



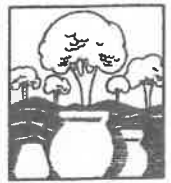
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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2019

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J. KEVELSON

R. NEKTALOV

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N. LEIBOWITZ

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO

J. PERRICONE

J. GOLDES

G. HUE

J. D'ANGELO

M. CARLIER

R. MALONE

M. COHEN

D. ARONOV

P.O. KEITH TUOHEY

CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER

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OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

OFFICE OF SENATOR STAVISKY

OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO

OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI

OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER ROSENTHAL

OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ

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112TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Chair Alexa Weitzman opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 12, 2019 were accepted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Alexa Weitzman offered condolences to Peter Beadle on the loss of his father. Also, well wishes to Jean Silva who was sick recently. Last, Congratulatory wishes to Ed Wong on the birth of his son and Alejandra Diaz on her upcoming wedding.

As new chair of CB 6, Ms. Weitzman has changed a few things: meeting time moved to 7:30pm, public forum moved up on the agenda. In addition, an executive board meeting was held to discuss other changes moving forward.

Some of the items discussed were:

- sending committee meeting notices to all CB 6 Members (even if you aren't appointed to committee)
- budget priorities
- reviewing by-laws
- increasing social media presence
- social gatherings for CB Members starting with a holiday potluck before the December board meeting
- public speakers can sign up by calling the CB 6 Office up to 1 week before the meeting.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be on December 2, 2019. Ms. Weitzman stressed that this is a transitional period and she is open to suggestions / comments.

Ms. Weitzman attended Borough President Melinda Katz' monthly Borough Board Meeting. Deputy Borough President Sharon Lee reported on the "Feeling the Squeeze" report. You can view the entire report online, but some highlights are:

- Queens schools are at 106% capacity
- There are about 16,000 more students than seats
- 4 out of 5 of the most overcrowded schools in NYC are in Queens
- Queens is ranked 5/5 for least funding
- District 28 has 4 new additions to accommodate the overcrowding: PS 303 (484 new seats), PS 144 (590 new seats), PS 196 (250 new seats), PS 206 (392 new seats).

Chair Weitzman congratulated the following members that received service awards from the Borough President: Naomi Altman, Jack Medina, Greg Carlson, Heidi Chain.

Last, Chair Weitzman has set up a Community Board Chair Email, queenscb6chair@gmail.com. If anyone wishes to contact her, they can use this email.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Frank Gulluscio announced that Budget Consultations have come to an end for this year and all District Managers were asked to complete a survey about how they went and how they can improve for next year.

Mr. Gulluscio announced that the Department of City Planning and Borough President Melinda Katz will be holding a Training for Community Board Members and Staff on Zoning, District Needs and Budget Requests on October 23, 2019 and October 24, 2019.

Last, Mr. Gulluscio gave an update on the Rego Park Library. He said that the project is fully funded and is in the design phase, but it is still our # 1 budget priority until the project begins.

PUBLIC FORUM

Claudia Valentino spoke about recent issues on Metropolitan Avenue during dismissal of the Metropolitan Avenue Schools. There have been recent occurrences where students have been disruptive at CVS, McDonalds and Wendy's. This is negatively affecting the quality of life for many residents. Ms. Valentino is requesting that a meeting be organized with CB 6, NYPD, Metropolitan Avenue Schools and FH Civic to voice concerns and try to prevent this behavior from escalating.

Tiffani Pierce, of Art Table Studio, spoke about a temporary art display that she will be installing at Ehrenreich Austin Street Playground. It will be an activity board for children and will be up for about 4 weeks.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

Council Member Koslowitz addressed the board on the following:

- NYC Council gave an extra \$42,000 in funding to each Community Board which can't be used for salaries.
- Rego Park Library is moving forward. She will make sure it gets completed.
- Jail in Kew Gardens
 - She is in favor of it because Rikers must be closed
 - It is going to happen anyway, so she has to be active in the planning to make sure it is done the right way
 - There was a jail at that location for 40 years
 - The height of the building was already reduced
 - She feels it will make the neighborhood safer

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Assembly Member Hevesi addressed the board on the increase of homelessness in our community. He thanked the 112th Precinct for their work in the community but recognized that there is only so much they can do. He understands that people feel that agencies should be able to remove homeless people from the streets, but he spoke about Kendra's Law (which is a New York State law concerning involuntary outpatient commitment. It grants judges the authority to issue orders that require people who meet certain criteria to regularly undergo psychiatric treatment). He feels that this is not generally the answer for these individuals. He also feels that not enough is being done for the homeless and he has been working very hard on finding a solution.

NYPD – 112TH PRECINCT REPORT

P.O. Tuohey reported the following:

- Crime is down in the 112th Precinct
- CVS Incident
 - 2 arrests were made, and they believe more will follow
 - \$10,000 in damage
 - 112th Precinct has increased patrols during dismissal as well as the NCO's and Community Affairs Officers.
- Increase in Homeless
 - 112th Precinct enforces the law to the best of their ability
 - If the individual is committing a crime, or is a harm to themselves or others they will take them in.
- 112th Precinct Community Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 7:30pm at Russel Sage JHS.

PRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT DA KRISTEN KANE OVERVIEW OF QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ELDER FRAUD UNIT

ADA Kristen Kane explained that there are four types of abuse against the elderly: Physical, Emotional, Sexual and Financial. The Elder Fraud Unit deals with cases of financial abuse.

Ms. Kane mentioned the following statistics:

- More victims are female than male
- Many victims are 70 – 90 years old
- About 60 % of the accused are family members

There are certain red flags to look for:

- Nobody has seen the elderly person in a while

- They aren't spending any money or are spending too much money
- They have new friends in their life

Some of the common scams that they have seen are:

- Grandparent scam (Scammer pretends to be grandchildren in trouble)
- Social Security scam (Your social security number has been compromised)
- Sweepstakes scam (Please send money to claim your winnings)

These are difficult to trace because many times they ask for cash or gift cards and are out of the country.

Other examples of exploitation includes:

- Family member taking money out of bank account
- Home health aide
- Power of Attorney abuse
- Credit card fraud / identity theft

Although these cases are difficult to solve, the Elder Fraud Unit tries to address the issues surrounding the elder abuse. They meet with Weil Cornell Medical Center Elder Abuse Network to see what type of services these seniors need to prevent these things.

The Elder Fraud Unit can be contacted at 718-286-6578.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Gail Gordon, filling in as Chair of the Public Transportation / Transportation Committee reported that the board received a request for a street renaming for Fleet Street and Groton Street in honor of Abe Miller. Mr. Miller was instrumental in founding the Forest Hills Little League and the Forest Hills Youth Athletic Association. He also helped secure a loan from the NY Mets to purchase the land for the little league. This loan was later forgiven by the METS. Mr. Miller passed away at age 97.

The committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Motion to approve the application passed unanimously on a voice vote.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Frank Gulluscio, filling in as Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Board received 2 new liquor license applications.

1. Amar Peruvian Kitchen, 68-60 Austin Street, Rego Park
2. Shashlichnaya, 96-30 Queens Blvd., Rego Park

The Committee had no objections to these applications, and a motion to approve the new applications passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

CB 6 received the following liquor license renewals:

1. Nine Thai, 110-70 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills

2. Guantanamera, 110-80 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills
3. Tuscan Hills, 110-60 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills
4. Corfu Grill, 70-17B Austin Street, Forest Hills
5. Forest Hills Station House, 106-11 71 Avenue, Forest Hills
6. Bamboo Ya, 97-11 Queens Blvd., Rego Park
7. Vstrecha NY Inc., 98-98 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills
8. Manor Oktoberfest, 73-11 Yellowstone Blvd., Forest Hills
9. Fuji Japanese Cuisine, 113-27 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills
10. Gloria Pizza, 108-22 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills
11. Sorry Not Sorry, 70-15B Austin Street, Forest Hills

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve all renewal applications passed on a voice vote (32 In Favor, 1 Opposed).

FY21 CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES

District Manager presented the FY21 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities, which were distributed to the board prior to the meeting.

After much discussion, the following changes were made to the Capital Budget Priorities:

- Argus Cameras were removed from the list since they are fully funded at this point
- These items were added to the list: road repair, water bottle fillers in schools, solar panels to schools, large boots for commercial vehicles, ADA accessibility for libraries, curb and medical building accessibility signage, increased street lighting.

After much discussion, the following changes were made to the Expense Budget Priorities:

- Add additional funding for homeless outreach

A voice vote was taken on the recommended changes for both Capital and Expense Priorities. All members were in favor.

GOOD & WELFARE

NYS SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR

John D'Angelo announced that Senator Addabbo will be holding Mobile Office Hours at the Forest Hills Library on 10/24/19 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT MELINDA KATZ

John Perricone mentioned the CB Member and Staff Training on 10/23 and 10/24 and urged all members to attend.

Mr. Perricone also congratulated the members that received service awards from the Borough President.

NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Rick Malone, announced that Assembly Member Rosenthal will be holding the following events:

- Free Flu Shots – Wednesday 10/23/19 from 1pm – 5pm at the District Office
- NYC Finance Workshop – 10/30/19 from 4pm – 6pm at 158-11 Jewel Avenue
- Paper Shredding Event – 11/17/19 from 11am – 2pm at Poppenhusen Institute
- Free Civil Legal Services – 11/25/19 from 10am – 3pm at 159-06 71st Avenue

NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Michael Carlier, reported that they will be doing a Homeless Supply Drive. Items can be dropped off at Assemblyman Hevesi's Office Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm.

CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes announced that Cong. Member Meng is committed to mail phishing, which is prevalent in this community. She made sure all the mailboxes have been retrofitted to prevent this from happening. In addition, she introduced a bill that would make these changes in communities throughout the country.

Congress Member Meng also hosted an Academy Forum at Forest Hills High School for those interested in attending the military academies.

OFFICE OF NYCCENSUS 2020

David Aronov reported that there are going to be NOCC's (Neighborhood Organizing Census Committees) in each community. These NOCC's will be the census ambassadors in their neighborhood. These are volunteers that help get the people in their community counted. He is encouraging people to volunteer.

Mr. Aronov also explained that if NY is undercounted, we could lose 2 seats in Congress and our fair share of \$650 Billion in federal funding.

Last, Mr. Aronov reported that nonprofit organizations can apply to receive funding for Census Outreach. Visit www.nyc.gov/census.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Nolan
Community Coordinator

CB 6 VOTING SHEET

Date: 10/10/19

Street Re-Naming

New Liquor

Renewal

Fleet Street

Licenses

Liquor Licenses

	Street Re-Naming	New Liquor	Renewal	
	Fleet Street	Licenses	Liquor Licenses	
NAOMI ALTMAN		Y		
ANISIA AYON		Y		
PETER BEADLE		Y		
MIRIAM BERFAS		ABSENT		
GREG CARLSON		ABSENT		
HEIDI CHAIN		Y		
SHERIDAN CHU		ABSENT		V
ALEXANDER COHEN		Y		O
CHRISTOPHER COLLETT		Y		I
JOHN DERESZEWSKI		ABSENT		C
ALEJANDRA DIAZ		Y		E
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS		Y		
KURT FAKIRA		ABSENT		V
ETHAN FELDER		Y		O
GLORIA FERRERAS		Y		T
JEREMY GOLANT		Y		E
GAIL GORDON	V	Y		
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MYRNA JACOBSON		Y		
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STEVEN METZ		Y		P
EDWARD MURRAY	F	ABSENT		O
PAT MORGAN	A	Y		S
RAFAEL NEKTALOV	V	ABSENT		E
KARL NEUMANN	O	ABSENT		D
ELIZABETH NEWTON	R	Y		
SHARI ROLNICK		Y		
DAVID SCHNEIER		Y		
HERBERT SCHONHAUT		Y		
JEAN SILVA		Y		
ROBERT SILVER		ABSENT		
MARSHA SILVERSTEIN		Y		
SUSAN WANDERMAN		Y		
ALEXA WEITZMAN		Y		
JOAN WESTON		Y		
EDWIN WONG		ABSENT		