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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2019

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO

J. PERRICONE

J. GOLDES

J. D'ANGELO

M. CARLIER

R. MALONE

M. COHEN

P.O. JOHN MASER

CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER

OFFICE OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ

OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO

OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI

OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER ROSENTHAL

OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ

112TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Judy Berman, spoke about Vision Zero, pedestrian safety and bicycle safety. She spoke about her father who was hit by a vehicle that didn't give the him the right of way as a pedestrian. She thanked the CB for having a Transportation Committee Meeting to address these issues.

Sharitza Lopez-Rodriguez spoke about the need for Air Conditioning at JHS 190. Ms. Rodriguez is a parent of a child at JHS 190 that also attends the Beacon Program. The Beacon Program runs a summer program. During the summer months, when it is hot, unhealthy conditions exist which are not conducive to learning. She cited statistics about how temperature affects student's ability to learn.

Allie Gumas, DSNY, spoke about the Fall Leaf Collection which will take place on November 23 and December 7. She also distributed free leaf bags and literature.

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR

Senator Addabbo addressed the board. He spoke about National Grid. His office is working with the Public Service Commission and the Attorney General's Office to help residents that have issues getting service from National Grid. Senator Addabbo also proposed two bills 1) to ensure residents can access service from gas and electric utilities that may have a monopoly on service in a community 2) To create a task force to study backup energy in New York where the provider is unable or unwilling to provide such service.

Senator Addabbo also spoke about Veterans. He said that the suicide rate among veterans is very high. He feels that this number can be lowered by providing veterans with the tools they need: housing, education, mental health, physical health, etc.

Last, two events in our community: Free Prostate Exams on November 16, 2019 at the Howard Beach Office and a College Fair at MELS School on December 12, 2019.

NYPD – 112TH PRECINCT REPORT

P.O. Maser reported the following:

- 112th Precinct is the second lowest in crime in the city.
- There was an incident at Sephora on Oct. 30. Individuals stole merchandise and they were apprehended.
- NCO Sector B did homeless outreach on Eliot Avenue and Queens Boulevard. Homeless outreach offered these individuals assistance and the encampment was removed.

Last, Officer Maser announced that the 112th Precinct Community Council Meeting will be on Wednesday November 20, 2019 at Russel Sage at 7:30pm.

MINUTES

The minutes of October 10, 2019 were accepted. Herb Schonhaut asked that we recognize Steve Goldberg who resigned from the CB after many years of service to this community.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Community Board 6 has a twitter page, @queenscb6. This will allow the Board to send out flyers and notices about community meetings and events.

Queens Borough President's Office and Department of City Planning held a training in October regarding zoning and budget requests. Ms. Weitzman thanked the members that attended.

Committee Assignments are complete, and everyone should have received them. Committee Meetings are very crucial to the work of the community board. She would like to see all committees meet at least once before the May meeting. She said that the following places can be used for Committee Meetings: Libraries, Rego Park Senior Club and CB 6 Office). Since homelessness has been a big concern in our community, she would like to have an ad-hoc homeless committee. She passed around a sign-up sheet for people that are interested.

Chair Weitzman attended the Borough Board Meeting, which had a presentation about JFK Redevelopment. You can read more about it at the website www.anewjfk.com

Next month, there will be a holiday get together. Everyone is invited to come at 7:00pm and there will be an abbreviated meeting at 7:30pm and the rest will be a social gathering. Chair Weitzman asked the members to sign up to bring something.

Last, the next Executive Board Meeting will be on December 2, 2019 at 6:30pm at the FH Library.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Gulluscio announced that we will be having a Holiday Toy Drive in conjunction with Council Member Koslowitz and Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi for St. Mary's Hospital for Children. The deadline is December 20, 2019.

Mr. Gulluscio reported that Borough President Katz held a Veteran's Day event at Borough Hall.

Also, he announced that he will be distributing the official community board handbook to all committee chairs. He will also give all board members a map of the community board, so they are familiar with our boundaries.

Mr. Gulluscio stressed that the office needs 2 weeks' notice when sending out committee notices.

PRESENTATION BY QUEENS COMMUNITY HOUSE BEACON PROGRAM AT JHS 190

Marlena Starace and Ozzie Araujo spoke about how the Queens Community House has impacted them personally. Queens Community House offers services from very young children to senior citizens. Several students spoke about how the Beacon Program and the Youth Council has helped them with public speaking, organizing public events, social skills, sports, school work, etc.

The beacon program offers the following services: an extended day program which is available for parents that can't pick up their children by 5:45 PM, Saturday program from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Holiday & Break Week Services from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Last, the Beacon Program runs a Summer Camp from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM with an extended day until 5:30 PM.

In response to a question from the Community Board, Ms. Starace confirmed that the lack of air conditioning in JHS 190 makes their summer program difficult. In the past, they have been forced to cancel their program in extreme heat.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Elizabeth Newton, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Board didn't receive any new applications this month.

CB 6 received the following liquor license renewals:

1. One East Ocean Palace, Inc., 113-09 Queens Blvd, Forest Hills
2. L'Amour, 102-11 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills
3. Da Mikelle II Restaurant, 102-39/55 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills
4. Tandoori Food & Bakery, 99-04/06 63rd Road, Rego Park
5. Numero 28, 107-12 70th Road, Forest Hills

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

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Beadle, Co-Chair of the Public Transportation / Transportation Committee reported that the committee met on November 4, 2019. The committee discussed the following

items to work on in the coming months: Needs Assessment, Bike Bonanza in Spring, and a Traffic Study for Jewel Avenue and 69 Road between Grand Central Parkway and Queens Boulevard. Mr. Beadle is hoping to have a representative from DOT at a future committee meeting to discuss the status of concerns within our community.

AGING / SOCIAL SERVICES / DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Laster and Emanuil Kalendarev, Co-Chairs of the Aging / Social Services / Disabilities Committee, reported that the committee met on November 12, 2019. The committee voted to set up presentations on the following topics in the coming months:

- Underutilized resources for community members
- Legislative priorities for the elderly
- Mental Health Issues in the community
- Health Care Issues in the community
- Resources for people with disabilities in the community
- Resources for the LBGTQ community

In addition, the committee will be looking at the needs for the community for Aging / Social Services and Disabilities.

LIBRARY / YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Joan Weston, Co-Chair of the Library / Youth & Education Committee reported that the committee met on November 13, 2019. The committee discussed the District 28 Diversity Plan. The following individuals were present: Stephanie Barreto (DOE), Nyah Berg (NY Appleseed), Amy Hsin (SDAG). This is the first of many meetings throughout this process. They will be engaging with community members to create a plan to increase middle school diversity and academic outcomes in schools.

PARKS & RECREATION / BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Jean Silva, Chair of the Parks & Recreation / Beautification Committee reported that the committee met on November 13, 2019. The committee would like to meet with the Parks Department to discuss the status of Parks projects within Community Board 6. Also, Jean will be visiting the parks in the community board with the Chair and District Manager.

FY21 CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES

District Manager Gulluscio presented the FY21 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities, which were distributed to the board and discussed last month.

There was some discussion regarding Air Conditioning in JHS 190 and Firehouse upgrades. District Manager Frank Gulluscio explained that these projects are already started and funded, which is why they aren't higher on the list.

A roll call vote was taken for FY21 Capital Priorities and passed with all members in favor.

A roll call vote was taken for FY21 Expense Priorities and passed with all members in favor.

GOOD & WELFARE

Gail Gordon asked that everyone keep Joe Hennessy in their thoughts. He is currently in the hospital.

Steven Metz wanted to thank the FDNY and NYPD for their efforts at a recent fire at his grandmother's house.

NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Rick Malone, announced that the following bills were passed:

- Pharmacy bill which makes sure that pharmacies are required to notify patients when a class 1 drug is recalled.
- Bingo has been expanded in NYS to allow once per week, up to 30 per year.

He also announced that Assembly Member Rosenthal will be holding the following events:

- 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 AM Hevesi's bill related to mandating training of direct care workers in adverse childhood experiences was passed the assembly.

Mr. Carlier also announced that they will be working with Project Shoebox which is a holiday drive where people fill up a box of items that are needed by people in the shelter system. Items can be dropped off at Assemblyman Hevesi's Office Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm until 12/13/19.

NYS SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR

John D'Angelo announced that there will be an Active Shooter Presentation on Monday November 18, 2019 from 7:00pm – 9:30pm at Christ the King HS.

Also, Senator Addabbo will have mobile office hours on December 5, 2019 at the Rego Park Library from 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

NYC COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

Michael Cohen spoke about participatory budgeting. There is a committee made up of volunteers that process and develop ideas to be submitted to New York City Agencies. The

group of volunteers will then decide which items will be placed on the ballot for voting. The voting period will be from March 30 – April 8. This process is to spend \$1 million of the Council Members discretionary budget.

He also spoke about the loading zones on Austin Street. Council Member Koslowitz' Office has received a lot of complaints from businesses. These loading zones were going to be re-evaluated after 6 months. At this point in time, the Council Member has asked DOT to review the utilization of these loading zones and adjust them as needed.

CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes announced that Cong. Member Meng held a Town Hall on November 2, 2019 at Queens College.

Also, Congress Member Meng has introduced the following legislation:

- New Deal for New Americans (help immigrants and refugees break down barriers that they face in obtaining naturalization)
- A bill to allow FSA funds to be used to purchase over the counter medication and menstrual products
- Social and Financial measures that would help students at Community Colleges graduate. Also, a measure that would translate financial aid forms into different languages.

Last, Congress Member Meng will hold VA Office Hours on 11/20/19 at the Northeast Queens Office in Flushing. You can call the office to make an appointment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Nolan
Community Coordinator

Filed as approved,

Mark Laster
Vice Chair – Secretary, CB 6