owners, Spoke with other businesses.
- B-HEARD: The Council is pushing to put more money in the budget for this program. It will be expanded based on need, but she will see if it can be in our Community.

## **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Elizabeth Newton – Co-Chair, reported that CB 6 received 1 new application:

- GULA, 70-17B Austin Street, FH

*This is a full-service Southern comfort restaurant. Both owners/officers have worked in food service establishments, and this is their very first restaurant. They have been in operation for almost a year now. They close at 12 midnight and will have background music only. They look forward to staying and serving neighbors for a long time. Gula did come before the Community Board in 2021 and the CB Approved their application but due to an error in paperwork, the application was never filed.*

The Community Board also received the following renewal applications:

1. TAMASHI RED INC. 71-34 Austin Street, FH
2. SHAKE SHACK NEW YORK, LLC 71-26/28 Austin Street, FH

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

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Peter Beadle, Co-Chair, reported that the committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. There was a meeting on 4-28-22 and the following was discussed:

- Street Co-Naming
  - o Joseph Hennessy – 108<sup>th</sup> Street and 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive
    - Member of CB 6 for over 40 years and past chair
    - Started the CERT Team
    - Worked to connect the CB and the Precinct Community Council
    - President of the FH Coop
  - o Greg Stein – Queens Blvd and 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue
    - Active in the LGBTQIA+ Community
    - CM Schulman spoke about this at our last CB
  - o The committee motion is to approve both street co-namings. The motion passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote.
- Access A Ride Subcommittee
  - o Trying to identify some concrete measures that the CB can support that may help to reform this system
  - o The first of these is that Access A Ride doesn't honor discounts like people would receive on the bus / subway (such as senior citizen or fair fares). The committee voted to draft a letter to Access A Ride and our local elected officials to express our support for users to receive these discounts.
- Queens Bus Redesign

- Co-Chair Beadle urged everyone to look at the plans and make sure your stops and routes aren't part of the planned changes.
  - Send your comments in to the MTA and to the Community Board
  - Committee will put together a submission on behalf of the board.
- 71 Avenue and Queens Boulevard – New Signal Timing (Barnes Dance)
    - Please pay attention to the signals.
    - There is one moment when all pedestrians can cross.
    - Will suggest to DOT that they should educate people or put up more signage.

The next meeting will be on May 26, 2022, and John O'Neill from DOT will be reporting on some issues in our community.

## **AGING / SOCIAL SERVICES / DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Anisia Ayon, new Co-Chair for this committee, reported that the committee met on 5-9-22 and discussed things that the committee has done including:

- Since April – 2018, The committee has organized 19 Committee Presentations, 2 in person and 17 virtual (including NORCs, Commonpoint,
- Prepared a survey that was distributed to seniors (68 responses were received)

Ms. Ayon also discussed some things the committee is working on now:

- Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:00pm – Presentation - Wellness through social engagement
- Next intergenerational discussion is scheduled for June. It is Pride Month and the discussion will highlight individuals that identify as LGBTQ
- Continue working on Senior Resource Guide
- Sending a letter to MTA regarding the challenges the new policy about rear doors presents for people with disabilities

The committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, and the next meeting will be on 6-13-22.

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

### **CB 6 MEMBERS:**

Heidi Chain announced that the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 7:30pm at the American Legion Post (107-15 Metropolitan Avenue). There will be representatives from the Forest Hills Stadium to answer questions. Questions or comments can also be submitted to [council112@yahoo.com](mailto:council112@yahoo.com)

Edwin Wong announced that the Forest Hills Asian Association is having an event on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the West Side Tennis Club. It will be a panel discussion on Mental Health.

Edwin Wong shared the following from the Great Wall Restaurant *“Thank you to the community for their support during this time. They're thankful for everyone who has visited since they reopened and continue to patronize the restaurant. We continue to mourn the passing of Zhiwen Yan and hope that the police can capture the murderer as soon as possible. They encourage everyone to contact the police with any information they may have”*

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS’ REPRESENTATIVES:**

### **ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI**

Alexa Arrechi welcomed the new members and announced the following:

- The next cleanup at MacDonald Park is tentatively scheduled for 5-21-22
- Bill passed the assembly to study the number of kids in foster care who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. This is a way to make sure that those kids who are in these situations are getting the adequate care that they need and deserve.
- The Assemblyman nominated the following groups to receive programmatic funding: Queens Community House, Commonpoint, FH Asian Association, ESL Program at PS 144, MET Council, FH Jewish Center.
- The office still has sanitizer, COVID home test kits, masks if anyone needs

### **CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG**

Jordan Goldes announced the following:

- Congress Member Meng has been working with other community leaders to assist Zhiwen Yan’s family and the Great Wall Restaurant.
- The Congress Member’s bill was passed by the house which would create a national museum dedicated to preserving the history culture and accomplishments of Asian Americans.
- Application period will be starting soon for the Non-Profit Security Grant Program. This is a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for Houses of Worship and Not-for-profits to better protect their facilities.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN**

Kevin McAleer announced the following:

- There will be movies in the park this summer. More details will follow soon
- Planning a composting event next month
- If anyone has concerns about the Queens Bus Redesign, please call the office at 718-544-8800
- Working with ACE to keep the area around Austin Street clean

- Working with the Dept of Homeless Services and the Mayors Office to get services for the people who are dealing with homelessness in the area
- Working with the FH Stadium to make sure they have as little impact on the community as possible while still providing their intended services
- Supporting the AAPI community.

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR.

Sean McCabe reported the following

- Paper Shredding Event – Saturday May 21, 2022, at Atlas Park from 10am – 1pm
- Veterans Information Fair – Saturday May 21, 2022, at Atlas Park from 12:00pm – 2:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christine Nolan*  
*Community Coordinator*

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 5-11-22	ATTENDANCE	NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS	RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS	STREET CO-NAMING JOSEPH HENNESSY & GREG STEIN
MICHAEL ARCATI	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
ANISIA AYON	PRESENT			Y
KAVISH BATRA	PRESENT			Y
PETER BEADLE	PRESENT			Y
MIRIAM BERFAS	PRESENT			Y
HOWARD BIRNBAUM	PRESENT			Y
HEIDI CHAIN	PRESENT			Y
SHERIDAN CHU	PRESENT			Y
L.T. CIACCIO	PRESENT			Y
KANDRA CLARK	PRESENT			Y
ALEXANDER COHEN	PRESENT			Y
LATRICE DAVIS	PRESENT			Y
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	PRESENT			Y
ALEJANDRA DIAZ-HOUSTON	PRESENT			Y
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	PRESENT			Y
KEITH ENGEL	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	PRESENT			Y
KAREN IMAS	PRESENT			Y
SARINA JAIN	PRESENT			Y
MARK LASTER	PRESENT			Y
BEATRICE LEONG	PRESENT			Y
JONATHAN LI	PRESENT			Y
KEVIN LY	PRESENT			Y
JACK MEDINA	PRESENT			Y
RENEE MEHRRA	PRESENT			Y
STEVEN METZ	PRESENT			Y
JULIE MILNER	PRESENT			Y
PAT MORGAN	PRESENT			Y
RAFAEL NEKTALOV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
ELIZABETH NEWTON	PRESENT			Y
TANIA PADGETT	PRESENT			Y
HOWARD POLLACK	PRESENT			Y
DIANA RACHNAEV	PRESENT			Y
SHARI ROLNICK	PRESENT			Y
GLADYS SANDOVAL	PRESENT			Y
PETRINA SCHNEIDERMAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
DAVID SCHNEIER	PRESENT			Y
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	PRESENT			Y
JEAN SILVA	PRESENT			Y
TERESA SIMMONS	PRESENT			Y
ROBERT TAMAYEV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
IRINA TAMAYEVA	PRESENT			Y
MARTHA TUCKER	PRESENT			Y
SUSAN WANDERMAN	PRESENT			Y
ALEXA WEITZMAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
JOAN WESTON	PRESENT			NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE
BRENTLY WINSTEAD	PRESENT			Y
EDWIN WONG	PRESENT			Y
DANIEL YAKUBOV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
TITILAYO YASUKAWA	PRESENT			Y
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>43 PRESENT 7 ABSENT</b>	<b>ALL IN FAVOR</b>	<b>ALL IN FAVOR</b>	<b>42, YES / 0, NO</b>