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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES APRIL 14, 2021

PRESENT

A. WEITZMAN, CHAIR P. BEADLE, 2ND VC H. DIMITRIADIS, VC FINANCE D. SCHNEIER, VC SCOPING G. GORDON, 1ST VC M. LASTER, VC SECRETARY P. KUMAR, VC LAND USE

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ABSENT

E. FELDER	J. MEDINA	M. SILVERSTEIN
M. HECHT	R. NEKTALOV	S. ROLNICK
E. KALENDAREV	T. PADGETT	R. SILVER

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO	CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER
J. SCHABOWSKI	MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT
M. CARLIER	OFFICE OF NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI
J. D'ANGELO	OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR ADDABBO
A. ROSERO	OFFICE OF QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT
M. COHEN	OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ

COMMUNITY BOARD 6

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

PUBLIC FORUM

The public will now be able to state or read their comments during the zoom meeting. All requests for public comment must be submitted via email to <u>QN06@CB.NYC.GOV</u> by 3pm on the day of meeting. Public comments submitted by Friday at 5pm, will be included in the minutes.

Yvonne Shortt, RPGA Studio, Inc.:

Yvonne spoke about current art projects at Forest Park, new Afro pick installation, and new cultural conversations projects. These projects are a way to thank people that have been volunteering in the community, to promote volunteering and to give back to those that are volunteering and support local businesses. If people see these art pieces around the neighborhood and take a photo with them, they will be entered to win a \$50 restaurant gift card.

Mariya Pougatcheva:

102nd street and 66th avenue - LIJ hospital is located right in the center of our residential neighborhood. The hospital's parking lot causes a lot of traffic build up on 102 street. The traffic can start as early as 5am and results in constant honking and drivers fighting, sometimes physically. Additionally, there are often times when someone is being dropped off to go to the hospital and immediately the cars behind the drop off start honking and cursing. I feel terrible for the patients and for the neighbors due to the traffic noise. I think a no honking sign would be a great start to address the traffic noise.

Kaleena Ma, FH Asian Association:

Announced the following events: a. Liver Disease and Donate Life Awareness Month Event on 4-22-21 at 7:00pm on Zoom b. Town Hall with the 112th Precinct Community Council to speak about Hate Crimes against Asian Americans on 4-29-21

Chair Alexa Weitzman read the following comment from Lily Kodua:

The Queens Civic Engagement Committee sponsored by the Borough President's office met on March 31st over Zoom. During the meeting, Allie Swatek, Director of Policy Research from NYC Campaign Finance Board delivered an informational presentation on Ranked Choice Voting, which is being used in the upcoming June 2021 elections. Daniel Abramson, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs from the NYC Civic Engagement Commission, spoke to the Committee on the work of the CEC. The Committee's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28th.

Chair Weitzman expressed to the Board that all public comments are taken seriously and are followed up with personal emails from the Chair and/or various committee chairs.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 10, 2021 were accepted as written.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Alexa Weitzman welcomed the new CB6 members that were recently appointed by the Borough President. She announced that she and Frank would be holding a Zoom Orientation for new members on April 28, 2021. Also, there will be a New / Renewal Member Swearing in on Monday April 19, 2021.

Chair Alexa Weitzman announced that committee selections would be opening this month and emails will be going out to all members, including committee chairs. In the past, we did this in October, but we will do it in April moving forward. Also, during this time, there will be an application for members of the public that wish to sit on a committee. This application period will be for the month of May and selections will go into effect June 1.

Ms. Weitzman spoke about the status of the By-Laws. The by-law work was halted when the Borough President announced that they would release guidance for CB to follow in their by-laws. This work should resume soon since the Borough President has provided some guidance and will be giving more in the coming weeks. The next meeting of the By-Law committee will be on April 29, 2021.

Since last March, we have been streaming our meetings on Facebook and Chair Weitzman announced that there may be some changes to make our meetings accessible, maybe switching to YouTube.

Chair Weitzman reminded people that we have to stick together to hopefully see the light at the end of the tunnel with COVID. However, it isn't over yet so keep wearing a mask and getting tested, etc. She also acknowledged the difficulties with the hate crimes in the Asian American / Pacific Islander communities right now and the Community Board supports them. The Diversity, Education and Community Engagement Committee will be having a Presentation on Preventing Hate Together on May 6, 2021. In addition, the Community Board continues to support the black and brown members of our community in light of a recent killing of a black man at the hands of police.

Chair Weitzman reminded everyone that there is now a google calendar on our CB 6 website, <u>www.nyc.gov/cb6q</u>. This will contain all the links to sign up for meetings and events. Also, you can subscribe to the calendar and the CB events will show up on your google calendar.

Last, Chair Weitzman thanked the Board Members and the CB 6 Staff for all the work they do.

Since there are new members this month, we took a few minutes for all members to introduce themselves.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

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District Manager Frank Gulluscio welcomed all the new members and Congratulated them for volunteering.

DM Gulluscio announced that the Mayor announced that all NYC employees should return to work May 3. We will be waiting for further guidance, but CB 6 Employees have already been working on a staggered schedule. In addition, CB 6 is in compliance with the last Audit.

He also announced that the State Budget is passed, and we will wait to see how it affects Community Boards. NYC has received millions of dollars in education funds from NYS that we have been waiting a very long time for.

National Grid is doing work in Rego Park near the Crescents.

He also reminded everyone that April 22 is Earth Day.

Mr. Gulluscio acknowledged Mark Laster and Anisia Ayon who were very active with the Census. This community ranked 3rd in completion rates.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Elizabeth Newton, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee reported that the Board received 2 new applications. One is a new application and the other one is an existing application that would like to now serve liquor.

- 1. Art of Grill, 97-13 Queens Boulevard, RP
- 2. Arouche LLC (La Rotisserie du Coin), 107-1071st Road, FH

CB 6 received the following liquor license renewals:

- 1. Prestige, 91-33 63rd Drive, RP
- 2. Theater Café, 106-03 Metropolitan Avenue, FH
- 3. Nick's Pizza, 108-26 Ascan Avenue, FH
- 4. TGI Friday's, 70-00 Austin Street, FH

The 112th Precinct had no issues or complaints with these establishments.

The Committee had no objections to the new or renewal applications. A motion to approve the new and renewal applications passed on a roll call vote. There was 1 abstention for the Theater Café Application.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Beadle, Co-Chair, reported that the committee met on March 18, 2021. The committee discussed the following:

- There was a presentation on Open Streets by Jim Burke from the 34th Avenue Open Streets Coalition to discuss how they have been successful and how we can support our open street participants. This is one of the most active streets in Queens. If anyone is interested in learning more about this, you can reach out to Peter.
- Budget Requests for FY23 (Safety studies, subway cleanliness, lighting upgrades, completing bike lane projects, curb and pedestrian ramp upgrades, elevators at subway stations)
- Alderton Street subcommittee presented their initial findings from their survey
- Sidewalk construction permits and repairs with respect to the lack of transparency to adjacent homeowners. The committee is working on a letter and some recommendations.

The next meeting will be Thursday April 15, 2021. Among other agenda items, there will be a presentation from Revel (Scooter company that is now around CB 6)

LAND USE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

1. <u>BSA Application - 102-01 66th Road, Queens</u>

Application on behalf of Long Island Jewish Medical Center to reopen and amend the condition regarding the term of a prior special permit, granted under BSA calendar no. 221-88-BZ, pursuant to Zoning Resolution Section 73-49, which allows <u>open parking on the roof of a parking garage</u> <u>accessory to Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Hospital</u> and to waive the Board's Rules of Procedure to allow this Application to be filed more than two years but less than ten years after the expiration of the prior term of the special permit.

Prameet Kumar, Chair, reported that the committee met on March 22, 2021. The applicant's representative attended the committee meeting. This parking structure already exists and there have been no issues / complaints. The committee motion (passed unanimously in committee with one abstention) is to approve. This motion passed on a voice vote (37 Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstain)

2. <u>BSA Cal. Nos. 92-99-BZ, 94-99-BZ, 96-99-BZ, 98-99-BZ, 100-99-BZ, and 102-99-BZ:</u> 98-09 64th Road, 98-10 64th Avenue, 98-25 64th Road, 98-26 64th Avenue, 98-41 64th Road, 98-40 64th Avenue, 98-51 64th Avenue, 98-50 63rd Drive, 98-33 64th Avenue, 98-34 63rd

Goldman Harris LLC, on behalf of Regal Parking Corp. (the "Applicant") respectfully submits this application to <u>extend the term of a variance allowing transient parking</u> at the above[1]referenced Premises pursuant to \$1-07.1(a)(2) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedures; extend the Applicant's time to obtain Certificates of Occupancy for some of the buildings located on the Premises pursuant to \$1-07.1(a)(3) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedures; and for a waiver pursuant to \$1-07.3(d)(2) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedures; and for a waiver pursuant to \$1-07.3(d)(2) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedures allowing the Applicant to seek such extension of time to obtain the required Certificates of Occupancy more than thirty (30) days after the expiration of its time to do so. No waiver is requested for the extension of term as this application is being filed within thirty (30) days of the expiration of such term.

(2) Extension of Term: Applications may be filed on the SOC calendar for extensions of term

related to previous grants where the term is specified in the Zoning Resolution or specified as a condition in the Board's resolution, with respect to applications involving: (1) a pre-1961 use grant pursuant to ZR §11-411, (2) a pre-1961 bulk grant, (3) a post-1961 variance pursuant to ZR §72-01 and 72-22, (4) a post-1961 special permit pursuant to ZR §§73-01 and 73-04, or (5) a transient parking waiver.

Prameet Kumar, Chair, reported that the committee met on March 22, 2021. The applicant's representative attended the committee meeting. There have been no issues with this parking structure. The committee motion (passed unanimously in committee) is to approve. This motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The next Land Use and Housing Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday May 5, 2021.

EDUCATION, LIBRARY AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Heather Dimitriadis, Chair, reported the following:

- Submitted the following budget priorities for FY 23
 - Remove Air Conditioning at Russel Sage (This has been completed)
 - New Library Branch in Rego Park near PS 220, PS 197, JHS Halsey, to accommodate this area because residents and students have to travel across very large streets to get to the nearest library (ex: Queens Blvd / LIE). In the short term, a Rego Park Annex to accommodate these residents could be located at the Rego Center or on 108th Street (in a vacant store).
 - 3K for All

Thank you to the State Elected Officials for their work in the budget and getting our schools funding that they have been waiting a long time for.

AGING / SOCIAL SERVICES / DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Laster, Co-Chair, reported that the committee met on Monday April 12. He gave a brief overview of the committee.

On April 26 at 7:00pm, there will be a presentation on Disability Etiquette with a presenter from CID-NY. In May, there will be a presentation as a follow up of Coping with COVID-19 and issues that have come up as a result of the pandemic.

Several committee members have taken on the task of preparing a comprehensive guide to services in our community. Also, the committee will be designing a questionnaire to find out what issues are important to community members.

Last, the committee has submitted several budget priorities including services for the homeless, homecare for seniors, etc.

The next committee meeting will meet on Monday May 10, 2021.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: BUDGET PRIORITY UPDATE

Heather Dimitriadis thanked the Committees for their hard work in submitting priorities. On May 24, 2021 at 7:00pm all committee chairs will meet to discuss all priorities and rank them. In June, the Finance committee will present the comprehensive list and the board will have a discussion and vote. This conversation will continue into the Fall and the final priorities are due in October.

GOOD & WELFARE

Heidi Chain announced that the 112th Precinct Community Council Meeting will be on Wednesday April 21, 2021at 7:00pm. RSVP and send questions for Captain Cappelmann to <u>council112@yahoo.com</u>. Also, on April 29th, the 112th Precinct Community Council will be hosting a Town Hall Forum with the head of the Asian Hate Crimes Task Force for the City. RSVP to <u>council112@yahoo.com</u>

Jean Silva announced that next week there will be a full week of Earth Day events. This will kick off on Sunday April 18 by having a clean-up of the Pat Dolan Trail at Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Jean also announced that, as the Parks Committee Chair, she will be visiting all the Parks in CB 6 with District Manager Frank Gulluscio and Parks Manager Nelson Fung.

John Dereszewski thanked the Consumer Affairs, Economic Development and Small Business Committee for the Small Business Webinar that they hosted in March. It had a lot of useful information. Alexa also acknowledged Elizabeth and the committee and said that it is archived on the CB 6 Facebook page if anyone wants to watch it.

Mark Laster announced that the FH Green Team, in conjunction with the Queens Botanical Gardens and the Friends of Macdonald Park will start a composting project on May 16, 2021. If anyone wants to participate, they can contact FHGTInc@gmail.com. There was composting previously at the Greenmarket but was stopped.

Pat Morgan wanted to make the new members aware that the Chair and the office staff are always available for advice or help. She also mentioned a mantra that Past Chair the Late Joe Hennessy told her when she joined: You are here to serve the community, not to serve yourself'. This has stayed with her throughout her time on the board.

Michael Arcati announced that the FH American Legion Post will be hosting a Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony on Sunday May 30, 2021 at 12:00pm at Remsen Park.

Chair Weitzman announced that on May 1, 2021, there will be a COVID Day of Remembrance at the Forest Park Bandshell. We will forward details as they become available.

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Amparito Rosero congratulated the reappointed board members and welcomes the new board members. She also made the following announcements:

- Virtual Job Fair on Thursday April 15 from 2:00pm 3:30pm. If you would like to participate, email <u>rsvp@queensbp.org</u>
- The Orientation and Swearing In for new and reappointed members will be on Monday April 19, 2021. Members will receive a link via email by Friday afternoon.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

Jessica Schabowski announced the following:

- NYC stopped administering Johnson and Johnson vaccine based on guidance from the CDC and FDA and out of an abundance of caution. NYC has no known cases of these rare, severe side effects such as blood clots.
- To find a vaccine, please visit <u>www.vaccinefinder.nyc.gov</u>
- The homebound vaccination program has been suspended temporarily because this program relies on the Johnson and Johnson Vaccine.
- NYC expanded the number of walk in locations for individuals age 75 and over at vaccine sites citywide.
- In an effort to make the vaccine more accessible to vulnerable populations, there are mobile vaccine vans and buses.
- 3K for All has been expanded to the remaining 16 school districts for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Mayor announced the launch of the City Cleanup Corps (CCC), a New Dealinspired economic recovery program to directly create 10,000 jobs in multiple city agencies. For a list of these jobs, please visit <u>www.nyc.gov/ccc</u>

NYS SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO JR.

John D'Angelo announced the following:

- Paper shredding and Household good donation Event at Forest Park Bandshell April 25, 2021 from 10am 2pm.
- E-Waste Recycling Event at Forest Park Bandshell from 10am 2pm May 2, 2021
- If anyone has any questions or issues, they can call 718-497-1630

COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

Michael Cohen announced the following:

- The Homebound Vaccinations. Although they are temporarily suspended, when they resume, go to nyc.gov/covidvaccine to make an appointment for a vaccine in your home. These are administered by the FDNY and the Visiting Nurse Service. If you have difficulty with the website, call the Council Members Office and they can help you.
- Council Member Koslowitz had a message for the new Community Board Members that their tenure will be both worthwhile and meaningful and to the reappointed members, thank you for your service.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Michael Carlier announced that the State Budget Passed and the Assemblyman wanted to point out a few things that he was working on:

- Expansion of Childcare, Education and Pre-K
 - 2.3 Billion in Federal Child Care
 - More than 1 Billion in grants to keep daycares open
 - Supplement wages for childcare workforce
 - Expanding subsidized childcare
 - Expand care in childcare desserts
 - 105 million to expand Universal Pre-K
 - Expand ACES Educational Programing including literature and training for mandated reporters
 - 29.5 Billion allocated to schools and school aid
 - 2.4 Billion for rent and homeowner relief

Assemblyman Hevesi is restarting his weekly mask giveaways on Sundays at the FH Greenmarket after a short break due to holidays. Last, he congratulated the new and reappointed board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Nolan Community Coordinator

CB 6 VOTING SHEET 4/14/2021	ATTENDANCE	New Liquor Licenses	Renewal Liquor Licenses		2 FROM
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KAVISH BATRA	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
PETER BEADLE	P P	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y
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MIRIAM BERFAS	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
HOWARD BIRNBAUM	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
HEIDI CHAIN	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
SHERIDAN CHU	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
ALEXANDER COHEN	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
LATRICE DAVIS	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
ALEJANDRA DIAZ-HOUSTON	Р	Y	Y	ABSTAIN	Y
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
KEITH ENGEL	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
ETHAN FELDER	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
GAIL GORDON	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
BRUCE GROSSBERG	Р	Y	Y	Ν	Y
RABBI MORDECHAI HECHT	Α	А	Α	Α	Α
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EMANUIL KALENDAREV	A	A	A	A	A
JOYCE KEVELSON	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
PRAMEET KUMAR	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARK LASTER	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
RALPH LEONART	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
JONATHAN LI	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
KEVIN LY	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
JACK MEDINA	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
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STEVEN METZ	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
PAT MORGAN	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
RAFAEL NEKTALOV	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α
ELIZABETH NEWTON	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
TANIA PADGETT	A	A	A	A	A
SHARI ROLNICK	A	A	A	A	A
GLADYS SANDOVAL	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
DAVID SCHNEIER	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
JEAN SILVA	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
ROBERT SILVER	A	A	A	A	A
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MARSHA SILVERSTEIN	A	A			
TERESA SIMMONS	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
ROBERT TAMAYEV	Р	Y	Y	ABSTAIN	Y
IRINA TAMAYEVA	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARTHA TUCKER	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
SUSAN WANDERMAN	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
ALEXA WEITZMAN	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
JOAN WESTON	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
EDWIN WONG	Р	Y	Y - ABSTAIN THEATER CAFÉ	ABSTAIN	Y
DANIEL YAKUBOV	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y
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