



Community Board 7

Borough of Queens

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Community Board #7 Queens

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, June 2, 2025

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

Board Members Present:

Chuck Apelian
Blyss Buitrago
Kaily Cheng
James Cervino
Kim Cody
Nicholas Corrado
Arlene Fleishman
Richard Forman
Fred Fu
Doreen Gatanas
Cody Herrmann
Zhi Keng He
Li Mei Li
Jeff Huang

Kathy Huang
Phil Konigsberg
David Kwang
Frank Macchio
Betsy Mak
Barbara McHugh
Selma Moses
John Park
Dr. Vipul Patel
Yacov Pshtissky
Frank Quatela
Kris Ram
Paul Rifino
Warren Schreiber

Kevin Shields
Matthew Silverstein
Josh Sussman
Joseph Sweeney
John Tsavalos
Peter Tu
Clarissa Wong
Maggie Wong
Lulu Yang
Linna Yu
Rachel Zhang
Lei Zhao

Excused: Lawrence Hughes, Esther Lee, Rev. Richard McEachern, Sergio Nicolich, Maureen Regan, Patricia Toro

Absent: Terence Park, Saleem Syed, Harpreet Wahan, Dian Yu

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 the Chairman, **Chuck Apelian**.

Announcements from the Elected Officials.

May 2025 minutes approved.

David Do, NYC Taxi & Limousine Commissioner made a presentation about TLC's duties, including licensing and enforcing taxi drivers.

Regular Meeting

Chuck Apelian: Saturday was the street co-naming and life-celebration for community activist Arthur O'Meally, who was the husband of our former CB7 Member Millicent O'Meally. The event was attended by many of the O'Meally family and friends, and many CB7 Board Members.

Many Board Members marched in two (2) Memorial Day parades last weekend. We have a new banner which was used to represent our Board.

NYS Senate overwhelmingly (54-5) voted to alienate parkland at Citi Field, which was sponsored by Senator John Liu and followed previous approval by NYS Assembly.

USTA announced that it will undergo a major \$800 million renovation of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

NYC Charter Revision Commission proposes to change ULURP process with less Community Board involvement, which they believe would speed up the public review process. The real delay occurs at DCP, where developers have to deal with pre-certification delays and mistakes that cost tens (and hundreds) of thousands of dollars. **Chair Apelian** urged Board Members to submit written testimony to the Charter Revision Commission opposing any change to the ULURP process.

Public Participation

Warren Schreiber: Gave an update on the Queens Civic Congress lawsuit against the City from implementing "The City of Yes" because the action was "arbitrary and capricious."

Kim Cody: On behalf of the Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association, he thanked the Community Board members who marched in the Whitestone Memorial Day Parade.

Phil Konigsberg: Our local Queens, St John's Basketball team is currently ranked # 1 in the entire country.

Betsy Mak: Update on the Neighborhood Support Team Program (NST). She brought quality-of-life issues, street vendor issues and prostitution issues to the attention of the Mayor's office. One Community Board in each borough will be selected for funding in this program.

Meeting ended: 8:47 pm
Respectfully Submitted
Anne Krzyzanowski,
Community Assistant