



# Community Board 7

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**COMMUNITY BOARD #7 PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**  
**UNION PLAZA CARE CENTER**  
**33-23 UNION STREET**  
**FLUSHING, NEW YORK**

### PRESEN

Charles Apelian	Vincent Gianelli	Rev. McEachern	Kevin Schields
Tyler Cassell	Pablo Hernandez	Barbara McHugh	Matthew Silverstein
James Cervino	Jeff Huang	Selma Moses	Peter Sutich
Chin-Hsiang Chiang	Lawrence Hughes	Kim Ohanian	Joseph Sweeney
John Choe	Eugene Kelty	Millicent O'Meally	Carlos Talisaysay
Kim Cody	Phil Konigsberg	Terence Park	Alison Tan
Nicholas Corrado	Peter Kwiath	Kris Ram	John Tsavalos
Arlene Fleishman	Esther Lee	Belal Salim	Peter Tu
Richard Forman	Li Mei Li	Marc Schiffman	Clarissa Wong
Fred Fu	Frank Macchio	Warren Schreiber	Linna Yu
			Jie Zhu

### ABSENT

Michael Cheng	Arthur Barragan	John Byas	Joshua Sussman
Harpreet Wahan Singh	Lei Zhao		

### COMMUNITY BOARD #7 STAFF

Marilyn McAndrews, District Manager  
Mary Zuliani, Community Assistant  
Mary O'Neill, Community Assistant  
Sherine Perez, Community Service Aid

### GUESTS

Tim Thomas – Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal's office  
Amber Yoon - Assemblyman Edward Braunstein's office  
Joyce Choi – Councilman Peter Koo's office  
Larry Gallegos – Congressman Crowley's office  
Vito Tautonico – Councilman Paul Vallone's office  
Marilla Li – Assemblywoman Nily Rozic's office

Chair Eugene Kelty opened the meeting at 7:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silent prayer for our military forces around the world and at home. We must never forget!

Roll call attendance was taken with (41) Present (3) Absent (3) Excused

Chair Kelty introduced one of our five new members to the Board, Paul Rufino, who is looking forward to working with us. He hasn't officially had orientation as yet, which is scheduled for April 26, 2018, but we are happy he came tonight.

Chair Kelty then read the announcements for the month with job openings \*\* Metro North Rail looking for Training Officers in New Haven for Scheduling and in Croton for Safety, both salaries in the range of \$82,000. \*\*Also, CTC Security for security needs, contribution of design and installation of hardware and software with starting salary \$73,000.

\*\*Several openings for Deputy General Station Managers with starting salaries \$64,000. \*\* Council for Airport Opportunity's Spring 2018 Aviation Job Fair registration on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at One College of Aeronautics located at 86-01 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in East Elmhurst. \*\*Ribbon cutting of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Poppenhusen institute, the home of the first free kindergarten in the United States, will take place on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by cocktail hour at 6 pm and catered dinner at 7 pm. Tickets are \$100 per person. \*\*Senator Braunstein's Mother's Day Essay Contest for grades 2 to 5 must be submitted to Senator Braunstein's office by May 11th either by mail at **213-33 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 238** or e-mail to [braunstein@nyassembly.com](mailto:braunstein@nyassembly.com) or fax **728/357-5947**. The essay can be any length with a Mother's Day theme as why she is so special to you.

**ITEM #4** -The February minutes were approved and seconded by **Linna Yu** with the inclusion of John Cho's correction on Page. 4 under Item #6 wherein we asked the applicant for a letter confirming cars will not be parked on the sidewalk at any time whatsoever.

**ITEM #5 – NYC Emergency Management CERT Program – Christina Farrell, Deputy Commissioner of External Affairs & Emergency Affairs** spoke on the current NYC CERT Emergency program, which is a national program originally started on the west coast in the 1980's to help firefighters assist with wild fires. Here in New York we have fifty teams helping in emergencies as well as planned events and unplanned events. We do five week intensive training, two times a week 3 hours a night, three times a year at different locations. To join CERT you must be at least 18 years old, live and work in the City and pass a background check. Training is coordinated by Emergency Management and mostly done by the Fire Dept., EMS and NYPD with different topic areas, i.e. medical, subway safety and evacuation, traffic safety, terrorism and cultural awareness, human services and incident command working as a team. You can take the training anywhere in the City convenient to you. Here in North Queens, we have one team covering Board 7 and 11 with 22 members, and are looking for more members who live in the area and have language skills. You can get in touch with them by calling 311 who will refer you to them. The next training course starts on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Staten Island and at Headquarters in downtown Brooklyn.

Q. When are the sessions held?

A. The sessions are held in the evening, but we're looking into training on the weekends.

Q. When was the CERT team started in New York?

A. It started after 9/11 in New York and in Board 7 and 11 in the mid-2000.

Q. I've been through the training, and would like a refreshment course. Is it available?

A. We can do retraining sessions, but thus far there hasn't been enough interest shown.

See me after the meeting and I'll give you the information and discuss it with you

**Chair Kelty** stated that appears to be one of the complaints of your members. The original OEM training was great, but there's no follow through on retraining. Instead they look for new people to train

A. Usually when a team doesn't take off, it's because there isn't a strong enough Team Chief!

**Third Vice Chair Warren Schreiber** also mentioned if you miss one session, it's difficult to make up if the location is too far from home.

**For more information Ms. Farrell or her team can be reached by e-mail at [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov) or at the CB#7's monthly DSC meetings which OEM attends.**

With no Public Hearing matter on the agenda for a vote this evening, the board went directly to Item #6 of the Regular Meeting portion of our hearing.

R E G U L A R M E E T I N G

**ITEM #6 – SCHOOL SAFETY RESOLUTION – Education Committee chair Arlene Fleishman and Transportation Committee Chair Nicholas Corrado** – Guided by First Vice Chair Apelian, Arlene Fleishman together with Nick Corrado met with 16 of their committee members, the 109 Pct. & Fire Dept. on March 26, 2018 to put forth CB#7's **Commitment to Provide a Safe School Environment Free From Gun Violence**. Arlene read the recommended eight suggestions for school security they came up with: 1) silent alarms worn by teachers 2) bullet proof windows 3) key pad devices 4) cameras 5) metal detectors 6) armed officers 7) armed security guard and 8) panic bars on doors. Input was also received from Kevin O'Donnell of 109 Pct., Security Officers from Districts 25 & 26, Senator Braunstein, Councilman Koo, and Councilman Vallone. Nick Corrado read the total resolution and with the Board's help made the final changes which will be forwarded to each board Member, elected official in our, the DOE and our Borough President. We were reminded that this resolution has a long way to go to become a part of the system. First Vice Chair Apelian was given the floor and said our role is a **NON- POLITICAL one**. As adults our job is to protect our children. We've been lucky we haven't had any school shootings, and we may never have, but that can change tomorrow. School Safety should be and is most **IMPORTANT** because it affects our children. When asked by an elected official, "Who's going to pay for it?" Chuck Apelian replied "That's not my problem....**it's your problem!** Ours is to bring awareness to our elected officials that our schools must be a safe place for our children. It's our fundamental right as parents and citizens. However, Chuck was appalled to hear we should arm our teachers with guns. **WE DON'T WANT GUNS** in the hands of teachers who are not capable handling firearms and have no proper training to carry. We will accept School Officers with proper training. Also, we are talking about **ALL** schools, not only public schools. Our role as a community board is to get the message out. **AS A COMMUNITY AND PARENTS, WE HAVE TO BE HEARD! JUST PROTECT OUR KIDS!**

Arlene added after all these years we now have a say in the middle school about education and school safety because of Chuck's Apelian's recent intervention. We thank you!

**The motion on the floor is to table the motion for approval of the Resolution until the next meeting when all the corrections are completed, seconded by Linna Yu.**

The vote taken was (38) In Favor (2) Against (3) Left before vote

Meeting ended at 8:30 pm

Respectfully,  
Mary Zuliani