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# MINUTES APRIL 10, 2019

MELINDA KATZ BOROUGH PRESIDENT

## PRESENT

J. HENNESSY, CHAIRMAN S. GOLDBERG, 2<sup>ND</sup> VC

G. GORDON, 1ST VC

N. ALTMAN, VC SECRETARY N. LEIBOWITZ, VC LAND USE R. SILVER, VC SCOPING

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P. BEADLE
H. CHAIN
A. COHEN
C. COLLETT
J. DERESZEWSKI
H. DIMITRIADIS
K.FAKIRA
E.FELDER
G. FERRERAS
J. GOLANT

B. GRIFFITH

**B. GROSSBERG** 

O. HORODNICEANU
M. JACOBSON
J. KEVELSON
S. KING
P. KUMAR
M. LASTER
J. MAKIN
R. MEHRRA
Y. MEIROV
P. MORGAN
E. MURRAY
R. NEKTALOV

K. NEUMANN
E. NEWTON
S. ROLNICK
D.SCHNEIER
H.SCHONHAUT
J. SILVA
M. SILVERSTEIN
S.WANDERMAN
A.WEITZMAN
J. WESTON
E. WONG

# **ABSENT**

M. BERFAS G. CARLSON S. CHU

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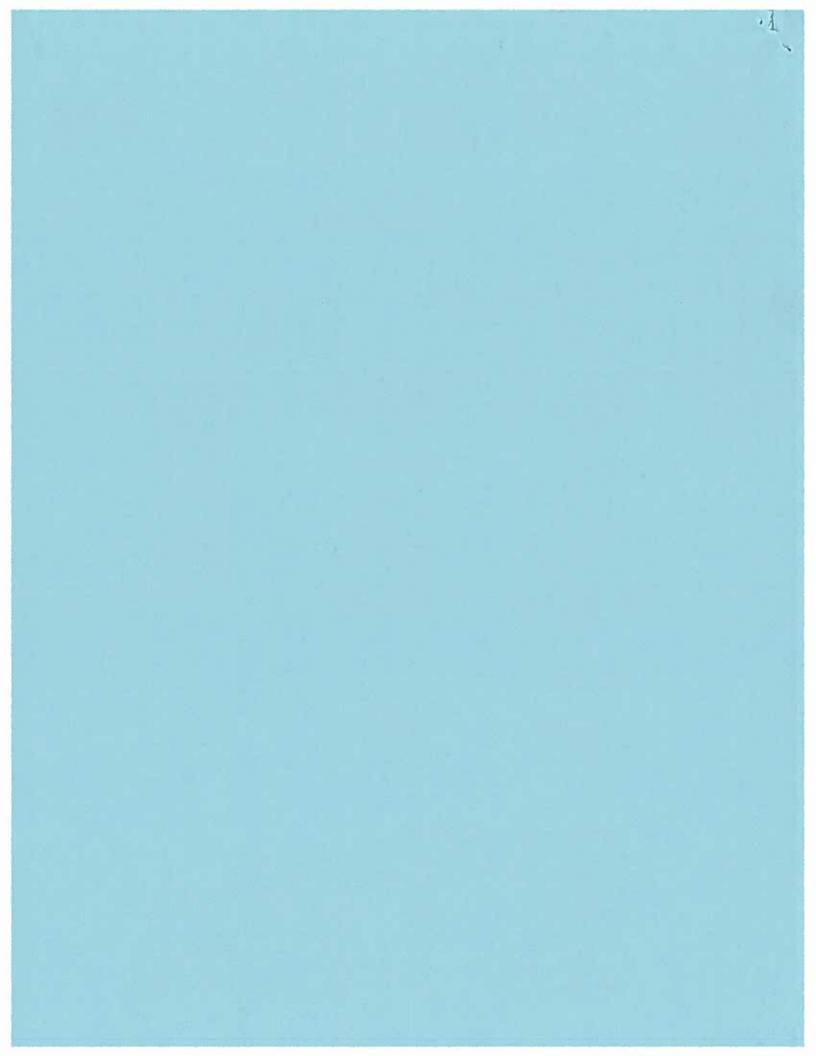
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# OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO
D. ARONOV
J. PERRICONE
J. GRIFFITH
R. MALONE
CAPTAIN DOWNING
P.O. JOHN MASER

CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER
OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ
OFFICE OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ
OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO
OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER ROSENTHAL
EXECUTIVE OFFICER – 112<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT
112<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



Joseph Hennessy, Chair of CB 6 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of March 13, 2019 were accepted.

## 112<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT

Captain Eileen Downing introduced herself as the new Executive Officer at the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy thanked the Community Board Members for their well wishes and cards when he was recovering from surgery. He also thanked Gail Gordon for running the meetings in his absence.

Chairman Hennessy welcomed the 6 new Community Board Members and asked all members to introduce themselves. The new CB Members are: Alexander Cohen, Alejandra Diaz, Heather Dimitriadis, Jeremy Golant, Steven Metz, and Pat Morgan.

He reminded the new CB Members that by joining the Community Board, they made a commitment to attend board meetings and committee meetings.

### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio announced that the Community Board is an advisory agency that doesn't make laws.

He reminded all new / renewal members that the training will be April 30, 2019 at Queens Borough Hall.

He reported that DSNY will have extra collection for Passover on April 19, 2019.

District Manager Gulluscio explained that the Community Boards received additional funding to spread the word/educate people about Community Boards.

Last, Mr. Gulluscio announced that he will be producing "Sister Act" at St. Mary Gate of Heaven School in Ozone Park on May 17 and May 18.

#### AGING / SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Laster reported that the vote for the "Supervised IRA Program Development at 63-32 Fitchett Street, a four-bedroom program for 4 individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities" was postponed because the representative from the organization failed to attend the meeting.

Mr. Laster also reported that he and Anisia Ayon, attended a Complete Count Committee Meeting for the 2020 Census. There will be a Census Job Fair on May 1, 2019 at Queens Borough Hall. In addition, there will be a Public Hearing regarding the importance of the census at 6:00 PM at Queens Borough Hall. If anyone would like to assist in getting the word out, to organizations / groups in our community, they can contact Mark or Anisia.

#### CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee reported that the Board received 2 new liquor license applications this month:

- 1. Star of Siam Thai Kitchen, 103-08 Metropolitan Ave. (Change in Ownership)
- 2. Best Beverage Catering, 69-50 Burns Street, FH (Alteration)

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve both new applications passed on a roll call vote (40 In Favor, 2 Abstentions).

CB 6 received the following liquor license renewals:

- 1. Tropix Bar & Lounge, 95-32 Queens Blvd., RP
- 2. Theater Café, 106-03 Metropolitan Ave., FH
- 3. Nick's Pizza, 108-26 Ascan Ave., FH
- 4. Pizza Classica, 89-89 Union Turnpike, Glendale

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve all renewal applications passed unanimously on a voice vote.

CB 6 received an application for an unenclosed sidewalk café consisting of 4 tables and 8 chairs at Cabana restaurant; 107-10 70 Road,.

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve this application passed unanimously on a voice vote.

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

District Manager Gulluscio reported that CB 6 received a request to co-name Clyde Street between Yellowstone Boulevard and 68 Avenue in memory of Police

Officer Frank Macri. This street name change was requested by Capt Cermeli, Commanding Officer – 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct. P.O. Macri died from 9-11 related illness.

The committee had no objections. Motion to approve the street co-naming passed unanimously on a voice vote.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

#### NYC COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

Council Member Koslowitz welcomed the new Community Board Members. She also spoke about the Jail that will be coming to Kew Gardens. She stressed that the Jail will be coming and there is nothing that can be done to stop it. However, she will work to ensure that the community concerns be addressed. So far, she was able to reduce the size of the jail and stop an infirmary from coming into Queens. Throughout the process, she will make sure she is able to offer her concerns / opinions. Council Member Koslowitz reminded residents that there was a prison in Kew Gardens for 40 years without any incidents.

### NYS SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR

Jeff Griffin reported that the Senator is sponsoring a Free Mammogram Screening Event on April 17, 2019 from 9:00am – 5:00pm at Maspeth Federal Bank. In addition, there will be a rain barrel giveaway on April 27, 2019 from 10:00am – 4:00pm at Maspeth Federal Savings Bank. There will be an Electronics Recycling Event on April 28, 2019 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Forest Park Bandshell.

#### ASSEMBLY MEMBER DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Rick Malone reported that there will be an E-Waste Recycling Event on Sunday April 14, 2019 from 10:00am – 4:00pm in front of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills.

#### ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Jared Reynolds announced that there will be a Specialized High School Admissions Test Panel on April 16, 2019 at Russell Sage Middle School.

#### QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

John Perricone welcomed the new and renewal Community Board Members. He also announced that there will be a Census Job Fair on May 1 at Queens Borough Hall.

Heidi Chain reported that the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday April 17, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Dee's Restaurant 107-23 Metropolitan Avenue. Guest speakers will be AM Hevesi, AM Stavisky and Senator Addabbo.

In addition, the Community Council will be having a Free Celebrate Diversity Event. There will be performances, food, etc on May 9, 2019 at Queens Borough Hall at 7:00pm. If you wish to attend, you must RSVP to the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct at 718-520-9321.

Alexa Weitzman announced that there will be an Earth Day event at Yellowstone Park on Sunday April 14, 2019 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Jean Silva announced that Flushing Meadows Corona Park Conservancy will be holding a "State of Flushing Meadows" event on April 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at Kew Gardens Community Center.

Chairman Hennessy announced that Community Board 6 will be sponsoring 2 shredding events in the Community. One will be on June 1, 2019 from 10:00am – 3:00pm at Metropolitan Avenue & 71<sup>st</sup> Drive and the other will be on June 9, 2019 from 10:00am – 3:00pm on Austin Street & 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue at the Shop Forest Hills Festival.

Judith Berman, Forest Hills Green Team announced that there will be a Beautification project on May 19, 2019 from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Yellowstone Boulevard overpass. Volunteers are needed.

Alexander Medina, THRIVE NYC, announced that there will be a "Weekend of Faith for Mental Health" on May 16, 2019 – May 19, 2019. Clergy and community leaders will devote time to discuss how stress and depression affect mental health.

Charlotte Picot, George McGrath, Barry Wollner, residing at 112-50 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke about their opposition to the jail that is planned for Kew Gardens.

They made the following points about the jail:

- It will bring additional traffic to the area
- The community outreach should have included Forest Hills
- The communities should have been notified sooner
- It will not be solely for residents of Queens
- It will cause decreased quality of life
- It will increase air pollution and noise pollution
- It will be a large building that will destroy the character of the neighborhood
- There is a safety issue for nearby schools
- Environmental study didn't take into account bike lanes that are planned for Queens Boulevard

Chairman Hennessy reminded the public that the anticipated jail is not located in Community Board 6 since it is in Kew Gardens. At this time, the Community Board isn't involved in the decision making process, but is happy to listen to the public's concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Nolan Community Coordinator

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