



Community Board 7

Borough of Queens

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Community Board #7 Queens

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2025

Meeting was held in the basement of St Luke Church, 16-34 Clintonville Street, Whitestone NY

Board Members Present:

Chuck Apelian

Blyss Buitrago

Kim Cody

Nicholas Corrado

Arlene Fleishman

Richard Forman

Doreen Gatanas

Zhi Keng He

Cody Herrmann

Kathy Huang

Lawrence Hughes

David Kwang

Esther Lee

Li Mei Li

Frank Macchio

Betsy Mak

Barbara McHugh

Sergio Nicolich

John Park

Terence Park

Yacov Pshtissky

Frank Quatela

Kris Ram

Maureen Regan

Paul Rifino

Warren Schreiber

Kevin Shields

Matthew Silverstein

Saleem Syed

Patricia Toro

John Tsavalos

Peter Tu

Clarissa Wong

Maggie Wong

Lulu Yang

Dian Yu

Linna Yu

Rachel Zhang

Excused: James Cervino, Fred Fu, Jeff Huang, Phil Konigsberg, Rev. Richard McEachern, Selma Moses, Dr. Vipul Patel, Joseph Sweeney, Harpreet Wahan, Lei Zhao

Absent: Kaily Cheng

Community Board #7 Staff

Marilyn McAndrews, District Manager

Mary O'Neill, Community Coordinator

Anne Krzyzanowski, Community Assistant

Chairman Chuck Apelian opened the meeting at 7 pm. Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and a moment of silence in honor of all who fought for our freedom and to never forget those who gave their lives.

Announcements from Chairman, **Chuck Apelian**.

Announcements from Elected Officials' representatives.

September 2025 CB 7 Minutes approved.

Melinda Katz, Queens District Attorney, spoke about some of the crimes that happened recently in Queens, how her office is working to apprehend criminals.

Public Hearing

Tony's Way - A street co-naming for Antonios Joannis Filakouris as to be located at Murray Street and Northern Boulevard, Flushing. This co-naming was requested by Martha Flores-Vazquez and Antonios' brother Nicolaos Filakouris. **Lawrence Hughes, Committee Chair**.

Nicolaos Filakouris spoke about his brother Antonios who owned a car repair and gas station on this corner for over 50-years. Many times, customers came to his shop to have their cars repaired and Antonios would not charge them if they could not afford to pay.

Martha Flores-Vazquez explained that her car broke down while her children were with her. Since she could not afford to pay, Antonios did not charge for the repairs to her car. Antonios sponsored Three Kings Day and he bought toys for children who would otherwise not get any Christmas presents. He gave his time to the community by being active with his church. Antonios passed away in July 2024.

Lawrence Hughes: The Transportation Committee met and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Chairman Chuck Apelian: There is a motion to approve, seconded by **Warren Schreiber**.

Vote:

37 – In favor

0 – Abstention

12 – Absent

0 – Against

0 – No vote

The motion carries.

Police Officer John E. Kilpatrick Way – A street co-naming for PO John Kilpatrick to be located at the intersection of 121st Street and 23rd Avenue, College Point. This co-naming was requested by his daughter Kaitlyn Kilpatrick. **Lawrence Hughes, Committee Chair**

Kaitlyn Kilpatrick: My father was a first responder who passed away due to cancer caused by working at the site of the 9/11 attacks. He also volunteered at local carnivals and helped many neighbors when they needed it. He and his family were very much involved with their local church and its event.

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Capital, Expense and Continued Support Budget for – FY 2027. Frank Macchio, Committee Chair.

Frank Macchio read the budget request lists and project descriptions.

A few new Board Members had questions and asked for a more detailed explanation of projects and some felt additional items that should be added to the Budget list.

Chairman Chuck Apelian: Made the motion is to table the Vote on the budget.

It was seconded by **Yacov Pshtissky** and there was no opposition to the table request.

Public Participation

Warren Schreiber: Gave an update on the Charter Revision Proposal. Queens Civic congress has brought a lawsuit against the Charter Revision Commission because they feel this violated the law. This is a land use issue, not an election issue, and an environmental impact statement was not made.

Eileen McDonald-Kujes: I am a member of an organization for Public Service Retirees which represents NYC retired employees. We have been fighting to preserve Medicare for retirees. NYC wants to switch to a for-profit health care plan.

George Stein: The #7 Train Willets Point Station needs to be improved. He asked to have bike lanes painted from Union Street to Utopia Parkway.

Maryanne McGovern: Lives on 23rd Avenue, south of Clearview Golf course. The homes in this area used to be 2-stories and recently people have been adding more stories to their homes which have caused the neighboring homes to have no sunlight and causes flooding whenever it rains.

George Hadjiconstantinou, Vice President, Strategic Programs Queens Chamber of Commerce: We are working on starting new BID in College Point.

Betsy Mak: Update on the NST. We had 36 complaints from CB 7 Members. We were able to direct the complaints to the appropriate agencies. The only one complaint they refused to take care of is prostitution.

Frank Quatela: As an Architect, I appear before many Community Board throughout the City. I want to compliment our Community Board for having the best structure and the best leadership and for always asking the best questions of all Community Boards that I have visited.

Meeting ended: 10:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Anne Krzyzanowski,

Community Assistant