



Community Board 7

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Community Board #7 Queens

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2024

Meeting was held in the basement of St Luke Church, 16-34 Clintonville Street

Board Members Present:

Charles Apelian

James Cervino

Kim Cody

Nicholas Corrado

Arlene Fleishman

Richard Forman

Fred Fu

Doreen Gatanas

Pablo Hernandez

Cody Herrmann

Lawrence Hughes

Eugene Kelty

Esther Lee

Wendy Louie

Frank Macchio

Betsy Mak

Barbara McHugh

Selma Moses

Sergio Nicolich

John Park

Terence Park

Dr. Vipul Patel

Yacov Pshtissky

Frank Quatela

Kris Ram

Maureen Regan

Kevin Shields

Warren Schreiber

Matthew Silverstein

Josh Sussman

Saleem Syed

Joseph Sweeney

John Tsavalos

Peter Tu

Clarissa Wong

Maggie Wong

Lulu Yang

Linna Yu

Rachel Zhang

Lei Zhao

Absent: Dr. Wensong Li

Excused: Kaily Cheng, Vincent Gianelli, Jeff Huang, Phil Konigsberg, Rev. Richard McEachern, Paul Rifino, Harpreet Wahan, Dian Yu

Community Board #7 Staff

Marilyn McAndrews, District Manager

Mary O'Neill, Community Coordinator

Anne Krzyzanowski, Community Assistant

Elected Officials

Susan Liu - Congresswoman Meng's office

Tony Cao – Assemblyman Kim's office

Jeff Montoya - Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's office

Alan Ong – Assemblywoman Rozic's office

Gus Heikamp - State Senator Stavisky's office

Xin Wu - Councilwoman Ung's office

Wei Lu Su - State Senator Liu's office

Georgia Katsalis - Queens Borough President's office

Charles Wolgemuth - Assemblyman Berger's office

Koshy O. Thomas - Assemblyman Braunstein's office

Chairman Eugene Kelty opened meeting at 7 pm. Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and a moment of silence in honor of all who fought for our freedom and our country and never forget those who gave their lives.

Announcements from Elected Officials.

Announcements from Chairman Kelty.

Board Member Micheal Cheng sent email of resignation due to his family's relocation.

Approval of April 2024 minutes.

Jennifer O'Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, NYC Football Club: Thanked everyone for their support helping to make the new soccer stadium possible.

Judge Wendy Li: Spoke briefly about the different types of judicial Courts.

Inspector Kevin Coleman, Commanding Officer NYPD 109th Precinct, spoke about crimes within the precinct.

Emily Betson and **Ryan Benson**, FBI NY Field Office, discussed Election Crimes.

Public Hearing

Street co-naming as **Paul A. Vallone Way**, on the NE corner of 156th Street, and 32nd Avenue.

This co-naming was requested by Paul A. Vallone's family and Jonathan Szott, former Chief of Staff to Councilman Paul A. Vallone **Nicholas Corrado, Transportation Chair**

Anna-Marie Vallone thanked everyone for recognizing her husband's achievements. The family is honored to have the street co-named for him. The street co-naming would have meant a lot to him.

Nicholas Corrado: The Transportation Committee met and was unanimously in favor of co-naming the street for Paul A. Vallone.

Maria Becce, Broadway-Flushing Homeowners' Association: Supports the co-naming. BFHA called his office many times for assistance. Councilman Vallone and his staff were always extremely helpful. We tried for many years to become a historic landmarks district. He was able to get the Landmarks Preservation Commission to come and tour the area. His office assisted in getting deeds re-recorded with notations and copied over 600 deeds. Councilman Vallone was instrumental in starting the NCO program at the 109th Pct. He worked with Borough President Katz to get financing to renovate Bowe Park.

Chairman Kelty: The motion is to approve. Seconded by Yacov Pshtissky.

40 – In favor

0 – Against

The vote is unanimous in favor.

Street co-naming as **Arthur O'Meally Place**, on the SE corner of 32nd Avenue and Union Street. This co-naming was requested by his son Arthur F. O'Meally. **Nicholas Corrado, Transportation Chair**

Millicent O'Meally: My husband was like a member of this Community Board. He taught himself about ULURP and other terms. Arthur would sit behind at Board meetings and tell me questions to ask the Board. He also enjoyed counting trees for the Parks Department tree census and he trimmed trees in the neighborhood. He took care of our neighborhood and also our borough. He received an award from the Borough President for all he did, including cleaning cemeteries to improve this area.

Nicholas Corrado: The Transportation Committee met and was unanimously in favor of co-naming the street for Arthur O'Meally.

Representatives from Councilwoman Ung's Office and State Senator Liu's office spoke in favor of the street co-naming.

Chairman Kelty: The motion is to approve seconded by John Park.

40 – In favor

0 – Against

The vote is unanimous in favor.

Public Participation

Warren Schreiber: The project on the Cross Island Parkway has been going on for months. It has been resurfaced but they didn't repaint the lines, making it dangerous to drive on.

Judge Wendy Li spoke, she is running for a position as a Surrogates Court Judge.

Andy Chen spoke, he is running for the seat on the NYS Assembly District 40.

Kim Cody: I would like to remind everyone about the Memorial Day Parade in Whitestone. It will be on May 27th and it will start at 149th Street and 15th Drive. Please remember that this is a day of remembrance for those who never came home and for those who are still serving.

Meeting ended: 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted

**Anne Krzyzanowski,
Community Assistant**