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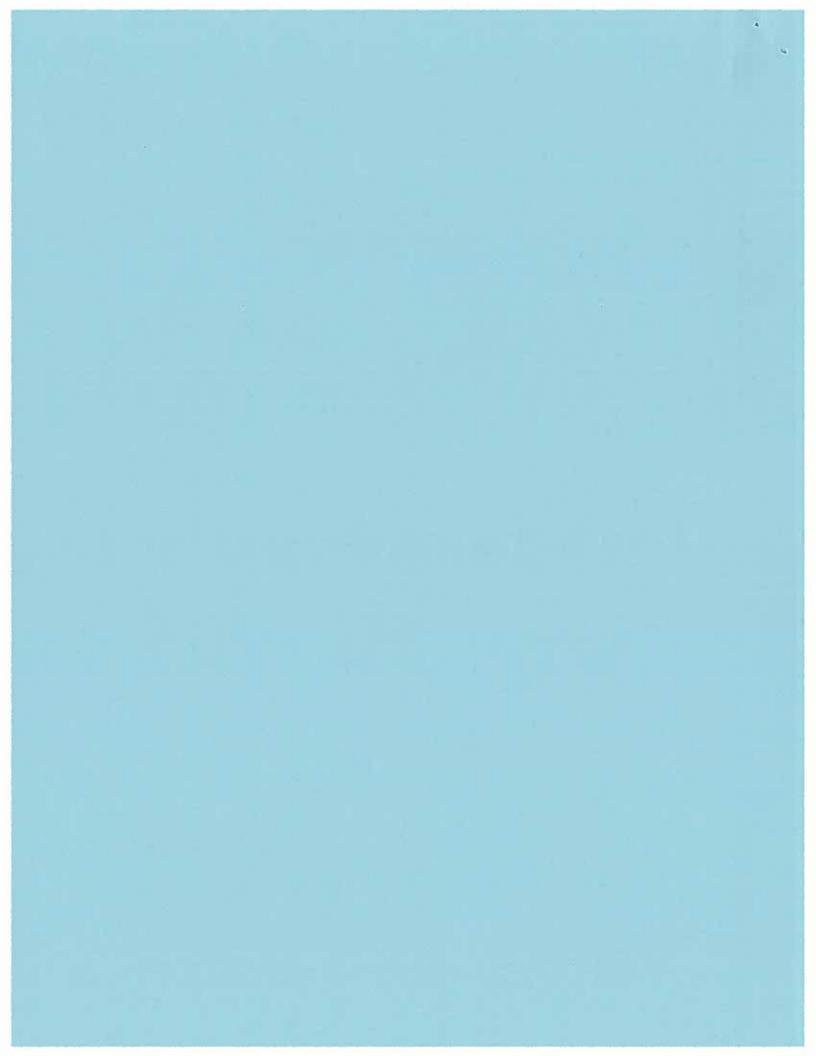
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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER J. PERRICONE OFFICE OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ J. GOLDES OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG D. ARONOV OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ J. GRIFFITH OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO K. WISNIEWSKI OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI R. MALONE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER ROSENTHAL COMMANDING OFFICER - 112TH PRECINCT CAPTAIN CERMELI 112TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS P.O. KEITH TUOHEY 112TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS P.O. JOHN MASER DET. REDZEMATOVIC PATROL BOROUGH QUEENS NORTH



COMMUNITY BOARD 6

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Gail Gordon, 1st Vice Chair – CB 6 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance in Chairman Hennessy's absence. Chairman Hennessy is recovering from surgery and CB 6 wishes him a speedy recovery.

Community Board 6 held a moment of silence for NYPD Detective Brian Simonsen who was killed on duty on Tuesday February 12. Also, for Sgt. Matthew Gorman who was injured in the same incident.

MINUTES

The minutes of January 9, 2019 were accepted.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio reported that Queens Borough President Melinda Katz held her State of the Borough Address on January 25, 2019.

There was a Queens Chamber of Commerce breakfast on February 13, 2019 for local businesses and District Managers.

Mr. Gulluscio will be testifying at Budget Hearings next Wednesday February 20, 2019.

Everyone should network to their groups the importance of the 2020 Census.

There will be a special election for NYC Public Advocate on February 26, 2019. Everyone should get out and vote.

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT – 112TH PRECINCT

Captain Cermeli reported that crime was up in the 112th Precinct. The increase is mostly due to unlocked vehicles. He urged everyone to avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle and remember to lock your vehicle. In addition, these burglars are entering homes with unlocked doors.

There was some discussion about phone scams. Capt. Cermeli urged people to hang up and not give any financial information over the telephone. It is difficult to stop these people because they use dummy phone numbers and are often calling from other countries. However, there is a financial crimes task force that looks into these scams.

Neighborhood Coordination Officers were present to answer questions from residents.

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Katie Hine and Sheila Williams reported that Sunnyside Community Services serves 14,000 people in Queens, have 200 employees and 2,115 home care workers. The staff at Sunnyside speaks more than 20 languages.

The Caregiver Support programs provide support for those caring for someone with chronic illness, Alzheimer's disease / dementias or a grandparent caring for a grandchild. These programs are funded by New York State Department of Health and New York City Department for the Aging. All services are free for caregivers. Some of the services include: individual and family counseling, support groups, respite services, and educational and training sessions. For more information about the caregiver programs, call 877-577-9337 or email carenyc@scsny.org.

Some additional programs offered by Sunnyside include:

- Center for Older Active Adults
- Geriatric Mental Health
- Case Management for Homebound
- Social Adult Day
- Professional and Licensed Home Care

Sunnyside Community Services partners with the Queens Community House to offer services in our communities.

AGING / SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Laster, Co-Chair of the Aging / Social Services Committee reported that the committee met on January 28, 2019. The committee voted to invite the following speakers to a future community board meeting:

- QICA presentation on senior services
- Presentation on minimally used earned benefits that are available
- Thrive NYC presentation on mental health issues

Mark also reported that he attended the first Census Complete Count Committee Meeting. The two things that they are asking of Community groups are: sponsoring a hiring event and forming smaller complete count committees within your neighborhood.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee said the Board received 2 new liquor license applications

- Beer Obsessed, 110-64 Queens Boulevard, FH
- Sorry Not Sorry, 70-15B Austin Street, FH
 Method of Operation Change from Restaurant to Bar / Lounge

The Committee motion is to approve these applications. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board received the following liquor license renewals:

- Irish Cottage, 108-07 72nd Ave., FH
- Bangkok Cuisine, 107-18 70 Road, Store 2, FH
- Il Poeta, 98-04 Metropolitan Ave., FH
- Mike's Pizza, 71-75 Yellowstone Blvd., FH
- Miller's NYC Ale, 61-35 Junction Blvd., RP
- Tower Diner, 98-95 Queens Blvd, RP

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

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Susan Wanderman, Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee reported that the Committee would like to work on creating a consolidated website for disseminating information to the community about upcoming events. In addition, the Committee recommended that CB 6 make a resolution concerning the need for additional supermarkets in the community. This resolution couldn't be passed since supermarkets are private businesses.

STREET ACTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Silver, Chair of the Street Activity Permit Committee reported that CB 6 received 9 street fair applications.

- 112th PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL FESTIVAL
 APRIL 7, 2019 QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. & 70 ROAD
- VISITING FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORS 63rd Drive FESTIVAL MAY 4, 2019 - 63RD DRIVE BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET
- FOREST HILLS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
 JUNE 9, 2019 AUSTIN STREET BETWEEN 69TH ROAD & 72ND ROAD
- QUEENS BLVD. FESTIVAL AUG. 4, 2019 - QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. AND 70 ROAD
- JAZZ THURSDAYS FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS

AUG. 15, 2019 - 70th ROAD BETWEEN AUSTIN STREET & QUEENS BLVD.

- FOREST HILLS REGO PARK LIONS CLUB 63RD DRIVE FESTIVAL
 AUG. 18, 2019 63RD DRIVE BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & ALDERTON STREET
- JAZZ THURSDAYS FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS
 AUG. 22, 2019 70TH ROAD BETWEEN AUSTIN STREET & QUEENS BLVD.
- SHOP FOREST HILLS FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 - AUSTIN STREET BETWEEN 69TH ROAD & 72ND ROAD
- 112TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL FESTIVAL
 OCTOBER 13, 2019 QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. & 70 ROAD

There were 2 changes being made:

- 1) FH Chamber event was changed from 9/15/19 to 9/8/19.
- 2) FH Rego Park Lions Club, 63rd Drive Event, is usually held on a Saturday. However, this year they changed it to Sunday. The applicant has reached out to the church that is located on 63rd Drive & Wetherole Street. They will not interfere with church services.

The committee had no complaints / concerns and recommended approval with the stipulation that the church must also approve the Lions Club event or the Committee will reconsider.

There was some discussion about the Forest Hills Rego Park Lions Club event extending from Austin Street to Alderton Street. In the past, this event was cut to Austin Street to accommodate the Shalimar Diner, which is now closed. However, there was still some concern regarding traffic flow if Austin Street is closed. District Manager Frank Gulluscio said he would speak to the 112th Precinct regarding this.

These events were approved on a voice vote, 28 in favor, 3 abstentions.

GOOD & WELFARE

NYS SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR

Jeff Griffin reported that Senator Addabbo will be holding a Department of Finance event in Rockaway.

A voting reform bill that was passed recently includes the following:

- Early voting
- State and Federal Primaries are consolidated
- Same day voter registration
- Closed LLC loophole with respect to campaign finance
- No excuse absentee voting
- Voter registration address transfer
- Pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds

There was a discussion about Senator Addabbo's vote on the Reproductive Health Act. Mr. Griffin explained that this is a personal belief and Senator Addabbo would be happy to explain his vote.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Kevin Wisniewski reported that Assemblyman Hevesi is putting together his budget request letters for this year including a request for \$500 million in new funding for non profits that operate within NYCHA facilities, funding for services to prevent child abuse / neglect and funding for Home Stability Support, which is their #1 initiative.

NYC COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

David Aronov reported that a bill from May 2017 that requires food carts to have letter grades has started to roll out. There are approximately 5,500 carts in NYC and will take about 2 years to grade them all.

On January 24, a bill was passed by the City Council to create an Office of Hate Crime Prevention. It will conduct educational outreach and training.

Comfort Inn, located at 123-32 82nd Avenue will no longer be operating as a homeless shelter. The homeless families were moved out and it will operate solely as a hotel.

CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

Jordan Goldes reported that Cong. Member Meng will hold VA office hours on February 27, 2019 at the Northeast Queens office.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Rick Malone reported that he will be the new representative for Assembly Member Rosenthal and they will have mobile office hours at 80-02 Kew Gardens Road from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Alexa Weitzman reported that there is a member of the community that is working to create a community garden on a piece of Parks Department property adjacent to Yellowstone Park. The Parks Committee is in favor of the proposal and will keep the board updated. There is also an online petition at change.org.

Heidi Chain reported that the 112th Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday February 20, 2019. The FDNY will be speaking about Fire Safety and there will be mock 911 calls to train people on how to call 911 and what information is pertinent. In addition, there will be a Narcan Training Presentation for the CERT team, but they are opening it up to the community. It will be on Monday February 25, 2019. If

anyone is interested, they have to sign up by February 21, 2019. Call or email CB 6 to confirm attendance.

Susan Wanderman reported that there will be a Lunar New Year & Black History Month Celebration, a film screening at the Forest Hills Library on Saturday February 23, 2019 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. In addition, there will be a Lunar New Year Celebration at Queens Borough Hall on Wednesday February 27, 2019.

Ethan Felder thanked Edwin Wong and the Forest Hills Asian Association for sponsoring the "State of Forest Hills Civic Community" on January 30, 2019.

Chris Wong, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, Lost Battalion Hall, reported that Summer Camp registration will begin online on March 1, 2019. In addition, there will be new programs starting up for children. Also, there will be a Tot-Time program. Check their website for more information.

Pauline Barfield, DOT, reported that there will be 2 public hearings regarding the Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvements to JFK Airport Project. They will be on February 27 at Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center and February 28 at Jamaica Performing Arts Center.

Jayson Simba, Kew Gardens Film Festival, announced that their Film Festival will be August 2, 2019 – August 11, 2019. They will be playing over 100 films from around the world. There will be various events around the community. For more information visit their website www.festivalofcinemanyc.org or find them on social media.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Nolan Community Coordinator

CB 6 VOTING SHEET	New		reet Fair Applications	
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