



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

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 Koumoullos: 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 14th.

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