



# Community Board 7

## Borough of Queens

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### Community Board #7 Queens

### PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

### Minutes

**Monday, June 8, 2026**

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

#### Board Members Present:

Chuck Apelian  
Blyss Buitrago  
James Cervino  
Kaily Cheng  
Kim Cody  
Nicholas Corrado  
Arlene Fleishman  
Richard Forman  
Fred Fu  
Doreen Gatanas  
Cody Herrmann  
Kathy Huang  
Yoon Joo Lee  
Li Mei Li  
David Kwang

Betsy Mak  
Frank Macchio  
Rev. Richard McEachern  
Barbara McHugh  
Selma Moses  
Sergio Nicolich  
John Park  
Terence Park  
Dr. Vipul Patel  
Paul Rifino  
Santiago Porras Ruiz  
Yacov Pshtisky  
Frank Quatela  
Kris Ram  
Maureen Regan

Warren Schreiber  
Matthew Silverstein  
Joseph Sweeney  
Saleem Syed  
Peter Tu  
Harpreet Wahan  
Clarissa Wong  
Maggie Wong  
Lulu Yang  
Christine Yi  
Linna Yu  
Dian Yu  
Lei Zhao

Excused: Jeff Huang, Phil Konigsberg, Esther Lee, Nestor Pastor, John Tsavalos

Absent: Zhi Keng He

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#### **Community Board #7 Staff**

Marilyn McAndrews, District Manager  
Mary O'Neill, Community Coordinator  
Anne Krzyzanowski, Community Assistant

**Chairman Chuck 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.

Announcements from Chairman, **Chuck Apelian**.

Announcements from Elected Officials' representatives.

Approval of May 2026 Minutes.

**FDNY Battalion Chief AJ DiMichele** spoke about some of the types of calls which they respond to.

**Tanya L Thomas**, NYC Department of Veterans Services explained about the services that they provide.

**Hannah Leverenz**, NYC Independent Budget Office, discussed the City Budget and budget policy.

### Public Participation

**Michael Koumoullis**: Excited a new HS will open in College Point. Students who live here will not have to travel far.

**Maureen Regan**: Juneteenth event at The Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground. Board Member Rev. Richard McEachern will speak about the Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church in the history of Flushing.

**Carston Glaeser**: Spoke about the importance of urban trees, as NYC Parks is removing trees to create bike paths.

**Cody Herrmann**: Elected officials appropriated and reneged on \$5 million in capital funds for the Flushing YMCA as part of Flushing Commons. A new development at 35th Ave & Farrington St by Century Development Group is an MIH district. It's being built, but there is no mention in their press releases about affordable housing.

**Joy Chen, City Planner for NYC Department of City Planning**: Charter revisions were approved that would fast-track land use review process. These include the affordable housing fast track (A-HAB) and the fast-track land use (E-LURP).

**Betsy Mak**: Has been attending monthly meetings at Queens Borough Hall. The City has a \$15,000 grant for qualifying seniors to replace the lead pipes in their homes.

**Matthew Silverstein**: CB7 Parks Committee held a meeting about the Kissena Park Greenway project. If the project proceeds, NYC Parks Department will cut down over a hundred trees. The Committee is opposed to this project.

**George Hadjiconstantinou, Queens Chamber of Commerce**: College Point restaurant Week will be until June 15th and a Clean-up Day at College Point on Jun 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended: 8:04 pm  
Respectfully Submitted  
Anne Krzyzanowski,  
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