



Community Board 7

Borough of Queens

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COMMUNITY BOARD #7 PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

AUDIO AND VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

PRESENT

Charles Apelian

James Cervino

Kaily Cheng

Michael Cheng

Kim Cody

Nicholas Corrado

Arlene Fleishman

Richard Forman

Vincent Gianelli

Pablo Hernandez

Cody Herrmann

Jeff Huang

Lawrence Hughes

Eugene Kelty

Phil Konigsberg

Dr. Wensong, Li

Wendy Louie

Frank Macchio

Betsy Mak

Barbara McHugh

Michelle Miao

Selma Moses

Sergio Nicolich

Millicent O'Meally

John Park

Yacov Pshtisky

Frank Quatela

Kris Ram

Paul Rifino

Warren Schreiber

Kevin Shields

Matthew Silverstein

Joshua Sussman

Joseph Sweeney

John Tsavalos

Peter Tu

Harpreet Wahan

Clarissa Wong

Maggie Wong

Dian Yu

Linna Yu

Jie Zou

ABSENT

* Fred Fu

Esther Lee

Terrance Park

* Doreen Gatanas

Dr. Wensong Li

* Paul Rifino

COMMUNITY BOARD #7 STAFF

Marilyn McAndrews, District Manager

Mary O'Neill, Community Coordinator

Anne Krzyzanowski, Community Assistant

GUESTS

Susan Lui - Congresswoman Meng's office

Mabel Tso - Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's office

Soojin Choi-Lee - State Senator Liu's office

Lya Rothmann - State Senator Stavisky's office

Howard Wong - Assemblywoman Rozic's office

Amber Yoon - Assemblyman Braunstein's office

***Excused**

Ali Zirasci - Councilwoman Paladino's office

Xin Wu - Councilwoman Ung's office

Maria Bolanos - Mayor Adam's office

Max Weprin - Queens Borough President's office

Elizabeth Bian - Queens District Attorney Katz's office

First Vice Chair Charles Apelian opened the Public Hearing at 7 pm via audio and video teleconference. A Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag in honor of all who fought for our freedom and our country and to never forget those who gave their lives for that freedom.

The attendance was taken with (42) Present (6) Absent (3) Excused*

Announcements from Elected Officials, Mayor’s Office, and Borough Hall

Announcements from First Vice Chair Charles Apelian:

- How to get help from Social Security
- The Port Authority of NY & NJ will host a Public Workshop about LaGuardia Airport Mass Transit Access
- Q70-SBS LaGuardia link bus will be free March 17th until the 27th
- Flushing Meadows Corona Park is inviting people to join the Environmental Stewardship Team
- HPD has tenant resource events
- Pathways To College SUNY Queens Educational Opportunity Center has tuition free classes coming up.
- The Homeless Shelter in College Point will have a CAB (Community Advisory Board) Meeting
- Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez’s office has secured funds for Queens parks, Elmhurst Hospital & for the repair of two of the public piers in Flushing Bay.

Announcement from Chairman Kelty:

- March is “Irish-American Heritage Month”. This was an act of Congress in 1990 Public Law 101-418 (104 Stat. 906)

Announcement from Kevin Shields:

- Kevin nominated Chairman Eugene Kelty for an award to be given by the St. Patrick Society of Queens as thanks for all of Gene’s contributions to our community

Public Hearing

150-65 Cross Island Parkway - BSA Calendar #129-97-BZ - Extension of term of variance for a term of twenty years. A waiver of the Rule of Procedure is also required pursuant to section 1-07.3(b)(3)(ii) since the variance expired on November 4, 2018. Land Use/ Zoning Committee Chair Kevin Shields.

Presentation by representatives for applicant:

Sandy Anagnostou from Gerald J Caliendo, RA, AIA Architect PC

Lou Romano – Property Owner & Business Operator

Application for an extension of term of variance for twenty years and a waiver of rules of procedure since the previous term expired November 4th, 2018. The original variance was granted for an automotive service establishment Use Group 16. Located in a Commercial Zone C1-2 R3-2.

The prior variance permitted gasoline pumps, canopy, and lubritorium. The rest of the property has an as-of-right use retail stores Use Group 6 on the basement level and retail Use Group 6 on the first floor. This application is not changing anything, only extending the term for twenty years. This is on the Northwest corner of Clintonville Street and the Cross Island Parkway. A new canopy will be erected to replace the previous one damaged during a recent storm. The building is two stories with a basement.

Matt Silverstein: Will another gas station take over?

A: No change in ownership. It will stay as Exxon. The canopy fell during a recent storm. They will install a new one in about two weeks. The new canopy will be the same size.

Warren Schreiber: Are there any air pumps at this site?

A: Yes. Next to the two vacuums in the same spot since 2000.

Cody Herman: If this expired in 2018, why are we addressing this in 2022?

A: The City is behind in processing their paperwork. We didn't receive the paperwork until recently.

Chairman Kelty: In the past, we never got these on time. They are always a year or two behind.

Chuck Apelian: I have a question about a previous application for this site to replace the service station with retail.

A: The application was withdrawn a few years ago.

Kevin Shields: We held a Committee Meeting to discuss the renewal of this application for another twenty-year term without any changes. The Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Group said that this location is kept clean. Motion was to approve.

Chuck Apelian: Motion is to approve the twenty-year term.

Absent any discussion on the motion, I will move the question and will take a roll call.

41 - In favor

0 - Against

No abstentions

1 - Left Early

6 - Absent

Public Participation

Richard Forman: Summer school will be available for all students in K – 8th grade, all day.

John Kelly - Kissena Park Civic Association: They had their first meeting for this year. They discussed the sewage problems and the flooding issues which caused many deaths.

Chairman Kelty: NYC Department of Environmental Protection is working on this. Please take pictures so we can present them when we meet with the city agencies.

Meeting ended: 08:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Community Assistant