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# Community Board 7

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### COMMUNITY BOARD #7 PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

UNION PLAZA CARE CENTER

33-23 UNION STREET

FLUSHING, NEW YORK

#### PRESENT

Charles Apelian  
James Cervino  
Chin-Hsiang Chiang  
John Choe  
Kim Cody  
Christine Colligan  
Nicholas Corrado  
Arlene Fleishman  
Richard Forman  
Fred Fu  
Vincent Gianelli  
Pablo Hernandez  
Jeff Huang  
Lawrence Hughes

Eugene Kelty  
Phil Konigsberg  
Esther Lee  
Li Mei Li  
Frank Macchio  
Rev. McEachern  
Selma Moses  
Kim Ohanian  
Millicent O'Meally  
John Park  
Terence Park  
Kris Ram  
Paul Rifino  
Belal Salim

Marc Schiffman  
Warren Schreiber  
Kevin Shields  
Matthew Silverstein  
Joshua Sussman  
Peter Sutich  
Joseph Sweeney  
Alison Tan  
John Tsavalos  
Harpreet Wahan  
Clarissa Wong  
Dian Yu  
Lei Zhao  
Jie Zhu

#### ABSENT

Alfredo Centola  
Michael Cheng

Peter Kwiath  
Barbara McHugh

Peter Tu  
Linna Yu

#### COMMUNITY BOARD #7 STAFF

Marilyn McAndrews, District Manager

Mary Zuliani, Community Assistant

First Vice Chair Charles Apelian opened the meeting at 6 pm at the Queens Botanical Garden with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a silent prayer to honor our military armed forces overseas and the men and women here at home keeping the home front safe. Chair Kelty had to leave just before the meeting commenced because of a family emergency. However, our Christmas Dinner celebration at the Botanical Garden for our members and their families will go forward after the meeting, as planned. First Vice Chair Apelian thanked Executive Director Susan Lacerte of the Botanical Garden who has been extremely accommodating and exceptionally helpful. We will have between 60 and 65 people and look forward to a wonderful evening.

**Roll call was taken with (42) Present (6) Absent**

**First Vice Chair Apelian brought up the November 19, 2018 minutes for any corrections. With none taken, a motion was made by Warren Schreiber and seconded by Selma Moses to approve and was unanimous, with one abstention by Phil Konigsberg who was not at the November meeting.**

First Vice Chair Apelian gave the following announcements:

- \*\*\* Metro North has a position for a Senior Communication Specialist. Salary \$68K-78K. Deadline December 21, 2018.
- \*\*\* Metro North has several Compliance Officer Positions. No salary listed. Deadline January 4, 2019.
- \*\*\* NYC Parks – Free lifeguard training program for 2019 season. Starting salary \$15.00 first year. Most lifeguards work a 48 hour, 6 day and can make \$800 a week. Must be at least 16 years of age, eyesight no worse than 20/30 in one eye and 20/40 in the other, and able to swim 50 yards in 35 seconds with proper form.

Q. Is there a new parks commissioner announcement yet?

A. Not to our knowledge.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Speaker Robert LoScalzo, resident of Whitestone**, referred to large demonstration held today at Willets Point by a dozen community groups, with newspaper coverage, advocating the City take back the two acres given to the **Queens Development Group** for a project they cannot deliver. The contractual deadline is 12/20/18 for the City to exercise the option to reclaim the two acres the developer received for \$1.00. If the City doesn't act, they forfeit these two acres to the developer. **EDC** refers to a newer six acre contract at another location that may allow them to delay the 12/20/18 deadline for the two acres. Mr. LoScalzo asks we bring this up at the Board's Willets Point meeting of December 19, 2019.

First Vice Chair Apelian acknowledged the upcoming meeting is on December 19, 2019. He also stated he wrote two letters to the EDC President with copies to the Borough President and their response to our second letter was "they will exercise the option". We will have to wait and see the outcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm and the Board proceeded to the Christmas dinner celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zuliani