



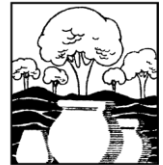
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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2023

PRESENT

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D. BOWENS	E. NEWTON	E. WONG
H. CHAIN	D. RACHNAEV	T. YASUKAWA
L. DAVIS	S. ROLNICK	
V. ELLISON	M. SALTON	

ABSENT

M. BERFAS*	S. JAIN	G. SANDOVAL
G. CHEN	M. LASHLEY-KABORE	K. ZAPATA
K. CLARK	H. POLLACK	E. ZAKRY

*EXCUSED ABSENCE

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

HONORABLE JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR	NYS SENATOR
JORDAN GOLDES	OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG
GIANNA VALENTE	OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI
THOMAS AURINGER	OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER CATALINA CRUZ
JAVIER FIGOROA	OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ
AMPARITO ROSERO	OFFICE OF THE QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT
CHANTE LEE	NYC DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

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: Dr. Renee Mehrra, Howard Birnbaum, and Shari Rolnick. Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis reminded everyone they can review the extraordinary circumstance resolution on our website in the about section below our by-laws. Mark Laster will be monitoring the people on WebEx when voting for Secretary tonight. It was also noted that you must be seen and heard for most of the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and posted within 48 hours.

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis started the meeting thanking all the board members for coming out and doing the work for this community. It was asked for a moment of silence due to all the violence in Israel. Committee meetings are also being posted on YouTube.com for transparency to the public (<https://www.youtube.com/@queenscommunityboard6414/videos>).

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.

Jennifer Martin – Schwartz Brothers-Jeffer Memorial

Schwartz Brothers has been in the neighborhood for a long time. We have four funeral homes three Jewish and one non-sectarian, Schwartz Brothers, Parkside, Sinai Chapels and Forest Park Funeral Home. We did renovations and have a large space open until 10pm and want to do something for the community. We are looking to host monthly free events. We hosted a Broadway show tune event, shredding event with Councilwoman Lynn Schulman, and a bereavement group. The next one is: Ask the Appraiser, an Antique Roadshow style event on October 18, 2023, 4pm-7pm. Bring whatever you want, we will have a jeweler appraiser and an art appraiser. The parking lot will be open. We are looking forward to inviting people in and will have refreshments. I have left brochures and am looking forward to doing great things for the community. I am a member of Community Board 8 and will be leaving here to attend the meeting.

Florence Arnow

I have been in Forest Hills for 30 years, I'm on the border of Rego Park/Forest Hills, my comment is about the horrific airplane noise that I'm dealing with in my vicinity. From 6am in the morning waking me up until past midnight. This is a quality-of-life issue and I'd welcome hearing any comments if anyone else is hearing them and seeing them. It's dangerous, pollution and very loud, wakes you up and doesn't let you go to bed at night. I'm a senior and I would like my golden years to be a peaceful environment in my own apartment. It is very sad that the FAA and Port Authority want to hear nothing about it. I am the only one that cares or that it bothers. So, I'm here tonight to find out if anyone else hears planes in their apartment or private home. In regard to that, I'm representing that area, 67 Avenue in Forest Hills. It sounds louder than the airport, as if I am living on the tarmac. That is not my idea of peace and quiet and quality of life. It scares people, I'm sure babies can't sleep, you can't do anything like watch TV or listen to music because you hear the airplane. For some people it sounds trivial to me, it's very important. Peace and quiet, peace of mind. I would like our Forest Hills area to have a liaison or find out how they can do something about it though the FAA and Port Authority. I have sent umpteen e-mails to Port Authority, and they just ignore me. I feel our community deserves better than that, especially for long term residents like myself and others. It's about time that someone said something. I would like to see a change. If anyone else is bothered by airplane noise, you can talk to me.

Marty Levinson

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Marty Levinson. I am a member of the Concerned Citizens of Forest Hills. Thank you for giving me another opportunity to voice my concerns about the very negative effect that the many disruptive concerts that the Forest Hills Stadium are having on the quality of life of my family and of my neighbors. Most of our members do not live in the private community of Forest Hills Gardens but in the apartment buildings and multi-family houses in close proximity to the Stadium. Unfortunately, many of the problems that I talked about in my last appearance here remain. What are our main concerns? They are the noise, no firm guarantee that a 10pm curfew will be observed, the number of concerts and traffic congestion. On concert nights, from my house, I can hear the deafening sounds coming from the Stadium. It hasn't always been this way. At home, searching for peace, we are obliged to close our double paned windows, pull down the Venetian blinds, draw the drapes, and turn on the air conditioners and the TV. All this does not keep the windows from rattling. Our school aged neighbors: children are unable to concentrate on homework or get to sleep. The tiny tots are terrified by the blasting boom, boom, boom emanating from loudspeakers turned up to an excessive volume. Events are not only planned for the evening. The disruption from the Saturday, August 5th Rock The Bells event that took place all day long, did nothing to enhance our quality of life. Without due consultation for next summer, the elitist West Side Tennis Club has proposed that thirty events be scheduled. Thirty events in a season is more than inconsiderate. Thirty events equal one month at the nicest time of the year, on these days it will make our life unbearable. Thirty events equal greed. That's what I said, greed. There will continue to be road closures and traffic jams and public parking spots taken away from the residents for the convenience of the West Side Tennis Club and the concert promoters. And then there is at the end of the concerts, some of the exiting hordes will continue to scream, yell and urinate on lawns and in driveways. Concerned Citizens of Forest Hills, using the Freedom of Information Law requested noise reports from the DEP for last year, they were told that no data of bass readings was available. Isn't the DEP supposed to rigorously enforce the noise code? Things don't have to be so bad. With mandatory reasonable restrictions, it would be possible to have concerts and also maintain the quality of life in the neighborhood. May I add that concerts in both Central Park and Prospect Park must end by 10pm. Here's an interesting note. Conditions in the neighborhood have become so intolerable that the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation, the entity that owns the streets upon which the West Side Tennis Club is a tenant, is now engaged in a legal battle against the West Side Tennis Club. We will have to wait to see how this plays out in the courts. Once again, I want to thank Commander David Cordano of the 112th Precinct and all the officers under his command. Under the most difficult circumstances they have done their best to help our community. Hopefully, Commander Cordano will find a way to reroute some of the hundreds of cars that invade our neighborhood. Finally, ladies and gentlemen of Community Board 6, Queens, here's what you might do to help. Pass a resolution that states:

- 1. That CB6 favors that reasonable restrictions be put in place.*
- 2. That CB6 is opposed to events on school nights.*
- 3. That CB6 opposes events scheduled on religious holidays.*
- 4. That CB6 insists that the number of events scheduled be reduced, not increased.*
- 5. That CB6 insists that the noise code be rigorously enforced by the Department of Environmental Protection.*

That CB6 insists that common sense modifications be devised to relieve traffic congestion and parking problems for residents on the heavily impacted streets. Thank you.

Amy Hu – This comment was read by Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis

Thank you to all the elected officials for the work you do for our community. It is greatly appreciated. I was here a few months ago and expressed my frustration with the concerts at Forest Hills Stadium, the promoter Tiebreaker, and the landlord WSTC. I am hoping again that Community Board 6 and our elected officials can effect some changes so that the concerts can continue with community support rather than opposition. Not much has changed since I last spoke. I live a quarter mile from the stadium and can hear every song clearly. It is difficult to leave the windows open during the summer months, unless I want to hear a lot of noise and bass. The thumping of the music is something I would like to turn off but have no control over. I am hoping that our elected officials can intervene and subject the stadium to obey noise codes. The bass causes my neighbors' homes to shake, and even though the DEP has taken some sound measurements, nothing has improved. I have heard that there were some citations issued, but the sound quality has not changed. As I've said a few months ago, in the past, I wanted to hear some of the music but it wasn't loud enough to reach my house. Now I still find myself getting up to close the windows on

loud concert nights only to realize once again they are already closed, and I can still hear the bass. Also, I visited a neighbor who lives diagonally across the street from the stadium. From her house I feel like I am at the concert. It is unbelievably loud and she has young children who take naps and sleep early. It is not difficult for the concert promoter to dial down the volume. Other issues include the number of concerts this year. Our small neighborhood is not built to have 30 concerts. The street closures, re-routing, and traffic are a burden to us. We can't handle 10,000 concertgoers, all the extra cars, all the Ubers, all the honking, and all the garbage left behind. We don't have a parking lot like other stadiums. Also, some concerts are on school nights. There's one tomorrow, a school night. In fact, there will be concerts for the next three days in a row. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Children have Saturday and Sunday activities and schools to go to. Some events are all day, over two days in a row. And there was a concert on Rosh Hashanah, several weeks ago. Please help improve the current situation. Limit the total number of concerts. Enforce the city noise code. Address problems with traffic, parking, and trash. Continue to end all shows at 10pm. Discontinue day-long events. I thank you for your time.

Irina Vovsha

What is happening in Forest Hills, the area which I live in. There is a crime, the crime that is being committed against all the people who live from Burns Street to Metropolitan Avenue. This area has two laws New York laws are broken, our residential area if you look at the map it's written a residential area it's not commercial area. How come? Who made this decision, criminal decision to have a concert in the open stadium that is surrounded by houses, private houses, apartment buildings and we hear every noise from this, who allowed 17,000 people to come to the residential area and literally destroy our lives. Who did it, why are politicians so bribed and so corrupted that nobody takes action. This is number one, our rights are violated. Number two noise. According to every policeman, the noise must be 42 decibels, 40 decibels is the way that I talk. It's just a regular conversation. If you can't hear these sounds, we call it noise miles away from the concert. You call this noise; you call it just noise. It is not noise it is a violation of the law of New York. At 10 o'clock, once they all come from the concerts along my street all the honks, all the screams of the people. After 10 o'clock you are supposed to have seven decibels, so all the laws are violated. Now I will tell you exact examples of what happens with the people, I know one person named Sara she went to the hospital because of heart palpitations because of all these bad sounds. I sit in my house, and I need to listen to every bad sound, I have a headache in particular place and you know what after five hours of bad sounds, you know what I'm ready to pick up a gun and shooting everyone. I'm not a violent person, I'm a teacher, a very peaceful person but guess what they drive me crazy like many other people. I will give you a lot of examples of what is happening it is not just the concerts, it's the whole issue of what they are doing to us. It's just impossible they destroy our lives and I have a question if there is anyone here who has the integrity and guts to stand up against these politicians that have the power and the money to impose what they do to all the people in Forest Hills. Is there anyone who can do something because I was here in May, and nothing happened. Thank you.

Carla Cheek

Good evening council and attendees, my name is Carla Cheek. I am a permanent resident of Forest Hills of 35 yrs. My Goal to present here today is to propose Parking Permits for Forest Hills, Austin Street (Area). Let me start off by stating there's a dirty little secret, taking place in the back streets, of Forest Hills, Austin Street! I am not against businesses, tourism, or foot traffic. But I am here to be a fair voice for the residents and citizens that live in the 11375-area code:

LET ME BEGIN ISSUE POINTS & SUBJECTS TAKING UP PARKING SPOTS:

1. Queens Boulevard bike lanes and bus lanes (pushed commercial parking in back residential areas)
2. E- bikes, city bikes, parking/scatter everywhere!
3. Double Parking
4. Commuter parking (drop & ride) TRAIN
5. No standing signs taking up (2)-(3) parking spots
6. loading only signs taking up (2)-(3) parking spots
7. Not Including Fire Hydrants, Street Cuts & walkways

FOREST HILLS RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN BATTLING ON DAILY BASIS FOR PARKING:

1. Alternate Side Parking (The Dreaded Maneuvering)
2. Pay a METER

3. We are forced to park blocks away when there is no parking.

4. People are so desperate they are hoarding spaces/spots by parking vehicle to keep two parking spaces.

My question is why NO ONE ON Council has advocated for the residents of Forest Hills/Austin Street

Comment (Common sense):

- Out of 80,000 residents in Forest Hills there's only (10) parking spots.
- Why pay private homeowner for a parking spot when the city can generate parking permits.

Personal:

- Parking has dictated when I can go out and in my home.
- Mentally challenged adult child (Stresses out being in vehicle for long)
- SAFTEY!!! Older, weaker & scared (vehicle broken into (3) times)

THE BIGGIE: CRIME (COMPSTAT)

-Fighting over parking space/spots

"It Possible" Residential Parking (Model After)

-Long Beach/Long Island, New Hyde Park, Boston

"Never allow a person to tell you no that doesn't have the power to tell you yes." Eleanor Roosevelt.

Yetkin Yuce – This was submitted for inclusion in minutes but not read during meeting.

I live in Forest Hills, NY 11375 – a lovely family neighborhood. Unfortunately, it has been turned into dog poop landmine and the cleanliness of streets drastically changed over the last 2 years. Every day on our way to school with my two kids, we are having such a hard time avoiding poop and garbage left on the streets. I created numerous tickets with 311 and each time the sanitation department says: No condition found on the location, and which does not reflect the truth. I would like to suggest our community board to take a few actions to mitigate this problem such as set up a mailing campaign to the neighborhood about pet waste, placing signs over the traffic poles, assigning people to hand out flyers to the dog owners. As a NY state and NYC resident, we all need to live in a healthy and clean neighborhood.

Uma Hardeo - This comment was read by Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis

I am Uma Hardeo, reaching out on behalf of Teen Advocates. Teen advocates is a youth organization located in Queens that is set on amplifying youth voices and serving the community. Teen Advocates have been working endlessly to create better communities and advocate for change. We have done town halls, featuring other youth organizations such as Voting for 16 NYC, discussing topics that need to be changed or fixed in NYC. We have created petitions, online events, and in-person events to further fulfill our mission. Just recently, we had a bake sale with all the money raised going to the Food Bank for NYC and towards future events of helping struggling families receive food and shelter. We raised \$268 in total, with both online and case donations. I started this organization in late July, and I am still working towards bettering and developing it every day.

Mariana Monova

My name is Mariana Monova, I live in Forest Hills, on Austin Street. I am the backup of Carla, we are representing one in the same organization, Valeria Arms Co-op, I would say with only for eight blocks stretch we represent Union Turnpike to Ascan Avenue multiple co-ops, and we have three loading zones signs that constantly generate one thing. My crime is because I'm a mother of special needs kid, she is a mother with special mentally and challenged kids. We have people with multiple disabilities in our building and this is all across this stretch and all over town. I do understand the loading zones are being introduced throughout the Big Apple left and right. Three loading zones for an eight-block stretch? You know that very well Austin Street is a one-way street from Ascan to Union Turnpike. What happened is, during COVID multiple trucks came into the neighborhood and they continue to grow generously each and every day because they supply us with what we need but at the time they get out of our way while we get no spots for parking. We cannot compete with other cars because we don't have the side streets of Queens Blvd. We just have one way street, out of eight blocks. We have three loading zones and the only beneficial card here played is the corporations who don't get ticketed anymore they were ticketed nonstop during COVID time, we get ticketed every single day today. First of all, did you get a Community Board notification. Did you get the data, the analysis' based on what did we get. Three loading zones. This means that an average one corporation, the width if you see as all our Forest Hills residents is you see the width of each corporate building is approximately five to six nice

parking and now with the three loading zones. We have less than four parking spots for seventy-two residents only in our building. That is preposterous where is the data? Where did the community get involved in having saying, why do we need these loading zones because unless you're a corporation we just being penalize for living in Forest Hills. I appreciate your time and I hope you will get us answers. Why do we get penalized? I know parking is a big issue everywhere but this is just not, right too much. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

Chair Heather Beer-Dimitriadis closed the public comments. She welcomed the public to stay and list to the rest of the meeting.

New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

Senator Joseph P. Addabbo thanked all Community Board members. His office has been dealing with a lot of multiple agency issues:

Illegal scooters:

- There are about 1/2 dozen proposal pieces of legislation waiting in Albany when session is back in January.
- It is also about enforcement, the 112th Pct. is doing their job, which he witnessed. The problem is there are many more illegal scooters out there.
- The Senator would like to have license plates, this is part of the problem. It is something the Senator is looking into.

Illegal pot shops

- The Senator voted no on cannabis because he felt New York wasn't ready to handle the pot shops. The bill was poorly written.
- There needs to be multi agencies: NYC Sheriffs, NYC Police and Office of Cannabis Management, NYC Fire Department and Building Department trying to figure out what we can do with illegal pot shops.
- The Senator has a point person in his office regarding this issue, Sean McCabe. When you call the office, your name is anonymous and will file a complaint.

Forest Hills LIRR

The Senator has also been speaking with the MTA and LIRR regarding the Forest Hills Station project regarding the constituents' issues.

If you have an emergency and call after 5pm there is a 24-hour live operator the Senator gave some examples (black out, brown out, water main break) call the office at 718-497-1630. The Senator is giving out in both offices Middle Village and Woodhaven a free rain four-foot, six foot and twelve-foot barrier constituents only. You must show proof that you live in the neighborhood in order to receive a rain barrier.

Upcoming Events:

- Narcan Training, Thursday, October 17th at Atlas Park at 5:30pm.
- Metro Van at his Middle Village Office Monday, October 30th
- Job Fair, November 17 at Resorts World Casino from 10am -1pm

The Senator also asked if anyone is looking to hire and would like a free table at the job fair to call his office.

MINUTES

CB6 Minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting was approved as written with one change. CB 6 Member Pat Morgan suggested the following change in the Good and Welfare section, "on Medicare using Part D, Medicare Advantage Plans" would be changed to "on Medicare using Part D or Medicare Advantage Plans". Salua Baida made a motion to approve the minutes as written with the above correction, and it was seconded by Herb Schonhaut. All were in favor.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Heather Beers-Dimitriadis began by explaining The Vote On Removal. This was regarding a board member who was going to be removed from the board due to attendance. She explained the following procedures: If a member misses three consecutive unexcused absences from April 1, 2023, until March 31, 2024, the Secretary has to inform the Chair that this member had missed three unexcused consecutive absences at Community Board meetings. It was their fourth incidence in the same period of time which provided cause for that member's removal. The Secretary of Administration reported four unexcused absences from this board member to the Chair and to the board member within five business days, which was in order to schedule a vote for that member's removal at the next open meeting. A notice was sent out to the members of this action to remove the board member. This process is done to follow the by-laws as written. This article took effect in April 2023. Normally, in tonight's meeting in Executive Session, the Secretary would provide every board member with a copy of the board member's attendance. The member in question would have had a chance to dispute the report's accuracy. After a discussion, the board by roll call would have voted to approve or disapprove that member's removal. This process wasn't necessary. The board member sent the Community Board a letter of resignation. Therefore, the board didn't have to go through that process.

John Dereszewski added, if anyone needs a copy of the Excused Absence Guidelines, reach out to the office.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis reminded board members to RSVP to the upcoming Consumer Affairs, Economic Development, Small Business Committee and Select Committee of the Rockaway Beach Right of Way meeting scheduled for October 17, 2023. We are having a presentation on the Queensway from the Economic Development Corporation and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. The discussion will be about the current phase of the Queensway. The Select Committee for the Rockaway Beach Right of Way will ask questions first. Then those on the Land Use/Housing/Landmark, Transportation/Public Transit/Street Safety, Parks and Recreation/Beautification will then ask questions second and then will take questions from the Public.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis announced that Saturday, October 14th at 1pm at the corner of 110th Street and 70 Road is the Street co-naming for Dr. Karl Neumann who was a member of the Community Board and was a pediatrician in this community. She also announced that the Consumer Affairs, Economic Development, Small Business committee meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 6:30pm Commonpoint Central Queens Y- multi-purpose room. We have four applicants that want to open an adult cannabis dispensary. The Community Board was able to get a 30-day extension with the Office of Cannabis Management so that the board can meet with the applicants. The board will present the applicants with a questionnaire prior to the meeting.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis also asked the board to reply if they can attend or not attend when a committee meeting notice goes out. There was a meeting scheduled where no committee members attended. She also asked Chairs to confirm with committee members in picking dates for meetings. She reminded the board that attendance directed by the Borough President's Office on committee and board attendance is reported back to the Borough Presidents Office.

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis reported the following:

1. Everyone should know their zone in case of flooding with all the rain we are having. You can google know your zone NYC (<https://maps.nyc.gov/hurricane>). There are evacuation zones in this district.
2. There will be two more City of Yes text amendments to vote in the next 30 to 90 days. We voted on carbon zero in June. You can learn more about this by googling NYC City of Yes for more information. They relate to some of the zonings changes that are significant one of the proposals is that new building will not be mandated to have a certain amount of parking spots.
3. On Friday distribution, Street Harassment Survey will be included please fill out and share. She also spoke about the ongoing upgrade of Union Turnpike on Metropolitan Avenue. The upgrade is to make it easier to cross.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

Chair Beers-Dimitriadis announced that Tania Padgett resigned from the board. Chair Beers-Dimitriadis thanked Tania Padgett for her service and for her transformative impact on the board, particularly on improved CB6 social media presence. There is an opening for the Secretary of Administration. The chair gave a synopsis as to what the position entails. The position of the Secretary includes review of the minutes for each monthly meeting, working collaboratively with public relations/social media committee, review our attendance policies, attend various meetings as needed and respond to time sensitive items. The Chair gave instructions to the nominees to stand at their seat and tell the board why they would like the position and why this role is suited for you. There will be rank choice voting. The nominations were Matt Salton nominated by Mark Laster and seconded by Salua Baida; Salua Baida nominated by Peter Beadle and seconded by Anisia Ayon; Kevin Ly nominated by Edwin Wong and seconded by Kavish Batra. Ballots were counted, Salua Baida is the new Secretary of Administration as they received the majority of votes.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

No Report: District Manager not present

FY2025 CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES AND EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES

Mark Laster gave a brief overview of the budget priority process including the following: committees were asked to submit their proposals, these were combined and sent out to the community for their input, a meeting was held with all chairs. We received 139 responses from community members about their priorities. The list that was compiled by the committees was sent out to the board prior to the meeting. Mark reminded board members that the Mayor announced budget cuts in the upcoming years, so we need to make sure our top priorities are the most critical.

Expense Budget Items:

Michael Arcati made a motion to accept the Expense Budget Requests as presented. This motion was seconded by Edwin Wong. All Members were in favor.

Capital Budget Items:

Heidi Chain made a motion to move Security Cameras in public schools from #17 to #10. This motion was seconded by Kevin Ly. There was some discussion about this because it would move ADA

Accessibility at Libraries to #11 but members considered that #9 Reconstruct Rego Park Library would already ensure accessibility as is required in new construction; the motion passed.

Michael Arcati made a motion to accept the list as amended. Ed Wong seconded the motion. Pat Morgan suggested an amendment that would move ADA Accessibility at Libraries to # 9 and Reconstruct Rego Park Library to #11. A majority of members were in favor of this amendment. The board voted on Michael's motion with the amendment, and it passed.

Mark Laster asked if all Community Board Members were in favor of the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities as amended. All were in favor.

The accepted budget priorities are as follows:

Capital Budget Priorities

1. Senior Affordable Housing / Affordable Housing for the Elderly
2. Sewer Improvements and Maintenance
3. Subway Elevators / Elevator at FH LIRR
4. Road Repair, Resurfacing, Curb Repair and Pedestrian Ramps
5. Affordable Housing General Audience
6. 100% ADA Accessibility at Public Schools
7. Supportive Housing Facility
8. Additional Seats at all Area Schools
9. ADA Accessibility at Libraries
10. Security Cameras at Public Schools
11. Reconstruct Rego Park Library
12. Construct Rain Gardens
13. Security Camera – Subway
14. Smart Composting Bins
15. A New High School
16. Modernize North Forest Park Library
17. Biking Infrastructure
18. Subway Platform Screen Door System
19. Rego Park Library Annex (Permanent)
20. Park Maintenance Truck (Gator)
21. New Park – Austin Street and 67th Avenue Vicinity
22. Water Bottle Refill Stations at Public Schools
23. Park Water Fountain Improvements
24. Yellowstone Park Comfort Station
25. New Speed Humps
26. Security Cameras in all Business Districts
27. Sound Abatement LIE
28. Business District Signage
29. Sound Abatement Jackie Robinson Parkway
30. Parking Garage for 112th Precinct

Expense Budget Priorities

1. Supportive Housing Services
2. Meals on Wheels
3. Youth After School Programs
4. Elderly In-Home Services

5. “No Cost” Early Childhood Education
6. Food Pantries
7. Crossing Guards
8. Traffic / Pedestrian Studies
9. Affordable Housing Funding Grants
10. Senior Center Programs
11. Curbside Composting
12. Seniors & Disabled Career Training
13. Transportation for Elderly and Disabled
14. Subway Cleaning / Maintenance
15. Community Cleanliness Program
16. Senior Mental Health Services
17. DSNY Cleaning of Catch Basins Pre-Major Storm
18. Tree Planting
19. Basement Apartment Conversion Pilot
20. Temporary Rego Park Library (during construction)
21. City Planning Study
22. Health Issue Programs (I.E. Diabetes)
23. More City Park Workers
24. Open Streets
25. Snow Removal

CONSUMER AFFAIRS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Beatrice Leong Co-Chair reported that CB6 received the following new applications:

1. REDWOOD CAFÉ, 118-18 QUEENS BLVD., FH
This is a restaurant / deli. The restaurant has been there since 2000. The current owner has been there for about one year. The restaurant had a license, but it let it lapse. The new owner would like to sell beer with its meals. This is not an application for a full liquor license. It only wants to sell beer.

CB6 received the following renewal applications.

1. SUSHI KOI, INC., 116-37 QUEENS BLVD, FH
2. TUSCAN HILLS, 110-60 QUEENS BLVD, FH
3. TACOMBI, 71-22 AUSTIN STREET, FH
4. THE COTTAGE TAVERN, INC. 108-07 72nd AVENUE, FH
5. GUANTANAMERA, 110-80 QUEENS BLVD., FH
6. L’AMOUR 102-11 QUEENS BLVD, FH
7. DA MIKELLE II PALACE, SUSHI & STAKE HOUSE XO & TROYKA 102-39/41 QUEENS BLVD, FH
8. VERSAILLES PALACE, 63-34 AUSTIN STREET, RP

The 112th Precinct has no issues with these establishments.

The committee’s motion was to approve new applications and renewal applications. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

LAND USE/HOUSING/LANDMARK COMMITTEE REPORT

Keith Engel, Chair reported that September 14th there was a joint committee meeting between Land Use/Housing/Landmark and Transportation/Public Transit/Street Safety with the Long Island Railroad making a presentation on the elevator project at the Forest Hills LIRR station. The Long Island Railroad

presented a design with the accessibility for the upgrade for the train station. The elevators are not in consideration for the project at present. The LIRR staff intend to meet the accessibility requirements by rebuilding the existing ramps to comply with ADA standards. It was understood that Congresswoman Grace Meng had previously allocated money for an elevator at the Forest Hills Long Island Railroad station. When asked why the elevator wasn't included in their presentation, the response was due to budgetary concerns.

Some inclusion to the new station will include: the LIRR will comply with ADA standards with ramps. The platforms are going to be extended to allow all ten cars to open up. A sound wall will be incorporated in the platform design. Several vendor bids have been received for this project, construction will start next year in three phases and will last for three years. Renovations will take place in the Spring and Fall only, to accommodate the Summer Concert season.

Many questions were raised, and points were made by the Committee Members. The board made clear to the LIRR that there was no public outreach beyond a few scope meetings with the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation. No vote was taken at the meeting due to lack of quorum.

The board did recap with the LIRR requesting that they include elevators along with the construction of the ramps, to have canopy over the ramps along with heat tracing on the concrete for when it snows. To have a sound barrier wall covering the side of the tracks. Also, asked to have interim measures that can be enacted to abate some of the sound related concerns that were heard from the constituents last month.

Actionable next steps for this project are to hold a meeting with Congresswoman Grace Meng, CB6 board members, Forest Hills Gardens Corporation and LIRR. There has been some discussion with the Forest Hills Garden Corporation as to the locations where the ramps can be incorporated. Kevin Ly made a motion to accept the recommendations of the committee, including that elevators are a must and was seconded by Peter Beadle. All members were in favor.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/SANITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Matt Salton co-chair reported that the committee discussed different priorities in Rego Park/Forest Hills area regarding: curbside composting implemented, noise pollution, the importance of using 311 regarding catch basins, the state plastic bag compliance which businesses are complying with disposable cutlery. QSWAB (Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board) the advisory board will be invited to give a presentation at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THOSE WITHOUT SHELTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairwoman Heather Beers-Dimitriadis gave a presentation on the overview of 92-54 Queens Boulevard. A shelter for NYC families, with 88 units of temporary housing, eight stories, managed by Westhab, services will include on-site support services, employment resources and social services.

HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Diana Rachnaev co-chair reported a meeting was held on September 26th. They had a discussion to meet with the 112th Pct. which they meet the day after the meeting to discuss the Be HEARD program with the Community Affairs Police Officers and will discuss further with, Assistant Chief Christine Bastedenbeck Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough of Queens North and City Councilwoman Lynn Schulman.

A Narcan training discussion will take place at a later meeting and will follow-up with Senator Joseph Addabbo for help. The committee will discuss how the committee can do outreach regarding programs and workshop series on domestic violence and educating the community.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/ SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Renee Mehrra, chair reported that the committee met on October 3, 2023, with new board members. The new board members had innovative ideas for enhancing community involvement and CB6 website. To enhance the sense that Facebook and Twitter they are connected, needs to have the icon on the page. Facebook page has over 800 followers, a big leap from 200 from last year. The committee hopes that the followers will continue to grow.

GOOD & WELFARE

CB 6 MEMBERS:

Pat Morgan announced that today is National Coming Out Day, October 11, 1987, big march on Washington DC. Pat would like to entertain two motions for discussion at next month's meeting 1) that Joe Hennessy's words be read at every new member meeting in the month of May. 2) Would like Good and Welfare to be moved up in the meeting due to lack of residents staying at the end of the meeting. Edwin Wong seconded the motions.

Heidi Chain announced that the 112th Pct Community Council Meeting will be on October 18th at 7:30pm located at the 112th Pct.

Mark Laster announced the following:

- Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 Breaking Bread Buildings Bonds event is an initiative by the Mayor to promote community unity.
- Saturday, October 21 tree pit cleaning on Metropolitan Avenue, partnering with Metro Village.
- Sunday, October 22 Forest Hills Green Team is having bench painting and decorating bird houses at Yellowstone Park by between 68th and 69th Road and Yellowstone Boulevard by the bathroom. Rain date October 29th.

Edwin Wong announced the following:

- Friends of MacDonald Park Saturday, October 21 at 9am -12pm is holding clean up at MacDonald Park
- FDNY is holding an open house that was rescheduled from last weekend on October 15 1pm-3pm

Herb Schonhaut announced that during Sukkot they had outdoor events which had to move inside due to airplane noise. He feels that the airplane routes have changed.

There is broken cement at the corner of the synagogue, and someone can pick up a piece and throw through the window of the synagogue.

Outside borough hall there is no lighting which makes it dangerous when walking which can cause one to trip. Requesting a light to shine on the pathway.

Jean Silva spoke about three areas on Austin Street parking spots that were taken away due to loading zone. There was no warning that parking spaces will be taken away due to loading zone. The delivery

trucks are still double parking instead of using the loading zone. Peter Beadle will report these loading zones to DOT.

Regarding the building that is being built at 78-78 Union Turnpike, the construction is very noisy starting at 4am. On 78 Avenue the construction took up all the parking with barriers and took up eight parking spaces on Austin Street.

Peter Beadle announced this year that twenty-six people who use their bikes for transportation have been killed on the street. Tonight, there is a rally on Union Square to honor their deaths and calling on the city to do more. We need to bring this number down.

ELECTED OFFICIALS / AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DONOVAN RICHARDS

Amparito Rosero announced the following:

- Borough President Richards hosted a vigil on Monday in Kew Gardens Hills alongside the Queens Jewish community to mourn the lives lost in the terror attacks in Israel. Joining the Borough President were elected officials, Jews and non-Jews, from across the borough and more than 100 community members in a show of solidarity.
- Queens Tech+Innovation Challenge – the Borough President has teamed up with the Queens Economic Development Corporation to re-launch the Queens Tech+Innovation Challenge for a second year.
- High School Fairs – the Borough President is hosting three separate fairs across the borough instead of one fair. The fair will be held Saturday October 21 from 11-5pm at Borough Hall, Saturday October 28 from 11-5pm at York College and the third fair Wednesday November 1 from 5:30-8:30pm at Queens College. To RSVP go to queensbp.org/rsvp.

Upcoming Events

- Immigrant Resource Fair Saturday October 14 from 10-2pm at Flushing International High School
- New York Voting Rights Town Hall virtual Thursday October 19 at 6pm
- Italian Heritage Celebration Wednesday October 25 from 7-9pm at St. John's University D'Angelo Center

CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes announced:

- Saturday morning the Congresswoman condemned Hamas attack on Israel.
- Several schools were awarded Federal Blue-Ribbon status including a school in Forest Hills, PS 303
- Two postal boxes in the area had graffiti and were repainted.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Gianna Valente announced the following:

- September 27th Assemblymember Hevesi had a hearing to examine Child Welfare systems in New York.
- Introduced a bill to allow disable citizens having DOT parking permits to renew without showing excessive references and documentation.
- Thank everyone who showed up at the cleanup, the next cleanup will be November 4th at Lefferts Blvd in Kew Gardens please register at 718-263-5595.

Chante Lee introduced herself as the new liaison for City Planning. She will be scheduling a meeting with the Land Use committee to discuss the City of Yes, followed by a full-board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Concolino
Community Service Aide

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MICHAEL ARCATI				
DAVID ARONOV				
ANISIA AYON				
SALUA BAIDA				
KAVISH BATRA				
PETER BEADLE				
MIRIAM BERFAS	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
HOWARD BIRNBAUM				
DANNY BOWENS				
HEIDI CHAIN				
GINA CHEN	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
L.T. CIACCIO				
KANDRA CLARK	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
LATRICE DAVIS		A		A
JOHN DERESZEWSKI		L		L
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS		L		L
VALLON ELLISON		I		I
KEITH ENGEL		N		N
BRUCE GROSSBERG				
KAREN IMAS	Absent	F	Absent	F
SARINA JAIN	Absent	A	Absent	A
MATT FERNANDEZ KONIGSBERG		V		V
MARCELLE LASHLEY-KABORE	Absent	O	Absent	O
MARK LASTER		R		R
BEATRICE LEONG				
KEVIN LY				
DR. RENEE MEHRRRA				
PAT MORGAN				
ELIZABETH NEWTON				
HOWARD POLLACK	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
DIANA RACHNAEV				
SHARI ROLNICK				
MATTHEW SALTON				
GLADYS SANDOVAL	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
DAVID SCHANTZ				
PETRINA SCHNEIDERMAN				
HERBERT SCHONHAUT				
JEAN C. SILVA				
MARTHA TUCKER				
BRENTLY WINSTEAD				
EDWIN WONG				
TITILAYO YASUKAWA				
EPHRAIM ZAKRY	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
KATHERINE ZAPATA	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
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