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CB 6 MEETING MINUTES JUNE 10, 2020

PRESENT

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H. CHAIN	E. KALENDAREV	E. NEWTON
S. CHU	J. KEVELSON	T. PADGETT
A. COHEN	N. LEIBOWITZ	S. ROLNICK
C. COLLETT	R. LEONART	D. SCHNEIER
J. DERESZEWSKI	J. LI	H. SCHONHAUT
A. DIAZ-HOUSTON	K. LY	J. SILVA
H. DIMITRIADIS	J. MAKIN	R. SILVER

E. FELDER R. MEHRRA S. WANDERMAN

G. FERRERAS S. METZ E. WONG B. GRIFFITH

ABSENT

J. GOLANT R. NEKTALOV J. WESTON

J. MEDINA M. SILVERSTEIN

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO

J. PERRICONE

M. CARLIER

OFFICE OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT LEE

M. CARLIER

OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI

J. SCHABOWSKI

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

M. COHEN

OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ

LESLIE BROWN

FOREST HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This meeting was held virtually using Zoom due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic. It was also streamed on Facebook.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no formal public comments submitted. Chair Alexa Weitzman presented the following statement from Daniela Alvarez that the community board received via email:

"I am writing to you today as an advocate for the black community that is being racially targeted at the hands of law enforcement, and for the children in our community. It's really devastating to read and see some of the racist things that are going on in Forest Hills. A small memorial created by neighborhood teens was put up at MacDonald Park. While assembling the memorial, the kids were met with verbal harassment; later on the memorial was vandalized and destroyed. This incident has caused the community to feel unsafe and targeted as supporters of the memorial for a lost life. A Facebook post inviting people to leave a token at the memorial turned ugly when racial comments were hurled by a local resident, who made a promise to use a gun and involve her dogs in a violent act on the people who came to memorialize George Floyd.

Many people in our community have rallied together to create a safe space for people to mourn and display their artwork. As a P.O.C and an artist, I have been moved by the young art activists that spearheaded this memorial and used their work to voice their beliefs. Activism knows no bounds, and our neighborhood activists choose art to vocalize their stance.

The statement below was prepared by the young artists and activist who created the memorial: "These memorials are an outlet for those who want to express their disappointment, grief, and outrage at American racial injustice. The vandalizing and hateful online comments were transcended by a swift outpouring of flowers, artwork, inspiring messages, and prayers from people of all different backgrounds and faiths. It is heartening that so many of the people of Forest Hills, regardless of ethnicity, religion, and political agenda, are actively supporting our black community in the fight for justice."

I have been in contact with our local officials, community board, and parks department people who have given their support by helping us secure two locations; the George Seuffert, Sr. Bandshell and the Gerald MacDonald Statue at MacDonald Park. There we can rebuild two tributes that will be up for two weeks.

Change does not come quickly but we must take action. We invite families to come and take a moment to have a conversation about what is going on in the world and in our own backyard. Please come display your creativity via paintings, dance, signs, poems, singing, notes, etc. These memorials will be an opportunity for our community to create, educate and show solidarity to our black brothers and sisters.

Due to the pandemic please adhere to the CDC guidelines, maintain social distance and wear masks.

Please share the attached flyer and spread the word through our social media via IG @Queens_In_ Justice and FB @Queens In Justice."

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 13, 2020 meeting were accepted with the following change:

The resolution that was presented by the Aging / Social Services / Disabilities

Committee and approved by the board was changed from a formal resolution to a committee report.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Weitzman announced that CB 6 has 5 new members and asked all CB Members to introduce themselves and say something about themselves. The members newly appointed are: Rabbi Mordechai Hecht, Ralph Leonart, Jonathan Li, Kevin Ly, Tania Padgett.

Chair Weitzman spoke briefly about outdoor dining in Community Board 6. The Transportation committee will put together a proposal and it will be sent via email to all Community Board Members for a vote. There isn't any concrete information from the City Council or the Mayor, but this will help the restaurants in our district.

In addition, at our last meeting, CB 6 passed a resolution about Open Streets in our district and DOT has opened several streets in Forest Hills and Rego Park. Ms. Weitzman thanked all the city agencies that were involved in this decision. However, she would also like to see a safe route for bicyclists to get to Flushing Meadows Corona Park from our community.

Chair Weitzman announced that the By-Law committee started reviewing the By-Laws that haven't been updated since 1996. There have been a few meetings and the meetings will continue in the summer. All board members are encouraged to attend these meetings to add their input. The next meeting will be Tuesday June 16, 2020.

Ms. Weitzman reported the following Census Update: Self Reporting Data for Forest Hills is 60.1% and Rego Park is 53.75%. She thanked Mark Laster and Anisia Ayon for their work on the Complete Count Committee. In addition, Ms. Weitzman reminded everyone that there is a primary election on June 23, 2020. The last day to mail the absentee ballot application is June 16, 2020.

Chair Weitzman spoke about the issue of racism and individuals being killed at the hands of police officers. Ms. Weitzman made a motion to propose the following resolution:

Whereas, Queens CB6 mourns the losses of Eric Garner, Remarley Graham, Sean Bell, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, and the many Black lives that have been taken at the hands of police

Whereas, Queens CB6 acknowledges the hurt, frustration & anger demonstrated by those marching on the streets in our neighborhood, borough, city, country and around the world.

Whereas, Queens CB6 vows to work towards dismantling the harmful and unjust systems of oppression and racism wherever we see them.

Whereas, Queens CB6 shows solidarity with those fighting for racial justice.

Now, therefore be resolved that the members of Queens CB6 say: Black Lives Matter. This motion was seconded by Peter Beadle.

There was much discussion, both in favor of this resolution and against it. Some alternative ideas included:

- Removing the wording regarding the police

- Change wording to condemn the police brutality and racism while supporting the good work of police officers
- The resolution should be tabled until it can be further developed
- Resolutions should be sent to the Board in advance of the meeting so it can be reviewed
- Acknowledge that these actions were against their oath

John Dereszewski made a motion to propose an amendment to Clause # 1 to add: "who acted against their oath of office and responsibilities". This motion was seconded by Ralph Leonart. This motion passed on a roll call vote (22 Yes, 16 No, 2 Abstain).

The new proposed resolution reads as follows:

Whereas Queens CB6 mourns the losses of Eric Garner, Remarley Graham, Sean Bell, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, and the many Black lives that have been taken at the hands of police who acted against their oath of office and responsibilities.

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Whereas Queens CB6 vows to work towards dismantling the harmful and unjust systems of oppression and racism wherever we see them.

Whereas Queens CB6 shows solidarity with those fighting for racial justice.

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This motion passed on a roll call vote (39 Yes, 2 No).

Chair Weitzman spoke about the Budget. CB 6 submitted budget priorities for the FY2021 budget. These will be sent out to the Board and if anyone has any changes, they can suggest them. Ms. Weitzman also made a motion to propose the following resolution regarding the budget:

Whereas NYC is currently in the midst of the COVID pandemic which devastated the health & economies of communities in Queens & NYC

Whereas Mayor Bill de Blasio's FY2021 budget has called for significant cuts in a variety of critical social services and essential city operations to make up for a \$6 billion budget deficit

Whereas Queens CB 6 members are distressed at the persistence of police violence on peaceful protestors exercising their constitutional right to peacefully assemble on the city streets demanding justice

Whereas Queens CB6 members are alarmed at the continuing underfunding of Queens and NYC communities at the expense of maintaining a nearly-untouched and opaque \$6 billion NYPD budget

Be is resolved that Queens CB6 is calling on the NYC Council to pass a fair & equitable budget which reduces funding to the NYPD so that money can be invested directly back into youth, education, seniors, housing, homeless, health and other essential services.

This motion was seconded by Steven Metz.

There was much discussion, both in favor of this resolution and against it. Some alternative ideas included:

- Add that the cuts to the Police Department would not be at the expense of the law enforcement mission
- Remove the clause about the police actions on peaceful protesters
- Allow for more discussion

David Schneier made a motion to propose an amendment to remove Clause # 3 from the resolution due to its irrelevance to the budget. This motion was seconded by Ralph Leonart. The proposed amendment passed on a roll call vote (22 Yes, 16 No, 2 Abstain).

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This resolution passed on a roll call vote (32 Yes, 4 No, 3 Abstain)

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio announced that this budget resolution is time sensitive and the fiscal outlook in New York City is not good. Many of our projects have been pushed back 7-10 years.

Mr. Gulluscio welcomed the new members of the Community Board and reminded them that CB 6 works together to fight for the residents of the board.

District Manager Gulluscio announced that CB 6 received a supply of face masks and if anyone is in need, they should email the office.

Last, Mr. Gulluscio spoke about his two weekly meetings. One with the Mayor's Office and one with the District Managers regarding the budget consultations.

FOREST HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Leslie Brown, Executive Director, spoke about her history with the Forest Hills Chamber for the past 20 years.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the small businesses have suffered a great financial loss. Ms. Brown has been trying to keep them up to date on resources available to them. They are looking forward to the reopening of the city and being able to operate during phase 1 and phase 2. Since there is discussion about outdoor dining for businesses in phase 2, Ms. Brown polled some of the businesses. The restaurants on 70th Road are in favor of the street being closed off to traffic to allow for outdoor dining. However, the businesses on Austin Street are not in favor of closing Austin Street to traffic all the time. Many of them felt that Austin Street could be closed on a limited basis (weekends). There are a lot of unknown aspects about the details of outdoor dining and it leaves the businesses concerned about how it will work.

The Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce will be having a Virtual Street Fair on June 22, 2020.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Elizabeth Newton, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Board received 1 new liquor license application

YSNI Corp - 102-07 Metropolitan Avenue, FH

The Committee motion was to approve the application. The Committee motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

CB 6 received the following liquor license renewals:

- 1. Ganey Orly 65-37 99th Street, FH
- 2. Shake Shack 71-26/28 Austin Street, FH
- 3. Tamashii Red 71-34 Austin Street, FH
- 4. Tu Casa 103-11 Queens Boulevard, FH
- 5. Lobster House 95-25 Queens Blvd, RP

The 112th Precinct reported no issues with these establishments. The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve these applications passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

AGING / SOCIAL SERVICES / DISABILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Laster, Co-Chair of the Aging / Social Services / Disabilities Committee reported that the committee has held several meetings and presentations this year. They are planning another virtual meeting on June 15, 2020 and planning another Virtual Presentation in July. This presentation would focus on stimulus checks and cuts to Medicaid as well as honor Gay Pride.

Mr. Laster welcomed the new members and invited them to join the Aging / Social Services / Disabilities Committee.

GOOD & WELFARE

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS:

COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

Michael Cohen welcomed the new community board members.

Mr. Cohen announced that there is a \$9 Billion budget deficit that will cut into the bone of many city agencies. Council Member Koslowitz agrees that there should be a transference of responsibilities from the NYPD to agencies that are better equipped to handle non-criminal issues.

Also, Council Member Koslowitz will be voting in favor of the following bills coming before the City Council next week:

- Intro 536 Banning the use of chokeholds
- Intro 721 Permit members of the public to record police activity
- Intro 760 Mandate that NYPD maintain a centralized system to record, track, review and evaluate officer activity and identify officers that may need an enhanced training, monitoring or reassignment
- Intro 1309 NYPD must post on its website an internal disciplinary matrix that
 would put forth penalties to be imposed in response to violation of NYPD rules of
 misconduct. Also, the NYPD would have to identify the number of times the
 Police Commissioner didn't impose these penalties.

CONGRESS MEMBER GRACE MENG

Jordan Goldes welcomed the new community board members.

Mr. Goldes announced that the Congress Member has been working on many things but the most recent relief bill including the following:

- More cash assistance for families and children
- Hazard pay for front line workers
- Expanding snap benefits
- Extend work permits for immigrants
- \$1.5 Billion for internet access for remote learning
- \$200 Billion of relief for renters and homeowners
- Funding for COVID Testing and contact tracing
- Extensions of unemployment insurance
- Additional money for New York and New York City

Congress Member Meng is also working on the following legislation

- COVID 19 Hate Crimes Act
- Language Access Act
- Legislation to assist farmers to connect them with local markets and community groups
- Legislation to add more flexibility to the small business loans, including applications to have these loans forgiven.

MAYORS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

Jessica Schabowski announced the following:

- There will be Street Co-Naming's and Street Paintings in honor of the Black Lives Matter Movement. They would like to choose one street in each borough.
- Mayor DeBlasio announced his support for the repeal of 50A by the state and the chokehold ban by the city council
- The City is allocating \$10 million to Cure Violence Programs and has expressed support for moving funds from NYPD to youth programming
- NYC Care is coming to Queens 4 months ahead of schedule. Citywide program to bring healthcare to all New Yorkers. For more information visit www.nyccare.nyc
- Phase 1 in NYC began on Monday June 8, 2020. This includes construction, retail for curbside or instore pickup, manufacturing
- All daily indicators remain below the thresholds and Phase 2 is anticipated to begin at the end of June or beginning of July.
- Mayor announced the outdoor seating proposal during Phase 2, including curb seating, sidewalk seating and open street seating. More information will be released shortly
- The city is now performing 20,000 COVID-19 tests per day. For a list of testing locations visit www.nyc.gov/covidtesting. Also, if you need a place to self-isolate, visit www.nyc.gov/covidhotel. All residents are encouraged to get tested, especially if you took part in a protest.
- Test and trace team was launched on June 1 and includes individuals that speak 40 distinct languages
- ASP suspended through June 21.

District Manager Frank Gulluscio thanked Jessica and her team for their assistance in obtaining masks to distribute to our community.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Michael Carlier reported that it has been a busy week for the state legislature. Assembly Member Hevesi has voted in favor of the following:

- Repeal 50A
- Banning the misuse of calling 911 for non-emergencies due to someone's race
- Eric Garner Chokehold Ban
- Require that officers provide medical and mental health care while someone is in custody
- Require police to report anytime they use their weapon
- A person who is not under arrest or in the custody of law enforcement has the right to record police activity

OUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT LEE

John Perricone welcomed all the new appointees and returning members on behalf of the Borough President.

Mr. Perricone announced the following virtual events. All events can be accessed at www.queensbp.org

- Pride Event June 18, 2020 at 2:00pm
- Recruitment Fair June 24, 2020 at 2:00pm
- Philippine Independence Day Event June 24, 2020 at 5:00pm
- Celebration of Jerusalem Event June 25, 2020 5:00pm

Last, Mr. Perricone reminded everyone to fill out the census and encouraged everyone to request an absentee ballot for the election on June 23, 2020.

CB MEMBERS:

Anisia Ayon announced that the CB5/CB6 Subcommittee of the Complete Count Committee will be having 3 Virtual Census Town Hall Meetings. One will be in Spanish on June 22, 2020 at 7:00pm, One will be in Russian on June 24, 2020 6:00pm and One will be in English, June 24, 2020 7:00pm.

Heidi Chain announced that the 112 Precinct Community Council will be holding a Zoom Council Meeting on June 24, 2020 at 7:00pm. She will send out the information as soon as it becomes available. Also, the 112th Precinct Community Council and the CB 6 FH RP Cert Team is still hosting free practice remote interview panels. For more information, please email remoteinterviewpractice@yahoo.com.

Chair Alexa Weitzman announced that that there are no meetings in July and August but Committees are welcome to have meetings and the Board will still be operating.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Nolan Community Coordinator

6-10-20 Continued	NEW LIQUOR	RENEWAL LIQUOR	
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NAOMI ALTMAN	Y	Y	
ANISIA AYON	Y	Y	
PETER BEADLE	Y	Y	
MIRIAM BERFAS			
HEIDI CHAIN	Y	Y	
SHERIDAN CHU	Y	Y	
ALEXANDER COHEN	Y	Y	
CHRISTOPHER COLLETT			
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	Y	Y	
ALEJANDRA DIAZ-HOUSTON	Y	Y	
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	Y	Y	
ETHAN FELDER	Y	Y	
GLORIA FERRERAS			
JEREMY GOLANT	ABSENT	ABSENT	
GAIL GORDON	Y	Y	
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	Y	Y	
BRUCE GROSSBERG	Y	Y	
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RALPH LEONART	Y	Y	
JONATHAN LI	Y	Y	
KEVIN LY		Y	
JAMES MAKIN	Y		
JACK MEDINA	ABSENT	ABSENT	
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STEVEN METZ	Y	Y	
PAT MORGAN	Y	Y	
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KARL NEUMANN	Y	Y	
ELIZABETH NEWTON	Y	Y	
TANIA PADGETT	Y	Y	
SHARI ROLNICK	Y	Y	
DAVID SCHNEIER	Y	Y	
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	Y	Y	
JEAN SILVA	Y	Y	
ROBERT SILVER	Y	Y	
MARSHA SILVERSTEIN	ABSENT	ABSENT	
SUSAN WANDERMAN	Y	Y	
ALEXA WEITZMAN	Y	Y	
JOAN WESTON	ABSENT	ABSENT	
EDWIN WONG	Y	Y	
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CB 6 VOTING SHEET	BLM RESOLUTION	BLM RESOLUTION	BUDGET RESOLUTION	BUDGET RESOLUTION
6-10-20	AMENDMENT		AMENDMENT	
NAOMI ALTMAN	Y	Y	Y	Y
ANISIA AYON	Y	Y	N	Y
PETER BEADLE	N	Y	N	Y
MIRIAM BERFAS	ABSTAIN	N		N
HEIDI CHAIN	Y	Y	Y	ABSTAIN
SHERIDAN CHU	Y	Y	Y	Y
ALEXANDER COHEN	N	Y	N	Y
CHRISTOPHER COLLETT				
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	Y	Y	Y	Y
ALEJANDRA DIAZ-HOUSTON	Y	Y	N	Y
HEATHER DIMITRIADIS	N	Y	N	Y
ETHAN FELDER	N	Y	N	Y
GLORIA FERRERAS	Y	Y	Y	Y
JEREMY GOLANT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
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RALPH LEONART	Y	Y		Y
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JAMES MAKIN	Y	Y	Y	N
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STEVEN METZ	N	Y	N	Y
PAT MORGAN	Y	Y	Y	N
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RAFAEL NEKTALOV	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
KARL NEUMANN	N	Y	N	Y
ELIZABETH NEWTON	N	Y	N	Y
TANIA PADGETT	N	N	Y	Y
SHARI ROLNICK		Y	Y	
DAVID SCHNEIER	Y	Y	Y	Y
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	Y	Y	Y	
JEAN SILVA	Y	Y	Y	N
ROBERT SILVER	N	Y	Y	Y
MARSHA SILVERSTEIN	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
SUSAN WANDERMAN	Y	Y	Y	Y
ALEXA WEITZMAN	N	Y	N	Y
IOAN WESTON	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
EDWIN WONG	Y	Y	Y	Y
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