



Community Board 7

Borough of Queens

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Community Board #7 Queens

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, February 3, 2025

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

Board Members Present:

Charles Apelian

Kaily Cheng

Kim Cody

Arlene Fleishman

Richard Forman

Fred Fu

Cody Herrmann

Lawrence Hughes

Phil Konigsberg

Esther Lee

Frank Macchio

Betsy Mak

Selma Moses

Sergio Nicolich

John Park

Terence Park

Yacov Pshtitsky

Frank Quatela

Kris Ram

Warren Schreiber

Kevin Shields

Matthew Silverstein

Josh Sussman

Saleem Syed

Joseph Sweeney

Peter Tu

Clarissa Wong

Maggie Wong

Lulu Yang

Linna Yu

Rachel Zhang

Lei Zhao

Excused: Nicholas Corrado, Doreen Gatanas, Jeff Huang, Eugene Kelty, Rev. Richard McEachern, Dr. Vipul Patel, Maureen Regan, Paul Rifino, John Tsavalos, Harpreet Wahan

Absent: James Cervino, Dr. Wensong Li, Wendy Louie, Barbara McHugh, Dian Yu

Deceased: Vincent Gianelli

Community Board #7 Staff

Marilyn McAndrews, District Manager

Mary O'Neill, Assistant District Manager

Anne Krzyzanowski, Community Service Aide

Chairman Charles Apelian opened the 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 to never forget those who gave their lives.

Frank Macchio read a eulogy for our recently deceased Board Member **Vincent Gianelli**.

Announcements from the Chairman, **Chuck Apelian**. He thanked fellow Community Board Member **Peter Tu** for inviting him to a breakfast with **US Senator Kristin Gillibrand**. They discussed public safety concerns in Community Board 7, and specifically discussed our efforts to obtain the newly formed 109 Satellite Precinct. She was animated and will get back to us with any funding support she can provide.

The BSA Chair Shampa Chanda and BSA Executive Director Carlo Costanza will speak at our March meeting. Board members can bring any questions to the office prior to the meeting.

John Park presented a bouquet of flowers to our new Chairman.

Announcements from the Elected Officials

Approval of January 2025 Minutes.

Regular Board Meeting

Chairman Charles Apelian reminded the board members that their applications are due. He spoke about the committee assignments. He also asked if any of the Board Members would like to bring up a local issue, they should contact the committee chairs to set up a committee meeting. He wants the committees to be more active and to meet more often.

Public Participation

Richard Forman spoke about the procedures that the NYC schools follow when ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) enters the building.

Kim Cody reminded everyone that an Enhanced (REAL ID) driver's license or non-driver ID will be required to board a plane when flying within the US. This card has a star on it.

Marty Dolan spoke. He is a candidate for the Public Advocate election.

Betsy Mak spoke about how Roosevelt Avenue in Jackson Heights was cleaned up and is hoping that Downtown Flushing will be cleaned up as well. She spoke with Councilwoman Ung about this issue.

Phil Konigsberg wished **Chuck Apelian** well as the new CB7 Chair. He then spoke about Queens County's own St. John's Men's Basketball team that is ranked #12 in the nation.

Peter Tu spoke about how much he appreciates Flushing and our entire board. He thanked the board for all they do.

Meeting ended: 8:30 pm
Respectfully Submitted
Anne Krzyzanowski,
Community Assistant