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# Community Board 7

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

UNION PLAZA CARE CENTER

33-23 UNION STREET

FLUSHING, NEW YORK

#### PRESENT

Charles Apelian  
Alfredo Centola  
James Cervino  
Chin-Hsiang Chiang  
John Choe  
Kim Cody  
Nicholas Corrado  
Arlene Fleishman  
Richard Forman  
Fred Fu  
Vincent Gianelli

Pablo Hernandez  
Lawrence Hughes  
Eugene Kelty  
Phil Konigsberg  
Esther Lee  
Frank Macchio  
Rev. McEachern  
Barbara McHugh  
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  
Peter Tu  
Harpreet Wahan  
Clarissa Wong  
Dian Yu  
Linna Yu  
Lei Zhao  
Jie Zhu

#### ABSENT

Michael Cheng  
Li Me LI

Christine Colligan

Jeff Huang

Peter Kwiath

#### COMMUNITY BOARD #7 STAFF

Marilyn McAndrews, District Manager

Mary Zuliani, Community Assistant

Mary O'Neill, Community Associate

#### GUESTS

Barbara Baruch – State Senator John Liu's office  
Sandra Ung – Congresswomen Grace Meng's office  
Daniel Blech – Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal's office  
Jason Antonopoulos - Assemblyman Edward Braunstein's office  
Brian Lam – Assemblywoman Nily Rozic's office  
Maria Borlis – State Senator Jessica Ramos's office  
Joyce Choi – Councilman Peter Koo's office  
Justin J. Connor – Congressman Thomas Suozzi's office  
Vito Tautonico – Councilman Vallone's office

In the absence of Chair Gene Kelty, who will be late since he is attending the Borough Board meeting, First Vice-Chair Chuck Apelian opened the meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence for our armed forces abroad and here at home as well as our uniformed services protecting our communities.

First Vice Chair Apelian took the roll call attendance with **(43) Present (4) Excused (1) Absent** followed by notable announcements of the month. **Metro North** submitted numerous job openings as well as **Work Force** looking for Security Guards. Also, **DCAS** sent us a list of exam dates open to the Public to be held in January for several job positions. You can view the lists at the end of the meeting or at our office tomorrow. The First Vice- Chair gave us the sad news of **Don Capalbi's** passing recently. **Don** was the President of his Civic organization and worked with Congresswoman Grace Meng. Eight of our members including Chair Kelty attended the services on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

The December 11, 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved with one abstention, and the day was correctly stated as Tuesday, the same day as our holiday Dinner at Queens Botanical Garden.

Speaker, **Elizabeth Bian**, from Queens Borough President Katz's office advised the State of the Borough Speech is on January 25, 2019, 10:30 am at LaGuardia Community College. **Ms. Bian** also spoke on the new application form to be used by board members due to the new term limits. In the past, after you filled it out, it had to be signed by your Councilman and then submitted to the Borough President. The new application does not require your Councilman's signature. You can mail the notarized original to the Borough President and bring or mail a copy to the Councilman's office. **Ms. Bian** also presented our Board Member, **Selma Moses**, with the 15 year Service Award.

**ITEM #4 – Aviation Update -Warren Schreiber, Roundtable member & LGA Committee Chair for CB7 -**

At the 12/4/18 LGA Committee meeting, the FAA acknowledged the overuse of the TNNIS climb procedure causing major noise pollution for northeastern Queens. The FAA has started monitoring its usage and will allow it only when necessary and safe to do so. Warren thanked our elected officials, Grace Meng's office, Queens Quiet Skies and civic organizations who helped. He also spoke about the Helicopter flight operation noise complaints in our area. They will now be using different routes coming inbound from the east, which will cut noise in half commencing in November. He also thanked Congressman Suozzi's office and We Love Whitestone for their help. The FAA will be doing a study on the LGA AirTran and ask CB7 and civic organizations to sit in on this process.

**Chair Kelty** said the current 2019 list of public hearing dates are to be disregarded because of some issues with the dates. You will receive the new list shortly. He reminded everyone you need to notify the office and committee chair if you cannot attend a public hearing also, it will be noted if you leave the Public Hearings early since the Borough President's office has questioned why the numbers on votes don't line up at times.

**ITEM #5 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS - Josh Sussman, Committee Chair** reminded everyone all ballots must be signed whether you cast a vote or not. Nominations are allowed from the floor this evening.

For the **Chair** position, the only candidate formally running was **Gene Kelty**. With no nominations from the floor, the vote was **42 in favor** and **1** person who did not vote.

For the **First Vice-Chair** position, the only candidate formally running was **Chuck Apelian**. With no nominations from the floor, the vote was **43 in favor**.

For the **Second Vice-Chair** position, the only candidate formally running was **Warren Schreiber**. With no nominations from the floor, the vote was **43 in favor**.

For the **Third Vice-Chair** position, **Frank Macchio** and **Barbara McHugh** formally ran as candidates. Each thanked the Board Members and asked for their support. With no further nominations from the floor, the final vote taken was **36 in favor of Frank Macchio** and **7 votes favoring Barbara McHugh**.

For the **Fourth Vice-Chair/Executive Secretary** position, **Alison Tan** and **Josh Sussman** formally ran as candidates and **Kim Ohanian** was nominated from the floor. **Alison Tan** ran for City Council last year and wants to address issues that affect the community and her daughters. One of many issues she's interested in is improving our Sanitation system, the trash pile-up during the government shutdown on Federal properties, how funding is allocated, etc. **Josh Sussman**, a teacher, lawyer, worked at the DA's office, involved in school safety with the Chancellor and training Safety Officers, etc. With his rich experience, joining the Community Board was a natural step to be a part of the community. **Kim Ohanian** spoke of her active 19 yrs. on the Board and her daily participation with the community. When asked why, her answer was "Someone has to"! With no further nominations from the floor, the vote was **22 votes in favor of Alison Tan, 12 votes in favor of Josh Sussman, and 7 votes for Kim Ohanian**.

Our **Executive Committee for 2019** is as follows:-

<b>Eugene Kelty</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Charles Apelian</b>	<b>First Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Warren Schreiber</b>	<b>Second Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Frank Macchio</b>	<b>Third Vice -Chair</b>
<b>Alison Tan</b>	<b>Fourth Vice-Chair</b>

**P U B L I C   P A R T I C I P A T I O N**

**Bruce Green** – On 31<sup>st</sup> Drive and 138<sup>th</sup> Street in the Mitchell-Linden area, traffic agents are illegally parking/standing and violating the law themselves while giving summonses to us. They've called the ICO Task Force of Queens North and the 109<sup>th</sup> Pct., but the Mayor and Governor's words "If you see something, say something" seem meaningless. They are asking for our help.

**Rob Reynolds**, resident of Flushing, CPA, husband and father witnessed a woman struck by a car and pinned under it on Roosevelt Avenue on 1/2/19. He suggested to make Roosevelt Ave. between Union Street and Main Street a pedestrian plaza. It should be looked into to make Flushing safer.

**Kevin Shields, Board Member**- On December 6, 2018 an article was published in the Queens Chronicle by Ryan Brady about a petition for a hearing on renaming a street in Whitestone for **John McHugh** of Whitestone, a 90 year old war hero who survived the Normandy invasion and is still alive today. The DOT Policy is a person must be deceased to be memorialized with a co-naming street, ....but exceptions have occurred. Kevin and others have garnered 500 signatures from the community. They would like to see this happen while Mr. McHugh is still with us.

**Chair Kelty's** response is the follow through is commendable, but you must have the approval of your Councilman, Paul Vallone, before anything can go forward. Only his signature will start the ball rolling.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zuliani