



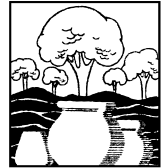
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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2023

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G. SANDOVAL

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S. CHU

J. MEDINA

I. TAMAYEVA

A. COHEN

H. POLLACK

S. WANDERMAN

A. DIAZ-HOUSTON

R. TAMAYEV

J. WESTON

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO

CB6 DISTRICT MANAGER

LYNN SCHULMAN

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

MERCEDES JENNINGS

OFFICE OF SENATOR MICHAEL GIANARIS

AMPARITO ROSERO

OFFICE OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS

MICHAEL CARLIER

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VIANNY ENCALADA

OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER CATALINA CRUZ

SEAN MCCABE

OFFICE OF SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR.

PERLA LOPEZ-LIBERATO

OFFICE OF SENATOR JESSICA RAMOS

JOSEPH OTOMANELLI

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

COMMUNITY BOARD 6 MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

This meeting was held in-person with a limited virtual option via WebEx for individuals with Extraordinary Circumstances. The following CB 6 Members joined the meeting via WebEx: Miriam Berfas, Kandra Clark, and Dr. Renee Mehrra.

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis opened the meeting with a quote from Arthur Ashe as this is Black History Month, “Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis 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.

Richard Habe

There is a situation on 70 Road and the Dead End. There is an emergency gate for the Metropolitan Avenue Schools that isn't supposed to be used but is being used by the school as an entry/ exit. Vehicles are speeding in and out while dropping off students, the stables are having issues with kids taunting horses, and two cats have been run over by careless drivers etc. The gate is left open all the time. People hang out in the evening. Police don't come that often. When the school was being planned, the residents were told that this gate was only supposed to be used for emergencies. Something must be done about it.

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis read the following comment:

Michael Dunne

*Good evening, Madame Chair, and members of the Board,
On behalf of fellow residents who regularly use the Q23 bus, especially those who are elderly, visually impaired, and/or mobility impaired, I ask that the concert promoters for Forest Hills Stadium, in conjunction with the MTA, improve their efforts to inform riders of route detours and bypassed stops due to street closures.
Signs at least 11 by 17 inches, or larger, and using more visible and legible fonts, should be posted at every bypassed Q23 bus stop to inform riders of the detour, and the nearest available pick-up location. These signs should be posted 24 hours ahead of each and every stadium event that results in Q23 detours due to street closures to facilitate pedestrian safety and flow.
Thank you very much for your consideration.*

MINUTES

The minutes from the January 11, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN

Council Member Schulman recognized Chair Beers-Dimitriadis for all her hard work in this community.

Council Member Schulman also announced the following:

- Met with District Manager Gulluscio and Chair Beers-Dimitriadis to discuss some things that will be going on in the community
- Kevin McAleer, from her staff, attends the community board meetings and reports back to her
- Introduced a Bill calling for a Citywide Diabetes Reduction Plan. This would call upon the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to come up with specific goals around diabetes.
- Sugar Bill will be announced soon. It will require franchises to list the sugar content on their drinks.
- CM Schulman will be planning a public health agenda covering the next 10 years
- Reproductive Package of bills passed last year
- Maternal Health Bills passed including providing doulas in marginalized communities
- Partnering with CB 6 on a Tax Exemption Webinar on February 21, 2023
- A street name change in memory of CB 6 Chair Joe Hennessy will be voted on next week and a ceremony will be planned in the Spring.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis reported that the Executive Committee will be discussing forming a Special Committee to address the Rockaway Beach Right of Way. The Community Board may not have a vote on what takes place there, but we want to provide our members and our community with information throughout the process.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis also congratulated the following board members on the birth of their first child: Alejandra Diaz-Houston, Alex Cohen, and Jonathan Li.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis also reminded board members that Community Board Applications are due by February 16, 2023. If you need to reapply, please do so. Also, if you know anyone that is interested in joining the Community Board, have them apply. She also reminded people that the Queens Borough General Assembly applications are open. These applications are due on February 17, 2023. Applications can be found at www.queensbp.org.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis spoke briefly about Cannabis and smoke shops in our community. We are working with the Office of Cannabis Management to have them speak at an upcoming community board meeting to answer questions. She stressed to the board that we don't have any licensed conditional adult-use retail dispensaries in our community. When one comes into our neighborhood, the Community Board will be notified. Any shop that is legally dispensing

should be reported to 311 and the CB 6 Office. The sheriff's office is enforcing this. You can visit the Office of Cannabis Management Website www.cannabis.ny.gov to learn more.

Last, Chair Beers-Dimitriadis reminded everyone to connect with the Community Board on social media and amplify things that you feel are appropriate.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Gulluscio also announced the following:

- The office is getting a lot of calls about Cannabis. He is putting together a list of illegal smoke shops in our community.
- In addition to the street name change for Joe Hennessy, there will also be a street name change in memory of Dr. Karl Neumann.
- DM Gulluscio testified at the Borough President's Budget Hearings and stressed the needs for infrastructure in our community.
- He has been working on Queensway and Queenslink for the past 20 years. If anyone has any questions, call him at the office.
- Attended the Mayor's State of the City and they are making a lot of budget cuts.
- The Borough President's Office is going to update the Community Board Member Handbook.
- Assembly lines are being redistricted. There is a hearing on 2-16-23 at York College.
- There was a meeting regarding the Audit. DM Gulluscio was disappointed because the Comptroller's Office wasn't aware that the CB 6 office doesn't handle purchasing, payroll, and personnel. It is handled through the Borough President's Office.

District Manager Gulluscio asked the board for a moment of silence in memory of Greg Carlson, past CB 6 Member.

PRESENTATION BY JOSEPH OTTOMANELLI – DSNY

Joseph Ottomanelli spoke about the upcoming change in trash set out times that will take effect April 1, 2023. The goal is to reduce the amount of time the trash is on the sidewalk and hopefully reduce the number of rats that the trash is attracting.

For residential properties:

- If you place waste in a secure container, you may do so after 6pm
- If you are putting bags directly on the curb, you can place trash out after 8pm
- All trash should be set out by midnight.
- This includes trash, recycling, and curbside compost

Businesses may choose from one of the following options:

- Place waste out after 8pm if putting bags directly on the curb or
- Place waste out one hour before closing in a secure container. Bundled cardboard may go next to the container.

- This doesn't apply to businesses that have their trash removed from a loading dock.
- All containers should be removed from the curb when the businesses reopen.

If a building has nine or more residential units:

- The property owner may opt in to a 4–7am set-out window
- The application period for this will run for the month of January each year.

DSNY has been trying to get the word out by:

- Sending mailers to residents, businesses and building managers
- Visiting Community Boards
- Contacting buildings with 9 or more units to inform them about the opt in program
- Media / Social Media campaigns

There was discussion which included the following:

- Hardship for buildings that don't have staff in the evenings or early in the morning
- Difficulties for seniors to put out their trash at night
- Many businesses close before 8pm
- Application period for buildings should be extended since many didn't know about it

Mr. Ottomanelli expressed that this is a new program, and they are still working through some issues.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. UTHAI, 63-55 Wetherole Street, RP
This is a Thai restaurant. The principal, Arisa Srivila Sutunya, has experience in the Thai restaurant business, including the subject premises. This is a family restaurant.
2. UA Midway Stadium 9, 108-22 Queens Boulevard, FH
This location came before CB6 in April of 2022, and it was approved. They had a delay in their SLA application, so they had to reapply.

CB 6 received the following renewal applications:

1. Salute Kosher Restaurant, 63-61 108 Street, FH
2. Mike's Pizza, 71-75 Yellowstone Boulevard, FH
3. West Side Tennis Club, One Tennis Place, FH (2 licenses at this location)

There were no issues / complaints from the 112th Precinct.

The committee motion was to approve the new and renewal applications. This motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Community Board received 8 Street Activity Permit Applications:

1. QUEENS BOULEVARD FOREST HILLS FAIR

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 10:00AM - 6:00PM
QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. & 70th ROAD
SPONSOR: 112TH PCT. COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2. 112th EXPLORERS SPRING BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 10:00AM – 6:00PM
QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. & 70th ROAD
SPONSOR: 112 PCT. EXPLORERS

3. 63rd Drive SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 10:00AM – 6:00PM
63RD DRIVE BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET
SPONSOR: FOREST HILLS VISITING NEIGHBORS

4. FOREST HILLS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 10:00AM – 6:00PM
AUSTIN STREET BETWEEN 69TH ROAD & 72ND ROAD
SPONSOR: FOREST HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

5. 112TH EXPLOERS SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 10:00AM - 6:00PM
QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. & 70th ROAD
SPONSOR: 112TH PRECINCT EXPLORERS

6. 63RD DRIVE FAIR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 10:00AM – 6:00PM
63rd DRIVE BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET
SPONSOR: FOREST HILLS/REGO PARK LIONS CLUB

7. FOREST HILLS FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 10:00AM – 6:00PM
AUSTIN STREET BETWEEN 69TH ROAD & 72ND ROAD
SPONSOR: FOREST HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

8. QUEENS BOULEVARD FOREST HILLS FAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 10:00AM - 6:00PM
QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. & 70th ROAD
SPONSOR: 112th PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The committee motion was to approve these applications. The motion passed on a voice vote. There were 3 abstentions for #1 and #8 and 1 abstention for #6. All other members present voted in favor of all 8 applications.

COMMITTEE FOR THOSE WITHOUT SHELTER REPORT

Latrice Davis, Chair, reported that the committee met on January 12, 2023.

The guest speaker was Alejandra Magana, Program Director for Breaking Ground.

- She shared many insights, including neighborhood observations in relation to the organization’s mission. (MacDonald Park is a hot spot for transient activity; until

recently, the same thing could be said about the L.I.E. overpass on Queens Boulevard.) The main services they provide are a safe haven/stabilization site for single adults (no families or minors) who are “vulnerable,” along with medical treatment and permanent housing.

- Breaking Ground subcontracts with the city in terms of street outreach (the Bowery Residents’ Committee deals with people on the subways), and their agency partners include the departments of homeless services, probation, sanitation, and parks.
- The organization has housing facilities in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx, but is eager to make inroads in Queens. They recently set up shop on Atlantic Avenue and 102nd Street, but since homeless people tend to be “reluctant to leave familiar surroundings,” it would be better to meet them where they are.
- According to Magaña, the “dominant” adjective used to describe this community is homeless, but the language is “fluid.” She stated that having a drop-in center that offers access to bathrooms is a small step toward helping people get off the streets. She said that she encounters undocumented immigrants in the field, but is limited in her
- ability to help them due to their citizenship status.

The next meeting is tentatively set for March 20, 2023, and she hopes to address food insecurity.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE REPORT

Renee Mehrra, Chair, reported that the committee met on January 24, 2023, and discussed the following:

- Resource guide for the community
- Holiday postings on Facebook
- Working on a Press Release Training Presentation for Committee Chairs
- Brainstorming webinar ideas for the Aging, Social Services and Disabilities Committee:
 - o Grandparents getting paid to babysit their grandchildren
 - o Dating after 65
 - o Local grocery stores with the best deals for seniors
 - o Op-Eds on community pain points, such as Access-A-Ride, park activities for seniors and people with disabilities, etc.

HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Diana Rachnaev, Co-Chair, reported that the committee met on January 25, 2023.

The guest speakers were Lorraine Chambers-Lewis, Stancy Saji and Dr. Michael Calandrella from LIJ Forest Hills, Northwell and they spoke about the following:

- Lots of advances in healthcare. General health and prevention at large. Baby and Age Friendly. Demographics of this area does have many seniors.
- Robotic surgery for gynecology – this includes endometriosis. Neonatal Unit there as well.

- Partnership with Queens Medical Associates (cancer and surgical oncology services). Palliative care for cancer patients (Northwell has 2 Doctors) – which is very advanced to make them comfortable and is an extremely valuable service. This is not the equivalent of hospice. Northwell does have 7 hospice beds. They are working on having accreditation for their palliative care and is a goal to have within the next year or two. Dr. Isabella Park can do a future presentation on palliative care for the community at large. We can follow up. Can CB 6 write letters of support/community need for their accreditation of the palliative care program?
- Funding from Congresswoman Grace Meng to grow orthopedics services. There is a need for urology in the community and they just got 2 new urologists.
- Electrophysiology – pacemakers are here locally in Queens. This is unique. And is now less invasive for patients.
- Endoscopic surgeries are also more advanced.

Some questions from the committee included:

What type of mental health support is provided at Northwell?

Zucker Hillside Hospital that offers inpatient and outpatient services. Adult crisis clinic. Telehealth options as well. Northwell has 2 specialization hospitals focused on behavioral health. They have 680+ inpatient psychiatric beds. They have over 50 programs to help people with after-care.

<https://www.northwell.edu/behavioral-health>

What are effects of early childhood trauma. Does Northwell have specialties on this?

They don't have specialist trainings. They get them to the right person outside. Cohens children pediatric center where they have psychiatry.

What types of services are provided to survivors of domestic violence? Is a Counselor available for example.

DV is a public health issue! Section Z 2805 that all hospitals have a policy, and the patient knows about the resources. Partnered with the crime victim treatment center that gave them additional resources and there is a Violence Advocate that assists with follow-up, etc.

What type of trauma-responsive and cultural diversity training is provided to staff? Is this all staff? All shifts?

Culture of Care – there are best practices done in healthcare and all are required to go through training. Tools to understand how different cultures perceive pain. Training on unconscious bias. Language interrupters over video with healthcare provider there. Includes sign language and devices for folks who experience hearing challenges as well. They hire lots of folks from the community. They have a Newsletter and on page 2 is a QR code that translates the newsletter into other languages.

<https://www.onwardpublishing.com/nh/CN-FORESTHILLS-V2-2022/> is the link to the newsletter.

Do you see people struggling with mental health and/or substance use disorders often? More so on third shift??

20% across nation (50 million people have some sort of mental health challenge). They see it more as there is less stigma. Patients all over hospital are struggling versus being able to put them on one floor.

What was the demographic make-up of people you served in 2022? Saw 6,000 more visits than in 2021. 60% female and 40% male in inpatient services. The highest age groups are 65-79 that they see. Spanish is second largest language they see. Catchment area: is broadening further South.

For gynecology services, will you see women without insurance? And how often to people walk in who are uninsured?

Yes. The ER does not care about insurance. Over 50% come in with Medicaid and over 10% are self-paying. Their team works with folks to make sure they have care. They have a referrals coordinator that helps them schedule the visit.

What is the average wait time in the ER?

Probably around 35-40 minutes. Go on their website and there is a real time ticker for that emergency department.

What nontraditional therapies are offered and/or encouraged? Meditation for example.

Dr. Chris is trained in Osteopathy – manipulative techniques to relax muscles and provide a holistic approach. We understand that there are different approaches to medicine. More of awareness and referrals/partnerships that they can receive after they leave the hospital. Every person is different, and some folks respond to osteopathy and others did not.

What types of violence do you most see in the ER?

More violence surrounding alcohol/substance use and more victims of domestic violence. This can help us focus more on helping this violence.

The committee will be working on a community Narcan Training and a public meeting around Palliative Care.

AGING, SOCIAL SERVICES, DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Anisia Ayon, Co-Chair, reported that the Committee co-sponsored an Intergenerational Event on Resilience. It was very well received, and they will be planning another one in March to discuss immigration and one in June to celebrate Pride Month.

In addition, the Community Board is co-sponsoring a Webinar, with Council Member Schulman and Community Board 9, from the NYC Department of Finance, regarding Homeowners Benefits Programs and Understanding your Notice of Property Value. It will be on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:30pm. There will be a guest speaker from the Home Sharing Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION / SANITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Petrina Schneiderman, Chair, reported that the committee met on February 2, 2023, and discussed the following:

- Composting
 - How to get more buildings to participate in the composting program
- Street Littering
 - Discussed PSAs in the community that would deter littering
 - Education on appropriate trash removal

The next meeting is scheduled for March, and they are hoping for DEP to be the guest speaker.

GOOD & WELFARE

CB 6 MEMBERS:

Heidi Chain announced that the 112th Precinct Council Meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2023, via Zoom. If anyone would like to attend, they can email council112@yahoo.com to receive the link. Also, if anyone has questions for the Deputy Inspector, they can be emailed to the above address.

Ms. Chain also announced that the Community Council is having a Health and Safety Fair on April 30th. If anyone wants to participate, please contact her.

Jean Silva announced that Congresswoman Grace Meng was able to secure more than \$530,000 for a survey to study Flushing Meadows Corona Park to mitigate flooding.

Ms. Silva also announced that she will continue to fight against the casino on parkland at FMCP.

Mark Laster announced the following:

- On Wednesday February 15, 2023, at 6pm, the Queens Borough President's Civic Engagement Committee will be hearing about Cannabis
- He warned people to be careful of scams. If someone calls you from a company you use, hang up and call them back from a number you look up. Don't give them any personal information.

Peter Beadle announced that Transportation Alternatives and Open Plans is hosting an Event at Cobblestones Pub on Friday February 10, 2023, at 6pm to discuss Community Boards. CB Members will be there to offer insights to those interested in joining a Community Board.

Michael Arcati announced the following:

- American Legion Post 1424 is hosting a Karaoke Event on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 7pm.
- Memorial Day Parade is Sunday May 28, 2023.
 - o If anyone is interested in helping with the planning of the parade, there will be a parade committee meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Legion Hall.
 - o There will also be a community celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the West Side Tennis Club on this day.

Edwin Wong announced the following:

- The Lunar New Year Celebration has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 1pm. It will kick off at the Great Wall restaurant and then proceed down Queens Boulevard and conclude at Austin Street and 70 Road.
- The FH Asian Association is holding their Annual State of Forest Hills Civics on February 21, 2023, at 7:00pm at the West Side Tennis Club
- LIJ Forest Hills will be collecting Valentine's Day Cards for their Hospital Staff

Pat Morgan announced that she is willing to take board members on an Access-A-Ride trip to show them how Access-A-Ride operates.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPRESENTATIVES:

COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN

Kevin McAleer announced that the Council Member is working on a bill that would punish commercial landlords that rent to illegal cannabis shops.

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR.

Sean McCabe announced that Senator Addabbo moved his District Office to 84-16 Jamaica Avenue – Woodhaven.

Mr. McCabe also announced that the Senator passed legislation that would reduce the cost of prescription drugs and treatments. It would cap the cost of insulin to \$30, increase access to prescription drugs and require notification of prescription drug cost increases.

SENATOR LEROY COMRIE

Ari Innes wished everyone a Happy Black History Month.

Ms. Innes also announced the following:

- The Senator has been working on legislation regarding high utility bills.
- Housing Expo: Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at York College.
- As New York City recovers from the pandemic, DEP is offering a limited one-time amnesty with up to 100% interest forgiveness for all delinquent customers. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/dep
- Prom Dress Drive / Giveaway: Collecting from 2-13 through 4-28 / Giveaway is 5-6-23 at the Institute for Health Professions at Cambria Heights
- For more information, contact 718-765-6359

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Michael Carlier announced the following:

- Assembly Member Hevesi announced a package of bills, including A2798 that deals with foster kids with developmental disabilities and mandates 3 things:
 - o Identify and count the number of kids with intellectual disabilities in NYS
 - o Calls for an evaluation of each child to see what social services needs are
 - o Determination for each child to prepare for their transition from foster care as they age out.
- Hosted a rally in Albany to outline a plan for children and families including extending childcare tax credits for working parents throughout the state.
- Happy Lunar New Year!

SENATOR JESSICA RAMOS

Perla Lopez-Liberato announced the following:

- Senator Ramos is new to the Rego Park area.
- Free tax services are available.
- NYS Senate Budget Forum at Queens Borough Hall on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.
- For more information, contact 718-205-3881.

SENATOR MICHAEL GIANARIS

Mercedes Jennings announced the following:

- Senator passed Senate Bill 450 which bans gender discrimination in disability insurance premiums.
- Working to pass Anti-Trust Act this session.
- Youth Leadership Recognition Program to honor high school students in the district. They can apply on the Senators website until 3-24.
- Pushing for more protection of bike lanes in his district.
- There is a community survey available on the Senator's website.
- For more information, contact 718-728-0962 or gianaris@nysenate.gov.

CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes announced:

- Congress Member Meng was joined at the State of the Union by FH Resident, Alison Sesso a victim of flooding.
- CM Meng reunited a family from Rego Park. A mother and son travelled to Armenia and entered an area that was part of Azerbaijan. They were trapped there due to an ongoing blockade. When the Congress Member intervened, they were able to safely return to Rego Park.
- Congress Member Meng renewed her call for increased gun safety measures following more mass shootings.
- Allocated \$530,000 to Flushing Meadows Corona Park to address flooding.
- CM Meng will be representing NY as part of the Regional Planning Commission, to promote and implement measures signed into law by President Biden.
- There will be a public comment period for the LIRR improvements, as other MTA projects go through.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER CATALINA CRUZ

Vianny Encalada announced:

- AM Cruz newly represents CB 6.
- AM Cruz has passed over 20 bills addressing: food insecurity, reduce high cost of medical insurance, support immigrants and more.
- Customer Service Day with Con Edison – February 23, 2023, at the District Office (41-40 Junction Boulevard).
- Looking for space to hold mobile office hours in the community.
- A mailer will be sent out shortly to constituents.
- If you need assistance, please call 718-458-5367.

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Amparito Rosero announced the following:

- Black History Month Event on February 16, 2023, at 6pm at Queens Borough Hall. Please RSVP at www.queensbp.org.
- Looking for youth and young adult council members. The applications are on the website under resources.
- Mayor's Public Engagement Unit will be at Queens Borough Hall on: 2-22, 3-1, 3-8, 3-15. They will be doing one-on-one support for older New Yorkers and New Yorkers with disabilities to assist with rent freeze and homeowners tax exemptions.
- Queens General Assembly Applications are open.
- Community Board Applications are due February 16, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Nolan
Community Coordinator

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 2-8-23	NEW LIQUOR LICENSES	RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSES	STREET ACTIVITY APPLICATIONS
MICHAEL ARCATI	YES	YES	YES
ANISIA AYON	YES	YES	YES
KAVISH BATRA	YES	YES	YES
PETER BEADLE	YES	YES	YES
MIRIAM BERFAS	YES	YES	YES
HOWARD BIRNBAUM	YES	YES	YES
HEIDI CHAIN	YES	YES	YES TO ALL EXCEPT ABSTAIN # 1,6,8
SHERIDAN CHU	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
L.T. CIACCIO	YES	YES	YES
KANDRA CLARK	YES	YES	YES
ALEXANDER COHEN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
LATRICE DAVIS	YES	YES	YES
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	YES	YES	YES
ALEJANDRA DIAZ-HOUSTON	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	YES	YES	YES
KEITH ENGEL	YES	YES	YES
KAREN IMAS	YES	YES	YES
SARINA JAIN	YES	YES	YES
MARK LASTER	YES	YES	YES
BEATRICE LEONG	YES	YES	YES
JONATHAN LI	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
KEVIN LY	YES	YES	YES
JACK MEDINA	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
DR. RENEE MEHRRA	YES	YES	YES TO ALL EXCEPT ABSTAIN # 1,8
STEVEN METZ	YES	YES	YES
JULIE MILNER	YES	YES	YES
PAT MORGAN	YES	YES	YES TO ALL EXCEPT ABSTAIN # 1,8
ELIZABETH NEWTON	YES	YES	YES
TANIA PADGETT	YES	YES	YES
HOWARD POLLACK	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
DIANA RACHNAEV	YES	YES	YES
SHARI ROLNICK	YES	YES	YES
GLADYS SANDOVAL	YES	YES	YES
PETRINA SCHNEIDERMAN	YES	YES	YES
DAVID SCHNEIER	YES	YES	YES
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	YES	YES	YES
JEAN SILVA	YES	YES	YES
TERESA SIMMONS	YES	YES	YES
DR. ROBERT TAMAYEV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
IRINA TAMAYEVA	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
MARTHA TUCKER	YES	YES	YES
SUSAN WANDERMAN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
ALEXA WEITZMAN	YES	YES	YES
JOAN WESTON	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
BRENTLY WINSTEAD	YES	YES	YES
EDWIN WONG	YES	YES	YES
TITILAYO YASUKAWA	YES	YES	YES
TOTALS:	ALL IN FAVOR	ALL IN FAVOR	ALL IN FAVOR 3 ABSENTIONS - # 1, 8 1 ABSTENTION - #6