



Community Board 7

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COMMUNITY BOARD #7 PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

UNION PLAZA CARE CENTER

33-23 UNION STREET, FLUSHING, NEW YORK

PRESENT

Charles Apelian

Michael Cheng

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John Choe

Kim Cody

Arlene Fleishman

Richard Forman

Fred Fu

Vincent Gianelli

Pablo Hernandez

Lawrence Hughes

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Phil Konigsberg

Esther Lee

Wensong Li

Wendy Louie

Frank Macchio

Rev. McEachern

Barbara McHugh

Selma Moses

Sergio Nicolich

Kim Ohanian

John Park

Terence Park

Kris Ram

Paul Rifino

Belal Salim

Warren Schreiber

Kevin Shields

Matthew Silverstein

Joshua Sussman

Joseph Sweeney

John Tsavalos

Harpreet Singh Wahan

Clarissa Wong

Maggie Wong

Jie Zhu

ABSENT

James Cervino

*Kaily Cheng

*Nicholas Corrado

*Jeff Huang

*Millicent O'Meally

*Marc Schiffman

*Peter Sutich

*Peter Tu

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*Linna Yu

*Lei Zhao

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Susan Liu-Congresswoman Grace Meng's Office

Michelle Hernandez-Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's Office

State Senator John Liu

Barbara Baruch-State Senator Liu's Office

Kleanthis Plakas-Assemblyman Braunstein's Office

Brian Lam-Assemblywoman Rozic's Office

Tony Cao-Assemblyman Ron Kim's Office

Destany Batista-Assemblyman Rosenthal's Office

Vito Tautonico-Councilman Vallone's Office

Joonyong Ahn-Councilman Koo's Office

*Excused

Chair Eugene Kelty opened the public hearing this evening at 7:12 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance** to Our Flag followed by a moment of silence to honor our armed forces. A prayer request was said for our military to return healthy.

Chair Kelty also mentioned November is Veterans' month. The **Queens Borough President's Office** is having an Annual **Veterans Day Observance Ceremony** on Thursday, **November 7th** at 11:00 am and will be held at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall. Hope to see you all.

Roll Call Attendance was taken with (37) Present (9) Excused (2) Absent

The following announcements were read:

- **Lewis Latimer House Museum** presents Halloween Tinker Festival on Sunday, **November 3rd** from 3pm-6pm at 34-41 137th St. Flushing.
- Please visit the NYPD with the Parks Department at the **Haunted House in Fort Totten** located at 604 Little Bay Road, Bayside. The Haunted House will take place from **Oct. 26th to Oct. 30th** during the hours from 4pm-9pm.
- **DSNY** is hosting its **e-waste collection program**. Curbside electronic waste collection has come to seven eastern Queens Community Boards, completing the city program's expansion across the borough. Residents can now make an appointment for curbside collection of unwanted electronics covered under the state's electronics disposal ban.
- **NYC Parks** is offering an **Adult free basketball league** to participants who are 50 years of age and older. **The league play runs from Oct. 25th – Dec. 20th**, every Friday from 10 am-12pm. The league will meet at the Al Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Ave. in Flushing. A NYC Parks Recreation Center membership is required. For more information please contact Michael Lewis @ 718-353-7853 or email Michael.Lewis@parks.nyc.gov.
- **NYC Parks** is also offering an **All-girl basketball program**. The program is available all year round for girls' ages 10-17. **The program is from Oct. 1st – Dec. 23rd**, every Monday from 5pm-6pm at the Al Oerter Recreation Center. A NYC Parks Recreation Center membership is required. For more information please call 718-353-7853 or email Talaya.Melton@parks.nyc.gov.
- **NYC Department of Sanitation is Composting fall leaves**. Set out your leaves in paper lawn & leaf bags in open, unlined containers, or in your brown bin for curbside collection. **Leaf collection days will occur** at 4pm during **Nov. 23rd – Dec. 7th**. No Plastic bags or yard clippings from hired professionals. For more information visit nyc.gov/leafcollection. Residents can pick up a free leaf bag at the following location:
 - **43-50 Main Street Oct. 14-Dec.7th**
- **Metro-North Railroad Career Opportunity** for a **Substation Electrician** -Job reference 96280. **Application deadline is Oct. 30th**. Responsibilities include: Install, inspect, maintain and repair all Metro-North substation and anchor bridge equipment to ensure safe and efficient delivery of electrical power for distribution and train use. Apply online at www.mta.info.

- **NYC Parks** presents Art, Culture, & Fun with **Make Your Mark Art Workshop Series**. The program is partnered with the Art Students League for this series of art workshops at the AL Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Ave. in Flushing. **Watercolor Workshop- Nov. 15th** from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. RSVP at watercoloral.eventbrite.com. Learn the **art of printmaking** on **Dec. 13th** from 6:00pm-8:00pm. RSVP at print.eventbrite.com.
- **NYC Parks** presents **Trunk or Treat, a free event on Oct. 29th** from 5pm-7pm at the Al Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Ave. in Flushing. Come trick or treat in costume and join in for games, arts, and crafts. For more information contact Anthony Traverso at 718-353-7853.
- **Citizens Committee for New York City** is offering residents to apply to the **Love Your Block Grant**. All New York City resident-led groups (20 or more community based volunteers) are welcomed to apply. Grantees will receive a \$1,000 towards a block clean-up or neighborhood project. Support from city agencies will also be provided including tree stewardship training, tree planting or removal, graffiti removal, speed bump installation, and bicycle rack installation. Applications can be completed online at nyc.gov/loveyourblock. **Applications are due Nov. 12th**.
- **Citizens Committee for New York City** and **New York City Department of Sanitation** with support from **Allied World** are awarding up to \$1,000 to school green teams. **Applications** for the Public School Green Team Grants are accepted online at nyc.gov/zws and are **due Nov. 8th**.
- **Community Board 7** will have its **Annual Holiday Celebration on Dec. 3rd** at Verdi's of Whitestone located at 149-58 Cross Island Parkway. The celebration will start at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$50 per person and includes a complete Hot & Cold Buffet with desert, coffee/tea and beer, wine, and soda. Please make check payable to Cash and mail to Arlene Fleishman. Contact the office for her address.
- **Community Board 7** next Public Hearing will be on **December 3rd** at 6:00 pm.
- **Jeff Huang's** mother passed away two weeks ago. The office sent a mass card to the family. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Peter Koo's** mother also passed away a few weeks ago. Please keep her in your prayers.

Approval of September 23, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes

Motion to approve September 23rd minutes with approval from Kim Ohanian and second approval from Fred Fu. John Tsavalos, Rev. Richard McEachern, and Belal Salim Abstained from voting; since they were not present at the time to vote.

Motion was granted to approve Sept. 23, 2019 Public Hearing minutes.

A Message from Elected Officials

Senator John Liu congratulated Barbara Baruch for always attending Community Board 7 Public Hearings. Senator Liu expressed that he is happy to be home as a former alum of CB7. He proudly wore a Community Board 7 shirt and wished the public a pre Happy Halloween and a Happy Diwali. He thanked the board for their service and announced that his door is always open. Senator Liu informed the public that the State of New York had one of the worst voting records. The Senator encouraged the public to vote and stated "this is an important election for District Attorney". Senator Liu extended himself and added, he is available to speak at the public hearing on a specific issue anytime. He also

announced a **joint town hall meeting** with assemblywoman **Nily Rozic** will be held on **Nov. 12th** at St. Francis Prep located at 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd. Fresh Meadows from 6pm- 8pm. Both the Department of Transportation and Department of Parks will be present.

Gene Kelty voiced that bills before legislative representatives should be passed down to the Community Board so they can be distributed to civic and business groups. He mentioned congestion pricing and abortion. This was discussed at the District Service Cabinet meeting where representatives from the offices of elected officials were present and were asked to disseminate the bills at the District Service Cabinet meeting for approval prior to Albany. Senator Liu responded that he will have his representative present the bills at the District Service Cabinet meetings.

Joseph Sweeney raised the question, Can you provide a reason why during the summer there are speed cameras when schools are closed?

Senator Liu responded, schools are open during the summer for activities that are held on school grounds. Cameras are present to prevent people from speeding near schools during the hours of 9 am to 3 pm.

Board members were not in favor of the use of speed cameras in school zones after school hours, weekends and during the summer when school is in recess. Senator Liu added, there are a lot of people that feel cameras should be in other parts of the city not just in front of schools. Speed cameras are not activated until they reach 10 miles an hour above the posted speed limit. Research showed when the speed cameras were off because legislation expired and was not renewed, within a month there were 150,000 instances of people exceeding the limit. This was able to be documented since the cameras were still activated but the city was not allowed to issue a ticket. Board member, **Frank Macchio** proposed the use of speed bumps as an alternative.

Phil Konigsberg fully supports the use of speed cameras. **Joshua Sussman** was concerned with the accuracy of the cameras.

Chair Gene Kelty thanked the Senator for his attention and for attending tonight's public hearing meeting. **City Planning** conducted a two day seminar on **Uniform Land Use Review Procedures and zoning**. The seminar was held on Oct. 23rd - Oct. 24th. Certificates from the Department of City Planning were given out by Gene Kelty to four board members who attended: **Chuck Apelian, Pablo Hernandez, Kris Ram, and Wendy Louie**. The entire staff of Board 7 attended the seminar and received certificates, District Manager **Marilyn McAndrews, Mary O' Neill, Anne Krzyzanowski, Mary Zuliani** and new hire **Danielle Pennise**. Previously, he further stated to board members that they request additional training seminars and he was disappointed that the majority of the members **did not** attend.

Joonyong Ahn, Director of Community Affairs from Peter Koo's office announced today representatives from Councilman Koo's office along with the NYPD and Consumer Affairs conducted a walk through among businesses in downtown Flushing. Another walkthrough will occur on **Oct. 29th**. **Gene Kelty** commented, in the past he has accompanied representatives in the walk through and will attempt to

attend the walkthrough on October 29th. A forum will be held on **November 7th at Flushing Library** to educate vendors and business owners.

Michelle Hernandez Caseworker/Field Representative for Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is standing in for Mabel Tso this evening. Earlier this month, a Town Hall meeting was held at the Queens Library in LeFrak City. The Congresswoman was able to share her recent package of bills entitled, A Just Society. The legislation is focused on addressing the national issue of poverty. The office will be hosting a **November Town Hall meeting** Wednesday, **Nov. 6th** from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at P.S. 71 located at 3040 Roberts Ave. in the Bronx. Their office is currently accepting applications for nominations to four US Service Academies: U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. **Those seeking a nomination should complete the form found on our website:**<https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/services/service-academy-nominations>.

Guest Presentation

ITEM #5: NY State DOT-Van Wyck Expressway Rehabilitation & Deck Replacement- Representative Tom Bayer, Assistant to the Regional Director-Community Outreach & Government Relations

Tom Bayer presented with DOT Project Managers Kevin Vishnu and Baler Ruthann. The project will begin construction in late spring of 2020. He began discussing the meeting's agenda which included the project's location, why the DOT selected this project, benefits, construction effects, and the project time frame. Questions and concerns of negative impacts on the community were discussed. The project will run Northbound of the Van Wyck Expressway to the LIRR. It is about over 27 spans, a little over 2,700 linear feet.

The purpose of the project is to replace structurally deteriorated decks to increase the service life by 40 years. The Project will encompass repair and partial painting of steel, substructure repair and replacement, concrete, replacement of bearings, viaduct and under street lightning with LED lights. Benefits of the project include an improved appearance and riding surface, lighting on the mainline including in parking areas below the deck, less maintenance, and an overall reduction of traffic on the viaduct. The concrete will have a protective coating for a smoother ride. Construction will begin Spring 2020 with substantial completion by the end of Fall 2023. The Department of Transportation has planned to minimize the effects of the construction project on the community by intermittently closing the lanes at night. In addition, there will be no lane closures or relocation of parking during the US Open or when a Met game is scheduled and the contractor cannot perform work. Work areas are limited to a 20 foot section at a time. For the public's safety a temporary shielding below the deck will limit potential debris from falling. The contractor will be required to limit noise and dust during work hours. Inspectors will be out to enforce contractor limitations on a daily basis.

A parking study was conducted over several weeks during late August and revealed at any given time 200 spaces were available. **Gene Kelty** commented to Tom Bayer to re-examine his parking study; since it was done during the summer. **Chair Kelty** is also concerned that The Parks Department will lose parking spots and asked Tom Bayer to get the park schedule of events. **Mr. Bayer** responded that he has obtained a schedule from **Janice Melnick**. Chair Kelty informed Tom Bayer to follow up with additional events that are upcoming. In addition, **Kim Ohanian** will advise on park events that are scheduled.

When ramp closures occur the following will take place: public notices, detour routes, NYPD assigned to traffic detours and signal time changes. DOT has been working with OCMC to get signal time change.

Further Questions Were Taken From the Floor

Q. **Kim Ohanian** was concerned if DOT spoke with NY Presbyterian Hospital; since the hospital uses parking spots.

A. **Tom Bayer** said, the section of the lot that they use is South of their limits.

Q. **Lawrence Hughs** asked, What is being done to ensure the safety of pedestrians given that this is the main route to walk from Flushing into the park, particularly into the ice ring?

A. **Tom Bayer** responded, We have to maintain pedestrian access at all times and proper fencing enclosure.

Q. **Frank Macchio** asked, Where will the detour signs be placed?

Gene Kelty wants to have another meeting to see the wording of the signs and assure that proper signage is enforced and to ascertain the location of detour routes to avoid grid lock among multiple projects that are occurring during the same time.

Q. **Warren Schreiber** asked, Will there be noise monitors at the construction site?

A. **Tom Bayer** responded, The way noise is determined if it is excessive is through monitoring equipment. There are provisions in DOT that specify the size of the equipment that can be used. Engineers will be continuously monitoring the noise throughout the duration of the project.

Gene Kelty added the surrounding location is industrial and water.

Q. **Harpreet Singh Wahan** asked, For how long will the lane closures be in effect?

A. **Tom Bayer** responded, there will be limited time of lane closures from late Friday night to early Monday morning.

Harpreet Singh Wahan responded, Lane closures are not allowed over the weekend.

Q. **Gene Kelty** asked for a set of the blue prints.

Questions are not customarily taken from the public however, the following question from the public was permitted.

Q. Will there be any pile driving?

A. **Tom Bayer's Response:** No pile driving. There will be predemolition and pouring of concrete.

Q. **Pablo Hernandez** asked, When was the expressway built?

A. **Tom Bayer's Response:** It was built in the 1960's.

Q. **Gene Kelty:** Is there any asbestos?

A. **Tom Bayer's Response:** It is mainly concrete and steel and there is asbestos contained within the joints on the deck. We have environmental specifications approved in the contract. A special team captures and removes the asbestos and takes it to a facility. Environmental controls are set in place so nothing is released into the environment.

Gene Kelty added he wants assurance that dump trucks will not impact the residential community.

Kim Ohanian suggested to set up a transportation committee meeting.

Gene Kelty confirmed that a separate meeting will be set up to include civic organizations and public safety.

Q. **Joshua Sussman** asked, When will the project begin?

A. **Tom Bayer's Response:** Anticipating letting of the concrete will start in December 2019. Next April 2020, construction will begin and the project will continue for 42 to 45 months which we anticipate until September 2023.

Q. Another board member asked, How many weekend within the 3 years will lane closures be in effect?

A. **Tom Bayer's Response:** 4 to 5 weekends.

Q. **Gene Kelty** asked, Is the concrete high yield?

A. **Tom Bayer's Response:** Yes. Ultra High Performance Concrete will be used.

Q. **Joe Sweeney** asked, What is the total approximate cost?

A. **Tom Bayer's Response:** 100 to 110 million dollars.

Another meeting will be set up to further address concerns such as the storage of the material. In addition to address concerns from civic organizations, Public safety, NY Presbyterian Hospital and the Parks Department.

ITEM #6: Citizens Committee for NYC – Representative Di Cui, Program Director

Di Cui, a Program Coordinator from Citizens Committee for NYC-Supporting Volunteers presented on community led improvement projects. Ms. Cui thanked the Community Board for inviting her to speak today and to share her resources on how to support community groups. **Citizens Committee for NYC** is a Non-Profit Organization that supports community improvement projects in all 5 boroughs in NYC. The organization is **located at 77 Water Street in NYC**. Ms. Cui asked the audience how many of you are familiar with Citizens Committee? There were not many who were aware of Citizens Committee and therefore, it was a great opportunity to share information and resources about Citizens.

Di Cui provided some background information on Citizens Committee for NYC which began in 1970 during the fiscal crisis. It was a time when a lot of city agencies and city services were shut down which led Citizens Co-founders to place an ad in the New York Times for volunteers to promote New Yorkers to help each other. **Who is Citizens target audience and Who is eligible?** Community groups, any configuration of people coming together to solve quality of life issues in our neighborhoods. Implementing community projects in our neighborhoods such as PTA's, block associations, community gardens, school recycling drives, and art projects, neighbors coming together to work around certain issues is Citizen Committee for NYC mission. Citizens Committee **awards grants of up to \$3,000**. You don't have to be recognized or acknowledged by anyone. Sometimes Citizens is the first or only funder for these groups so we recognize that these groups need funding resources and support. Therefore, Citizens does not fund large institutional projects that have an annual budget **greater than \$70,000**. Grants offered through Citizens exclude the following applicants: for-profit projects, individuals, businesses, religious, fraternal and partisan organizations. Public schools are exempt. Project examples include converting empty lots to community gardens, bringing neighbors together for health and nutrition workshops and most importantly focusing on the quality of life on a physical, mental, emotional and cultural aspect. Currently, Citizens has three grants. Information about each grant was provided and displayed at CB7's information table. The neighborhood grant is our largest and most encompassing grant program. It awards community and public schools **up to \$3,000**. Citizens has grant information sessions that will provide a walkthrough. Scheduled information sessions are available throughout all 5 boroughs. An information session is available **at Flushing Library and also Senator Liu's office**. If you would like to schedule an information session in your neighborhood, it can be arranged. **The neighborhood grant application is due January 20, 2020.**

The other grant is the **Green Team Direct** partnered with the **Department of Sanitation**. The **Public School Green Team Grant**, which is funded by the **NYC Department of Sanitation** and **Allied World**, offers **\$1,000 to be awarded** to school green teams. Applications are accepted online at nyc.gov/zws and are **due November 8th**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

The **Love Your Block Grant** provides **\$1,000 funding** towards resident led groups that improve the quality of life of their neighborhood. Resident led groups are considered 20 or more community based volunteers. The **Love Your Block Grant** is an initiative of NYC Service and is partnered with Citizens Committee for New York City to provide an opportunity for neighborhood groups to improve their communities through local actions. In addition, it places the resident led group on a fast track program. City services will be provided through partnerships with **the Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Transportation, Department of Sanitation and the Department of Environmental Protection** to help improve neighborhood blocks. Additional services offered include tree stewardship training, tree planting or removal, graffiti removal, speed bump installation and bicycle rack installation. This application will be **due November 12th**. Applicants can apply online at nyc.gov/loveyourblock and the application is available in three languages, English, Spanish and Chinese.

The organization provides other resources that are available to the grantees and any community group within the five boroughs. Five day workshops are available which occur twice a year on the topic of community organizing. Residents can register for a newsletter online at www.citizensnyc.org. The Non Profit offers project planning assistance, third party expertise, and offers access to a library for lending equipment. Amplifiers, microphones, and projectors are loaned to volunteer groups in effort that the volunteer groups do not have to purchase large equipment. For more information, anyone can contact Citizens through their website which is on the flyer provided. Ms. Cui extended her contact information (212) 822-9563 for questions and her business card. Ms. Cui also initiated that she would be happy to conduct a workshop in the neighborhoods of Board 7 and to please help spread the word about Citizens' grants. No questions were further addressed to Ms. Cui.

Gene Kelty stressed for civic organizations to take advantage of this opportunity and to pick up a flyer from the table.

Item #7 Vote on Capital & Expense Budget Submission for 2021

All Board members were given a Capital & Expense budget listing showing the current priority assigned and year the request was submitted for their review. In addition, the budget will be sent out to all of our elected officials and councilman for grant funding. Each Capital item was announced by **Chair Eugene Kelty** including the agency's response for the board to review.

Q. **Harpreet Singh Wahan** asked if each item will be individually voted on.

A. **Chair Kelty** responded, one vote will be taken for capital projects and one vote will be taken for expenses.

Q. **Matt Silverstein** asked, in reference to #6 on continued support, what is this?

A. **Gene Kelty** responded, a learning center will be built for several city agencies i.e. FDNY to deal with fire safety education, the NYPD to inform the public about drugs and child abuse and the EMS to discuss topics on health care.

Q. **Matt Silverstein** commented there is substantial flooding on the service road of the Cross Island Parkway and from the Clearview Expressway to Bell Blvd. going into the Fort Totten underpass which has caused flooding into Bay Terrace.

A. **Gene Kelty** responded, Let's talk to DEP to see if they plan to fund for this project.

NO DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWED

First Vice Chair, Chuck Apelian motioned to approve the capital budget, seconded by Barbara McHugh.

The vote taken was (34) In Favor (1) *Abstain for Conflict (2) **Left the Room (9) *Excused (2) Absent**

*Kim Ohanian conflict DEP, **John Choe, Joshua Sussman, *** Kaily Cheng-Other commitment, Nicholas Corrado-Work, Jeff Huang-Mom passed away, Millicent O'Meally-Sick, Marc Schiffman-Recovering from fracture in foot, Peter Sutich-III, Peter Tu- Other commitment, Linna Yu-Vacation, Lei Zhao-Work

Marta Lebreton who resides in Corona spoke to request additional lighting under Roosevelt Avenue along where Citi field is located. She previously spoke to DOT. The agency installed lighting under the #7 subway line but asked DOT to include additional sidewalk lighting from 114th Street to 126th Street; since it is very dark in this area and is the Q48 bus route. Marta Lebreton also spoke to Board 4 because of the district boundaries.

Chair Eugene Kelty proceeded to discuss the Expense Budget and announced each project by priority reporting the agency's response.

WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

Chair Kelty made the motion to approve the Expense Budget seconded by Warren Schreiber.

The vote taken was (33) In Favor (1) *Abstain for Conflict (3) **Left the Room (9) *Excused (2) Absent**

*Kim Ohanian conflict DEP, **John Choe, Joshua Sussman, Vincent Gianelli*** Kaily Cheng-Other commitment, Nicholas Corrado-Work, Jeff Huang-Mom passed away, Millicent O'Meally-Sick, Marc Schiffman-Recovering from fracture in foot, Peter Sutich-III, Peter Tu- Other commitment, Linna Yu-Vacation, Lei Zhao-Work

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marta Lebreton spoke again regarding a hip hop event that was held at Citi field during Columbus Day weekend. She is reporting on noise disturbance and obnoxious behavior from young adults who attended the concert and consumed alcohol. **First Vice Chair Chuck Apelian** commented that the location is not under CB7 District.

Kafilat Majolagbe, NDA Employment Specialist from **Queens Community House** is here this evening to speak about the NDA program (Neighborhood Development Area), a program for young adults who are

out of school and work. The program is funded by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development. It is a 14 week paid internship for young adults between the ages of 17 to 24 years of age. Residents who meet the age criteria and reside in Jackson Heights, Corona and Elmhurst are encouraged to apply. Young adults who reside outside the area can also apply. Weekly professional development workshops including resume building and one-on-one goal setting sessions are conducted. Kafilat Majolagbe provided flyers about the program. For further information about the program contact kmajolagbe@qchnyc.org or (347)571-0000 Ext. 319. The office is located at 70-34 Austin St. Suite BB, Forest Hills.

Gene Kelty thanked Ms. Majolagbe for including the communities of Board 7.

Harpreet Singh Wahan, Board member, announced the 550th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. In celebration, free vegetarian meals will be available at any Gurudwara for those who are homeless or foodless. A nearby Gurudwara in Flushing is located at 38-17 Parsons Blvd. On **November 12th** and every following Sunday anyone is welcomed to be a guest in any of the Gurudwaras.

Board Member Kim Cody & President of the Greater Whitestone Civic Association gave an update on the College Point Homeless shelter located at 127th Street and 20th Ave. The shelter is open and is anticipated to be occupied by 200 women. Currently, the shelter is occupied by 10 women.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Pennise