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Board Members Present

Vincent Arcuri, Jr.; Tobias Sheppard Bloch; Robert Cermeli; Walter E. Clayton, Jr.; Peter Comber; Daniel Creighton; Henry Cross; Patricia Crowley; Brian Dooley; Karamjit Dhaliwal; Jerome Drake; Dmytro Fedkowskyj; Steven Fiedler; Angela Giovannello; Patricia Grayson; Fred T. Haller, III; Fred Hoefflerle; Robert Holden; Paul A. Kerzner; John J. Killcommons; Kathleen Knight; Michael LoCascio; John Maier; Lydia Martinez; Katherine Masi; Alexander Maureau; Eileen Moloney; Donald Passantino; Michael Porcelli; Theodore M. Renz; Kelvin Rodriguez; Luis Rodriguez; Walter H. Sanchez; David Sands; Connie Santos; Lorraine Sciulli; Catherine Sumsky; Jean Tanler; Barbara Toscano

Board Members Absent

Thomas C. Dowd; Sarah Feldman; Caroline Fuchs; Margaret O'Kane; Michael O'Kane; Lee S. Rottenberg; Carmen Santana; Maryanna Zero

Elected Officials

Don Capalbi – US Representative Grace Meng, 6th C.D.
Neil Giannelli - NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., 15th S.D.
Alexa Arecchi – NYS Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi, 28th AD
David Aglialoro – NYS Assemblywoman Catherine T. Nolan, 37th AD
Diana Santana - NYS Assemblyman Michael Miller, 38th AD
Nick Gulotta – NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio
Maggie Hayes - NYC Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, 30th CD

Staff Present

Gary Giordano, District Manager, CB5 Queens
Catherine O'Leary and Laura Mulvihill, Community Associates - CB5Q Staff
Catherine Moore – Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

GUESTS

Lisbeth Lora, Community Construction Liaison, KS Engineers, P.C., 64-64 Dry Harbor Rd, Middle Village, NY
Michelle Perez, Community Construction Liaison, Haider Engineering, P.C., 70-03 Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, NY
Paul Besmertnik, Resident Engineer, NYC Dept. of Design and Construction, 30-30 Thomson Ave, LIC, NY

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Board Chairman Vincent Arcuri called the monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:35pm, following the Salute to the Flag. He introduced the first Item on the Agenda as:

Presentation Re: Current Water and Sewer Main Project in Penelope Avenue/74 Street Area in Middle Village - SEQ 002693

by Lisbeth Lora, Community Construction Liaison, KS Engineers, P.C.
for NYC Dept. of Design and Construction

Lisbeth Lora gave a power point presentation regarding this sewer and water main replacement project which covers 14 city blocks and is one of the largest area-wide projects in the city. She said that C.A.C. Industries, Inc. was awarded the contract for this job, which is estimated to cost \$22,131,637.56. She explained that the purpose of this project is to improve storm water drainage in this area of Middle Village, in addition to upgrading the City's aging water main infrastructure system.

Ms. Lora said that the timetable for this project is 790 work days, from the Spring of 2016 until the Spring of 2018. She explained that utility companies have been relocating their service lines in this area in order to avoid service interruptions for the duration of this project. And, once their work is complete, the contractor will begin work on this project. She said that NYC Department of Environmental Protection is the sponsoring agency for this project, and the NYC-Department of Design and Construction is responsible for managing this project.

Ms. Lora described the parameters of this area-wide project to include replacement of the distribution water mains and reconstruction of the combined sewer mains in: Penelope Avenue between 71st Street and 74th Street; 74th Street between Juniper Blvd. South and Juniper Valley Road; Juniper Valley Road between 74th Street and 77th Street; 66th Road between Gray Street and 77th Street; 77th Street between 66th Drive and Gray Street; Gray Street between 66th Drive and Juniper Valley Road. In addition, the combined sewer mains on 75th Street between Juniper Valley Road and 66th Drive, will be reconstructed, she said. The project scope includes installation of catch basins, manholes and chambers, and roadway resurfacing, as well.

Ms. Lora outlined the following timetable for this capital improvement project as:

1. Water Main Installation: June 2016, through August 2016
2. Catch Basin Installation: September 2016 through October 2017
3. Combined Sewer Reconstruction: July 2016 through September 2017
4. Roadway Rehabilitation/ Resurfacing August 2016 through September 2017

The contractor is permitted to work from 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, she said. Under this contract, the contractor will maintain one 12 foot lane for local and emergency traffic during work hours. And, the contractor will be required to restore trench or place steel plates after working hours. A 5-foot clear sidewalk for pedestrians will be maintained at all times.

Ms. Lora said that pedestrian access to buildings will be maintained at all times. She explained that some street closures may be required, but warning signs will be posted the day before. Also, driveway access and curbside parking may be temporarily restricted during work days. And, parking may be temporarily restricted, but signs will be posted where necessary and advance notification provided. In the event that anyone's car is towed from the construction area, they should call the project field office at (718) 326-3840, or the 104th Police Precinct desk at (718) 386-3004 for the tow list and location of their vehicle.

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Regarding water shut-off notices, she said that 72 hour and 24 hour prior advance notice with instructions will be provided to all of the affected households. However, due to unforeseen field and/or weather conditions, it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations, operations, or dates, she said. If their water service is not restored by the time indicated on the Shut-off Notice, she asked local residents to contact the Field Office at (718) 326-3840, or 311 if after hours. She said that the office is located at 64-64 Dry Harbor Road, in Middle Village.

Ms. Lora said that prior to the start of construction, a rodent survey will be performed by a licensed exterminator, and the contractor will be baiting within the construction zone as required by the contract. In addition, rodent control stations will be installed and monitored by a professional rodent control specialist, she said.

Ms. Lora said that bi-monthly newsletters are sent to local residents, elected officials and agencies to keep them apprised of the work in progress, in addition to email alerts on occasion. In closing, she asked that individuals with special needs contact the Field Office so that staff will be able to work specifically with those individuals to minimize any inconvenience that results from this project. She said her email address is: penelopeavecc@gmail.com.

Maps and brochures about this project were distributed. For more information about the project, she welcomed everyone to visit the DDC website: www.nyc.gov/DDC , and during non-working hours, please call 311 and give the Project ID#: **SEQ002693**.

Kathy Masi asked about the notification process for local residents, particularly with respect to any rodent abatement measures. Ms. Lora replied that in May, she began compiling a list of email addresses from local residents and businesses in the affected area, and flyers are distributed to block residents on a door-to-door basis, as work begins on each block of this project.

Kelvin Rodriquez asked if car owners would be fined for the towing fees if/when their vehicles are towed from a Tow-Away Zone. Ms. Lora said that owners would be fined.

PRESENTATION Re: Pedestrian Plaza Upgrade Project at the Juncture of Myrtle Avenue/70th Street and Cooper Avenue in Glendale – HWPLZ008Q
by Michelle Perez, Community Construction Liaison, and
Paul Besmertnik, Resident Engineer, NYC Dept. of Design and Construction

Michelle Perez gave a power point presentation about this capital improvement project, accompanied by Paul Besmertnik, the resident engineer for this project. She explained that the goal of this project is to realign the streets at this very busy intersection, in order to improve pedestrian and vehicular traffic; reduce traffic speed in conjunction with Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative; plaza enhancements for community beautification; and provide street lighting upgrades. The contract for this project was awarded to Triumph Contracting Corp. and is estimated to cost \$3,399,662.03, she said. The work under this contract is expected to take 365 work days to complete, beginning this Summer and ending in the Spring of 2017, she said. She said that the NYC Department of Transportation is the sponsoring agency for this project, and the NYC Department of Design & Construction is the managing agent for the project.

Ms. Perez described the scope of work for this project as follows: plaza enhancements; street lighting upgrades; installation of water mains; installation of storm sewers; installation of catch basins; fire hydrant replacement;

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and sidewalk realignment. She said that under this contract, work will be performed in and around the Glendale Memorial Triangle, on Myrtle Avenue from 70th Street to 71st Street; Cooper Avenue from 70th Street to 71st Street; 70th Street from Cooper Avenue to Myrtle Avenue. She indicated where the roadway of 70th Street between Myrtle Avenue and Cooper Avenue will be closed and converted into a pedestrian plaza, and the roadway on 71 Street between Myrtle Avenue and Cooper Avenue will also be eliminated in order to extend the sidewalk at that corner. On a series of slides, she indicated the plaza enhancements that are planned for this area, including new stone pavers, a drinking fountain, Yard Arm Flag Pole, planters, a combination of shrubs and 12 trees, a seating area with 6 foot-long benches, seasonal tables and chairs, a bike rack and bus stop shelter.

Ms. Perez said that the project timetable is to install: new water mains between May through August; new catch basins in August; plaza enhancements between August through December; new curbs and sidewalks between September and November; and roadway reconstruction from November through December of 2016. She emphasized that these dates are approximations and are subject to change due to weather and field conditions.

Ms. Perez said that under the terms of the contract, the contractor shall maintain one 12 foot lane for local and emergency traffic during work hours. She said that the contractor will be required to restore one 11 foot lane on One-Way streets and two 11 foot lanes on Two-Way streets after working hours, where possible. The contractor must maintain a 5-foot clear sidewalk for pedestrians at all times for the duration of this project, she said.

Ms. Perez said that prior to the start of construction, a rodent survey will be performed by a licensed exterminator, and the contractor will be baiting within the construction zone as required by the contract. In addition, rodent control stations will be installed and monitored by a professional rodent control specialist, she said.

Ms. Perez said that bi-monthly newsletters are sent to local residents and businesses to keep them apprised of the work in progress, in addition to email alerts on occasion. In closing, she said that the Field Office for this project is located at 70-03 Myrtle Avenue, in Glendale. She said that generally, the work hours for this contract will be 7am to 3:30pm on weekdays. For more information about this project, she welcomed calls to her office phone number: (347) 987-4211/4443, and her email address: myrtle.coopercl@gmail.com. She advised that during non-working hours, concerns will be addressed by calls to 311, giving the Project ID#: HWPLZ008Q.

Board Chairman Arcuri said that the contractor has been responsive to requests from the community, particularly in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremonies that were conducted on the plaza this year.

PUBLIC FORUM

Marcus Burnett, proprietor of the Rockaway Brewing Company, located at 46-01 5th Street, in Long Island City, gave a power point presentation about his local brewery operation in Long Island City. He said that his business started up in 2012 and now produces 1,200 barrels of beer a year, employing 12 people. He explained that he is looking to expand his business and proposes to open a Pop-Up Beach located 176 Woodward Avenue, which is now a large vacant lot.

Robert Holden asked about the hours of operation at the proposed site. Mr. Burnett said that he plans to open from 12 Noon to 10pm, Sundays through Thursday, and from 12 Noon to 12 Midnight, Fridays and Saturdays. He said that this type of use is permitted in a mixed-use commercial and residential zone.

Jerome Drake asked if Mr. Burnett is requesting approval from the Community Board. The Board Chairman replied that the State Liquor Authority has not taken any action regarding this matter.

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Kathleen Knight asked whether there has been any interaction between the Rockaway Brewing Company and the surrounding residential community. Mr. Burnett said that he assured local residents who are opposed to the proposed Pop-Up Beach at this location that this venue would be run by professionals, and not disrupt the lives of residents in this area.

Jean Tanler, a member of CB5Q and Director of Industrial Business Development for the Business Outreach Center Network in Queens, spoke in favor of the proposed Pop-Up Beach at 176 Woodward Avenue, which will be limited to a capacity of 75 patrons on this site. She said that the Rockaway Brewing Company is a Queens based small business that has been a very successful start-up in the craft-brewing business. She said that their company is a client of the Queens Business Outreach Center, and she believes that their employees will work with the surrounding community to resolve any issues that may arise.

Shirley Cesario, a Ridgewood resident, said that she and her neighbors are opposed to the proposed pop-up beach bar located at 176 Woodward Ave, in Ridgewood. She said that she hopes the Rockaway Brewing Company will respect the wishes of dozens of community residents, most of whom live within a block of the proposed site, who have signed petitions in opposition to its opening at 176 Woodward Avenue, on the corner of Troutman Street.

Jon Armstrong, a long-time Ridgewood resident, also objected to the proposed Pop-Up Beach at 176 Woodward Avenue in Ridgewood. He said that it would increase noise levels, crowding and traffic on this block where many young working families with small children live. He pointed out that today, another 25 local residents signed a petition in opposition to this proposal because they believe this is not a suitable location for this type of business venture.

Phil Konigsberg, a Community Smoke-Free Advocate, said that he recently attended the Combined Committee Meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee and the Housing Services Committee, and he is hopeful that the Community Board will adopt their resolution at tonight's meeting.

Eileen Miller, a member of CB 11 in Queens, spoke in favor of adopting the proposed Smoke-Free Multiple Dwelling Housing Resolution by saying that as a registered nurse who works in hospital emergency rooms, she sees the negative health impacts that non-smokers experience due to exposure to second-hand smoke on a daily basis.

Matt Peterson and Shadi Ali, both community garden advocates who live in Ridgewood, requested the Board's support to establish a local community garden in the vicinity of Ridgewood. Mr. Peterson said that they have identified a few possible sites, including a fenced in lot on the corner of Cypress Hills Street and Central Avenue, adjacent to the Stop and Shop Supermarket; the open area that is adjacent to the Vander Ende Onderdonk House on the corner of Flushing Avenue and Onderdonk Avenue; and several other sites with absentee owners. The Board Chairman directed them to speak with representatives of several local elected officials who were present at the meeting.

Brian Dooley, president of the Glendale Property Owners Association and Board 5 member, said that the Department of Transportation installed signage today, to reverse the direction of 81 Street between 77 Avenue and 78 Avenue in Glendale to One-Way southbound, despite the community's opposition to it. He requested the Community Board entertain a motion to oppose the southbound conversion of 81 Street. The Board Chairman said that he could bring a motion to the floor during New Business at tonight's meeting.

Kevin Powell, a Glendale resident and member of the local Civilian Observation Patrol (COP104), announced that their organization just celebrated their 40th Anniversary in operation this week. He pointed out that Board Chairman Vincent Arcuri was a founding member of their organization. He welcomed volunteers to join with them in assisting the local precinct with traffic details, during local parades, public events and street fairs, and

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emergency response teams during severe storms. He invited everyone to attend their meeting tomorrow night, in Pfeiffer Hall of St. Pancras School, 68-02 Myrtle Avenue in Glendale, beginning at 8 pm.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vincent Arcuri, Jr.

MINUTES

The Board Chairman asked Board members to review the minutes of the May 11th, 2016 Board Meeting. Walter Clayton made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Kathy Masi. The minutes were accepted by voice vote.

Board Chairman Arcuri welcomed representatives of local elected officials to address the Board.

On behalf of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Catherine Moore thanked Board members who attended the Orientation and Training Session in the Queens Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, and announced that the Swearing In Ceremony for new and reappointed Board Members will be conducted, starting at 5pm on Wednesday, June 22nd, in the same location. She said that invitations were mailed to Board members.

On behalf of Mayor Bill de Blasio, Nick Gulotta thanked everyone who participated in the recent Mental Health Forum that was held in the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council with the goal of providing local mental health services in the community. He also reported that the Mayor and City Council agreed on an \$82 Million Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, which begins on July 1st. He said that the budget includes an allocation for 10,000 additional youth participants in the City's Summer Youth Employment Program; funding for 6-day library service; creation of a new police precinct in Southeast Queens; and additional funds for Vision Zero outreach programs.

On behalf of Congresswoman Grace Meng, Don Capalbi said that the Congresswoman is happy to announce that legislation that she was able to secure an additional \$8 Million in funding for cancer research in her district. He also said that the 4th Annual Congressional District Art Contest is now underway, and he encouraged Queens High School students to apply. He said that students who win this contest will have the opportunity to showcase their talent in the halls of Congress this year. He welcomed calls for more information at their district office: (718) 445-7861.

On behalf of State Senator Addabbo, Neil Giannelli announced that the Senator will be on hand to meet with local constituents in the Glendale Library on Myrtle Avenue at 73 Place, from 5:30pm to 7pm on Thursday, June 23rd, and in the Maspeth Library at 69-70 Grand Avenue, from 5:30pm to 7pm, on Thursday, August 4th, 2016. He also announced that their office is sponsoring the MetroCard Van, stationed in front of the Maspeth Federal Savings Bank's on 69 Street and Grand Avenue on Wednesday, June 28th, where seniors and disabled citizens will be able to register for their Reduced Fare Cards.

On behalf of State Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi, Alexis Arrechi welcomed calls for assistance to their office at (718) 263-5595.

On behalf of State Assemblyman Mike Miller, Diana Santana announced that their office will host the MetroCard Bus in front of their office at 83-91 Woodhaven Boulevard, from 1pm to 3pm on Tuesday, July 26th, 2016. Their office is also sponsoring free or low-cost mammogram screenings in the Mammogram Van in front of their office on Sunday, July 17th from 9am to 12:30pm. She emphasized that pre-registration is required, by calling their office at (718) 803-0950. In addition, she welcomed everyone to participate in an Unclaimed Funds Event on July 14th in the Ridgewood Older Adult Center, at 59-17 70 Avenue, starting at 10:30am. She said that participants will be able to identify and claim funds that are owed to them from bank accounts, stocks, bonds, dividends, utility deposits, and insurance premiums.

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On behalf of Council Member Crowley, Maggie Hayes announced that a ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for this Friday at Evergreen Park Playground on St. Felix Avenue, adjacent to PS 68. She also announced that the Council Member has allocated additional funds to plant street trees throughout the district in the coming year.

The Board Chairman recognized the press corps in attendance at the meeting, and thanked them for reporting on Community Board matters and events.

LIQUOR, WINE and BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS and RENEWALS

The Board Chairman read aloud the list of establishments in the Community Board 5 area that are in the process of applying for liquor, wine and beer licenses since last month's Board Meeting. Each Board member received a copy of the list.

New Liquor Licenses

- 1) **Aby's Bar Corp.** 681 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385
(original notification received in February, 2016)
- 2) **Soranpub LLC** 69-47 Grand Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378
(formerly Richie's Pub)

Liquor License Renewals

- 1) JT NY Restaurant Corp. d/b/a **Johnny's Café II** 60-39 Fresh Pond Road, Maspeth, NY 11378
- 2) *Bray Head Inc. d/b/a **Mooney's** 82-11 Eliot Avenue, Middle Village, NY 11379
- 3) John's Bar Corp. d/b/a **John's Bar** 64-63 Dry Harbor Road, Middle Village, NY 11379

Wine and/or Beer License Renewals

- 1) **The Original Sal's Pizzeria Inc.** 60-48 Myrtle Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 2) Grint Deli Corp. d/b/a **Matson's 1 Deli** 64-66 Dry Harbor Road, Middle Village, NY 11379
- 3) **Frank's Deli of Maspeth, Inc.** 53-18 72 Place, Maspeth, NY 11378

Demolition Notices

The Board Chairman reported that the Board received one demolition notice during the last 30 days for **560 Fairview Avenue**, two-story, 4-family house, in Ridgewood, for interior demolition work.

The Chairman asked Board members to remain vigilant and to advise the Board 5 staff about any questionable construction work in the Board area, so they can investigate further.

Executive Committee Report

Vincent Arcuri

The Board Chairman announced that the Executive Committee met earlier tonight to review committee assignments and that Toby Sheppard Bloch has been appointed to serve as Co-Chairman of the Transportation Services Committee. He gave the floor to Kathy Masi to deliver the committee's recommendation regarding budget amendments in the Board's Internal Budget for FY 2016.

Kathy Masi said that the committee recommends allocating \$8,342 from the surplus funds in the Fiscal Year 2016 Internal Budget of the Community Board, to cover the cost of raises for the Board staff. As there were no questions or comments on the committee recommendation, the Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote on the matter which carried unanimously by a vote of - 38 – in favor; - 0 – opposed; - 0 – abstentions; and – 0- not voting.

District Manager's Report

Gary Giordano

Regarding the Penelope Avenue Sewer and Water Main Project, the District Manager reported that work has been delayed on this project. He said that there is no definite start date for this project, as yet. Under this contract, much larger sewer mains will be installed, especially in 74 Street and in Penelope Avenue. He said that

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74 Street is the main sewer line carrying storm water runoff from Juniper Valley Road, to the large sewer chamber on 74 Street and Eliot Avenue, in Middle Village.

Regarding the Metropolitan Avenue Bridge over the LIRR at Fresh Pond Road, the District Manager reported that the contractor plans to begin work on removing and replacing the bridge deck underneath the roadway in July. He said that the project is expected to be complete in 18 months. And, he said, the contractor will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction for the duration of the project.

Regarding the MTA's plans to replace the M train railroad bridge that is located between the Metropolitan Avenue station and Fresh Pond Road, he said that this project is slated to begin on July 1, 2017, but the start date may be pushed back to the end of next year.

The District Manager announced that the local Firehouse, located at 66-46 Myrtle Avenue, was closed temporarily on April 19th, while a contractor removes asbestos inside the Firehouse. He said the Engine Company will be stationed at the Firehouse, on Knickerbocker Avenue at Gates Avenue in Brooklyn, and the Ladder Company will be stationed at Engine 319 in Middle Village. He said that the work is expected to be complete within the next 2 months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health & Human Services Committee and Housing Services Combined Committee Meeting

Robert Cermeli

Robert Cermeli reported that the members of the Health and Human Services Committee and Housing Committee held a combined committee meeting to discuss the proposal to adopt a resolution regarding Smoke Free Housing in Multiple Dwelling Buildings.

He read aloud the following resolution:

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United States killing more than 480,000 Americans each year, with an estimated 49,000 of these deaths from exposure to second-hand smoke.

In a preventive effort to protect the health of others, we are recommending to the owners of multi-family dwellings (10 or more units), that their housing units become smoke-free residences.

Whereas, second-hand smoke is considered a Class A carcinogen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and,

Whereas, second-hand smoke negatively impacts the health of non-smoking individuals, including children, adults and seniors and the disabled communities by causing or exacerbating asthma, upper respiratory infections, ear infections, and sudden infant death syndrome; and

Whereas, there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, and the removal of second-hand smoke is recommended by the United States Surgeon General's report of 2006, and the World Health Organization's Policy recommendation of 2007; and,

Whereas, careless smoking is the number one cause of death in home fires; and,

Whereas, according to the United States Fire Administration, approximately 25% of those killed in smoking related fires were not the actual smokers; and,

Whereas, more than 500,000 New York City adults and children are exposed to second-hand smoke; and,

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Whereas, the exposure to second-hand smoke by non-smokers in multiple dwellings is involuntary and causes seepage of smoke through hallways, vents, floorboards, air ducts, electrical outlets and walls; and,

Whereas, Queens Community Board 5 acknowledges the principle that every city resident should have the opportunity to breathe smoke-free air where they reside,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Queens Community Board 5 encourages owners, and landlords of multi-family housing (10 units and above) to create smoke-free housing units, and to establish a smoke-free environment in their developments wherever possible, and furthermore, to disclose the building's smoking policy to current and prospective tenants.

In response to questions from the floor, Fred Haller replied that a property owner could introduce a new non-smoking policy that would apply to new tenants.

As there was no further discussion of this matter, the Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote on the committee recommendation which carried by a vote of – 33 – in favor; - 5 – opposed; - 0 – abstentions; and - 0 – not voting.

Mr. Cermeli said that the committee also discussed other issues, including mental health needs in the community, too many hospital closures in Queens, and the increased threat to public health by antibiotic resistant bacterial infections and viruses.

Environmental Services

Brian Dooley

Brian Dooley said that the committee met recently to review the progress of several capital improvement projects that are currently underway in the Board 5 area. He reported that the Calamus Avenue/69 Street Area Sewer Project is still stalled until further notice, due to issues at the intersection of 69 Street and Queens Boulevard that will require project re-design.

Mr. Dooley also reported that the bioswale installation project has begun on local streets in Maspeth. He said that the purpose of this area-wide project is to retain storm water runoff, which will not necessarily prevent street flooding conditions.

He also reported that a new aeration facility was constructed this year, and is now in operation on Newtown Creek. He said that the purpose of this facility is to increase oxygen levels in the Creek and reduce the emission of air pollutants there. The Department of Environmental Protection plans to construct another aeration facility this year on the east side of the Creek, in the Board 5 area, on 47 Street north of Grand Avenue, in the Maspeth Industrial Area.

Zoning and Land Use Review Committee

Walter Sanchez

Walter Sanchez reported that at their meeting on Tuesday, May 31st in the Board 5 office, committee members met with representatives of the NYC Police Department, who expressed interest in acquiring property at 55-11 Grand Avenue in Maspeth, for use as a storage facility. He said that by acquiring this site, the Police Department plans to consolidate 6 separate evidence storage facilities into a central location.

Regarding the application for a zoning variance that was submitted to the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals, under BSA Cal No. 2016-4147BZ, for property located at **57-12 58 Place**, in Maspeth, Mr. Sanchez reported that the committee met with the applicant's representative, Amanda Iannotti, Attorney at Law, from Sheldon Lobel,

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P.C. on Tuesday, May 31st in the Board office to review the application. He said the Community Board conducted a public hearing at last month's Board Meeting on May 11th regarding this application. He read aloud the description of the application for a zoning variance, as follows:

IN THE MATTER OF AN Application to the NY City Board of Standards and Appeals by Sheldon Lobel, P.C. Attorneys At Law, on behalf of Pietro Alesci, the owner of record, for a variance, under Sections 72-21 and 42-10 of the Zoning Resolution, to permit the development of a 3-family residential building, at 57-12 58 Place, in Maspeth, Queens, NY (B: 2672; L: 96) in an M1-1D Zoning District, where residential use is not permitted as-of-right.

Mr. Sanchez reported that Ms. Iannotti told the committee members that the house that was originally built on this lot had to be demolished in 2014, due to hazardous structural conditions. He said that she told committee members that, in 2006, this property had a 20-year Deed Restriction for residential use, when the current owner purchased this lot. However, when he applied for a building permit to construct a new 3-story, 3-family residential building on this empty lot, the Department of Buildings disapproved the new building plans because this site is located in an M1-1D zoning district, Ms. Iannotti told committee members at their meeting. He said that she also pointed out to them that the proposed residential development of this lot is in keeping with the surrounding residential character of the neighborhood.

Mr. Sanchez said that, in his opinion, this site is likely to be too small to be developed for manufacturing uses. He reported that committee members voted unanimously in favor of recommending no objection to this application, which would permit the development of a 3-story, 3-family residential building at 57-12 58 Place in Maspeth.

The Board Chairman opened the floor to questions and comments.

As there was no further discussion on the matter, the Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote on the matter which carried by a vote of – 33 – in favor; - 3 – opposed; - 0 – abstention; - 0 – not voting.

Transportation Services Committee

Tobias Sheppard Bloch

Toby Bloch, Co-Chair of the Transportation Services Committee, reported that the Committee met with representatives from the Department of Transportation in the Board 5 office on Tuesday, May 24nd, 2016. He said that the committee reviewed a number of proposals to improve pedestrian and traffic safety at the intersection of Myrtle Avenue, Wyckoff Avenue and Palmetto Street, in Ridgewood. He said that the proposed plans include the creation of a pedestrian plaza on Wyckoff Avenue between Gates Avenue and Myrtle Avenue. He said that he expects that the final design plans will be presented to the Board in the Fall.

Mr. Bloch also reported that the committee discussed proposed changes to the Maspeth Bypass Truck Route. He said that there has been a continuing problem with illegal truck traffic on the commercial corridors along Grand Avenue and Flushing Avenue in Maspeth.

Michael LoCascio said that truck traffic enforcement stations are being set up on Flushing Avenue, under the underpass, and on Grand Avenue between 64 Street and 58 Street, in Maspeth.

Nomination and Election of CB5Q Executive Committee Members

The Board Chairman announced that the annual election of Community Board 5 Executive Committee members will take place at tonight's meeting, and gave the floor to the District Manager to conduct the election.

The District Manager read aloud the current list of Executive Committee members, and distributed a list of nominees for the Executive Committee positions who were nominated at the May 11th Board Meeting to all

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Board members present. He pointed out that there are 2 nominees for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair: Dmytro Fedkowskyj and Tobias Sheppard Bloch. He asked Dmytro Fedkowskyj if he accepted the nomination, which he did. The District Manager also announced that 5 Board members were nominated for the 4 Members-At-Large positions on the Executive Committee, and he pointed out that all of the Board members who were present at last month's Board Meeting accepted their nominations.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Chairperson. As there were no other nominations, nominations were closed and Board Treasurer Katherine Masi cast one unanimous ballot to elect Vincent Arcuri, the Chairman of Community Board 5, Queens.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of First Vice- Chairperson. As there were none, nominations were closed and a ballot was distributed to each Board member to vote for their choice of candidates, either Dmytro Fedkowskyj, or Tobias Sheppard Block. The ballots were distributed and then collected and tallied. The District Manager announced that Dmytro Fedkowskyj was duly elected to serve as Second Vice-Chairperson, receiving a total of 27 votes.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Treasurer. As there were none, nominations were closed and Board Treasurer Katherine Masi cast one unanimous ballot to elect Katherine Masi, as Treasurer.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Secretary. He pointed out that tonight, Peggy O'Kane is at home recovering from a recent fall. As there no other nominations, Mr. Giordano closed the nominations and Board Treasurer Katherine Masi cast one unanimous ballot to elect Margaret O'Kane, as Secretary of the Board.

The District Manager read aloud the names of the five candidates who were nominated at last month's Board Meeting for the four positions of Members-At-Large, as follows: Patricia Grayson, of Glendale; Fred T Haller, III, of Glendale; John A. Maier, of Ridgewood; Theodore M. Renz, of Middle Village; and Walter Clayton, of Middle Village.

He opened nominations from the floor for the positions of Member-at-Large. Walter Sanchez nominated Steven Fiedler, and he accepted. And, Connie Santos nominated Catherine Sumsy, and she accepted.

As there were no other nominations from the floor, the District Manager closed nominations for the Members-At-Large positions. Ballots were distributed to Board members, who were instructed to elect 4 of the 7 candidates for the Member-At-Large positions. After collecting the ballots and tallying the results, the District Manager announced the election of Patricia Grayson, Fred T. Haller, John A. Maier and Theodore M. Renz to serve as Members-At-Large on the Executive Committee. There was a general round of applause.

New Business

Brian Dooley made a motion to recommend that the Community Board oppose the implementation of the One-Way street reversal from a northbound to a southbound direction on 81 Street, between 77 Avenue and 78 Avenue, in Glendale. Walter Sanchez seconded the motion on the floor.

After a general discussion of the matter, the Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote on the motion on the floor which carried by a vote of - 30 – in favor; - 2 – opposed; - 0 – abstentions; and – 0 – not voting.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Board Chairman Arcuri adjourned the public meeting of Community Board 5, Queens on a motion from the floor at 10:35pm.