



Community Board No. 5

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Vincent Arcuri, Jr.
Chairperson

Gary Giordano
District Manager

Minutes of Community Board 5 Public Meeting June 13, 2018

Board Members Present

Vincent Arcuri, Jr; Antonetta Binanti; Robert Cermeli; Walter E. Clayton, Jr.; Peter Comber; Deborah Cox; Patricia Crowley; Brian Dooley; Jerome Drake; Dmytro Fedkowskyj; Sarah Feldman; Steven Fiedler; Patricia Grayson; Mohan Gyawali-Chhetri; Fred Hoefflerle; Richard Huber; Paul A. Kerzner; Maryann Lattanzio; Edward Lettau; Edgar Mantel; Katherine Masi; Eileen Moloney; Margaret O’Kane; Donald Passantino; Michael Porcelli; Theodore M. Renz; Kelvin Rodriguez; Luis Rodriguez; Walter H. Sanchez; Carmen Santana; Connie Santos; Christopher Sperrazza; Dennis Stephan; Barbara Toscano; Patrick J. Trinchese

Board Members Absent

Tobias Sheppard Bloch; Fred T. Haller, III; John J. Killcommons; Kathleen Knight; Michael LoCascio; John Maier; Michael O’Kane; Lee S. Rottenberg; David Sands; Catherine Sumsky; Maryanna Zero

Elected Officials

Dom Capalbi – US Representative Grace Meng, 6th C.D.
Julio Salazar – US Representative Nydia Velazquez, 7th C.D.
Neil Giannelli - NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr, 15th SD
Mark Papish - NYS Assemblyman Brian Barnwell, 30th AD
Samantha Kung - NYS Assemblyman Michael Miller, 38th AD
Greg Mitchell - NYC Council Member Robert Holden, 30th CD
Jennifer Gutierrez – NYC Council Member Antonio Reynoso, 34th CD

Staff Present

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

GUESTS

Gustavo Franco, owner of Pollos a La Brasa Mario Restaurant, 63-20 Woodhaven Blvd, Rego Park, NY 11374
MD Gias Uddin, 567 Pine Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208
Michael Planell, Esq., Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein LLP, 325 Broadway, Ste. 501, NY, 10007
Clive Williams, Chairperson, Community Board 13, 219-41 Jamaica Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11428
Rene Hill, Chairperson, Community Board 12, 90-28 161 Street, Jamaica, NY 11432
Chae No, Community Liaison, NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, 42-09 28 St, LIC, NY, 11101

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Board Chairman Vincent Arcuri called the monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:37pm, following the Salute to the Flag. The Board Chairman announced the first item on the Board Agenda as follows:

PUBLIC HEARING I RE: Enclosed Sidewalk Café Application to the NYC Planning Commission and the Dept. of Consumer Affairs, from Pollos Mario Woodhaven Corp., doing business as, **Pollos A La Brasa Mario**, for review, pursuant to Section 366-a© of the N.Y. City Charter, for the grant of a renewal of a revocable consent to operate an existing enclosed sidewalk café, with 10 tables and 40 seats, at **63-20 Woodhaven Boulevard**, in Rego Park, Queens, N.Y. (License #: 1305734-DCA)

Gustavo Franco, the applicant, informed everyone that he's been operating this restaurant, with an enclosed sidewalk café, located at 63-20 Woodhaven Boulevard, in Rego Park, for the past 10 years. He explained that this application involves a request to renew their permit to operate the existing enclosed sidewalk café at this location. The sidewalk café has 10 tables with 40 seats. He welcomed everyone to pay a visit to the restaurant to enjoy excellent food and hospitality.

District Manager Gary Giordano pointed out that the Dept. of Consumer Affairs has informed CB5Q that the Board's recommendation regarding this application is due by July 9th, 2018. Due to time constraints, the Board is expected to take action on this matter at tonight's Board Meeting.

As there were no questions or comments on the matter, the Board Chairman asked the pleasure of the Board regarding this matter. Kathy Masi made a motion, which was seconded by Walter Clayton, to recommend that the Board have no objection to the renewal of the revocable consent for the operation of this sidewalk café at 63-20 Woodhaven Boulevard. The Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote on the motion on the floor. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of – 31 – in favor; - 0 – opposed; - 0 – abstentions; and – 0 – not voting. The Board Chairman closed the public hearing on this matter, and introduced the next item on the Board Agenda:

PUBLIC HEARING II RE: Application for a **Newsstand License**, to the NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs, to allow for the operation of a newsstand **on Wyckoff Avenue, at the north west corner of Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood**, Queens, N.Y. (Ref #: 9514-2018-ANWS).

On behalf of the owners of the building located at 329 Wyckoff Avenue, on the northwest corner of Myrtle Avenue, Michael Planell, Esq., said that his client objects to the proposed location of a newsstand on the sidewalk at this corner where there's an entrance to the L train subway station, a bus stop and a large bike rack as well as lots of pedestrian traffic. As he spoke, a large photo of the proposed location was displayed on the screen behind the podium. He pointed out that two other stores sell newspapers, magazines, and snacks on this same block: the CVS pharmacy on the corner, and a small storefront at 323 Wyckoff Avenue, a few doors away. In addition, he said that the proposed newsstand at this location would block the line of sight to the entrance of the Starbuck's Coffee Shop, as well as the CVS Pharmacy entrance on Wyckoff Avenue.

Theodore Renz, Executive Director of the Myrtle Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) and a Board member, said that he was speaking on behalf of the Myrtle Avenue BID in agreeing with the objections that were just raised by Mr. Planell.

Mr. Renz pointed out that there is a brick and mortar business located at 323 Wyckoff Avenue that's open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, where newspapers, magazines, and such, are available for sale to the public. And, he explained that a temporary pedestrian plaza on Wyckoff Avenue between Palmetto Street and Gates Avenue opened to the public last year, and is presently being operated by the NY Horticultural Society, with a workforce

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supplied by ACE Maintenance. He said that he is opposed to any decision to cite a newsstand kiosk at this location, because it would conflict with the City's planning process to create a permanent pedestrian plaza on this block.

The Board Chairman invited the applicant, Mr. MD Gias Uddin, to address the Board.

Mr. Gias Uddin said that the proposed newsstand would be a sole proprietorship where he would be self-employed, selling newspapers, magazines, candy, gum and cigarettes from 8am to 10pm daily.

Peggy O'Kane asked what type of structure is the newsstand. Mr. Gias Uddin replied that it would be a wooden structure, but he did not know the dimensions of the proposed newsstand.

Kelvin Rodriguez asked if the newsstand would be on wheels. Mr. Gias Uddin said no, it would be stationary.

As there were no more questions or comments on this matter, the Board Chairman asked the pleasure of the Board. Kathy Masi made a motion to deny this application for a license to operate a newsstand on the northwest corner of Wyckoff Avenue at Myrtle Avenue, which was seconded by Peggy O'Kane. On a point of clarification, Mr. Huber said that a vote in favor of the motion on the floor would be a vote to oppose the application for a permit to operate a newsstand at this location.

As there was no further discussion on the motion on the floor, the Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote on the motion which carried by a vote of – 29 – in favor; - 4 – opposed; - 0 – abstentions; and – 0 – not voting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Zef Gjini, the new owner of The Cozy Corner Bar, located at 60-01 70 Avenue in Ridgewood, said that he has lived in Ridgewood for the past 11 years. He said that he is in the process of applying to the State Liquor Authority for a new liquor license that would permit him to keep the bar open until 4am every night of the week. Board Chairman Arcuri replied that the State Liquor Authority has been notified about our Board's practice of meeting with local bar owners to request that they remain open until 4am, only on weekend nights.

Veronica Nashed, a parishioner of St. Mary & St. Antonios Coptic Orthodox Church, located at 606 Woodward Avenue on the corner of Grove Street in Ridgewood, explained that their parish was established in 1975 by Father Hanna to minister to the needs of refugee immigrant families who were fleeing religious persecution in Egypt. She said that recently, Father Hanna passed away at the age of 95. She asked that Woodward Avenue between Grove Street and Linden Street be co-named for Father Hanna, to commemorate his life's work in assisting many thousands of new immigrant families over the past five decades. In closing, she submitted a petition signed by dozens of local residents, businesses and members of the congregation. The Board Chairman referred the matter to the Transportation Services Committee for their consideration and recommendation.

Peggy O'Kane, a Board member, said that numerous cable wires and coils that are no longer in use, but are still strung overhead between utility poles, should be removed. She said that they are an eyesore and serve no purpose. The Board Chairman said that he would contact the Dept. of Information Technology and Telecommunications about this issue.

Dolores Persche, a Glendale resident, complained about noisy crowds of patrons who congregate on the sidewalk in front of 66-50 Myrtle Avenue, instead of the K & A Bar next-door to her building. She said that when the front door of the bar is left open late at night, loud music blares out onto the sidewalk and street which only gets louder over time. She has repeatedly reported this problem to 3-1-1, but the bar is always closed by the time a patrol car responds to the scene. She also complained that drivers always park their cars overnight on 66 Street, blocking access to the garages in back of 65-70 Myrtle Avenue, where she parks her car. She said that all

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of the driveways in front of the garages are blocked by parked cars overnight. She asked that police officers be assigned to patrol this area on a routine basis, particularly after 10pm, to issue summonses.

The Board Chairman replied that staff would request the local Precinct to address these complaints.

Crystal Wolfe, founder of Catering for the Homeless, said that she is constantly trying to expand the number of local charities and food pantries that receive food donations through her not-for-profit organization. She pointed out that billions of pounds of food are wasted each year in the United States, while at the same time, millions of Americans are going hungry and are on the verge of homelessness. She said that, with the help of volunteers in local churches and not-for-profit organizations, thousands of pounds of nutritious meals have been re-distributed to needy families and homeless people in our area over the past year, instead of being hauled away and dumped into landfills.

In closing, Ms. Wolfe said that, in addition to writing articles and books on the topic of homelessness in the coming year, she will continue to reach out to volunteers, churches and not-for-profits who may be willing to help to redistribute prepared food to local programs that serve the poor, instead of wasting it. She thanked all of the caterers and volunteers who have supported her efforts, especially the Centerplate Catering service at the Jacob Javits Center who donated more prepared food for redistribution this January than she collected throughout all of last year. For more information about her organization, she welcomed everyone to visit her website at: www.cateringforthehomeless.com.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vincent Arcuri, Jr.

Board Chairman Arcuri introduced two special guests at tonight's Board Meeting: Clive Williams, Chairperson of Community Board 13 in Queens, and Rene Hill, Chairperson of Community Board 12 in Queens. He said that he welcomed them both to observe how our Community Board conducts business during our monthly meetings.

On behalf of the 104th Precinct Community Council, the Board Chairman announced that they will host their first annual B-B-Q on Tuesday, June 19th, beginning at 7 PM, in front of the stationhouse located at 64-02 Catalpa Avenue, in Ridgewood. He welcomed everyone to participate.

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

On behalf of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Joseph Nocerino announced that during the week of June 25th to June 29th, the Borough President's Office will sponsor a Know Your Rights Week for Immigrants in conjunction with the Immigration Task Force and Queens local elected officials. He said that immigrants are welcome to consult with lawyers for free in confidential settings at several locations in Queens, including the Queens Library in Jackson Heights, Queens Center Mall, Queens Legal Services, Catholic Migration Services, with dates and times as shown on the flyer that he distributed. He said that walk-ins are welcome; appointments are recommended, as listed on the flyer. He also announced that free Summer Concerts in local parks, beaches, Ft. Totten, and on the lawn at St. John's University will be sponsored by the Borough President again this year. Flyers were distributed.

On behalf of U.S. Representative Nydia Velazquez, Julio Salazar informed everyone that the Congresswoman introduced the Superfund Enhancement Act of 2018 to raise taxes on oil and gas companies in order to pay for the remediation of toxic chemical spills in our country. He pointed out that the Wolff-Alport site on the corner of Irving Avenue and Cooper Avenue has been designated as one of the Superfund sites in the 7th Congressional District, but funding to clean up Superfund sites has been severely depleted. He said that companies that pollute our environment are required to pay to clean up the contaminants, but in many cases, these companies either declare bankruptcy, or no longer exist.

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On behalf of Congresswoman Grace Meng, Dom Capalbi reported that their office continues to meet with Postal officials regularly to resolve local issues and complaints with mail service in her district. He said that today a representative from the Veterans Administration met with veterans in their office to resolve any conflicts that they may have with the administration. He announced that the Congresswoman was honored today by local Veterans organizations for her advocacy on their behalf. In addition, she met with NYC Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza to express her objection to doing away with the admissions test to enter the Specialized High Schools in the City.

On behalf of State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Neil Gianelli reported that the Senator has sponsored legislation this year to create a new Downs Syndrome license plate to support additional programs for NY residents who are diagnosed with downs syndrome. He said that their annual B-B-Q for American Veterans will be held in September in front of their office in Howard Beach.

On behalf of State Assemblyman Brian Barnwell, Mark Papish announced that their office will host a live reading of the Declaration of Independence from 6pm to 8pm on Friday, June 29th in front of the Maspeth Federal Savings Bank at 56-18 69 Street. He welcomed anyone interested in participating in this event to call their office at (718) 651-3185. He welcomed constituents to visit their office at 55-18 69 Street, in Maspeth to find out how they can apply for benefits that they may be eligible for. He said that on Wednesday, June 27th, their staff will partner with representatives of the NYC Dept. of Finance in offering assistance to seniors and disabled adults who are eligible to apply for Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemptions, Real Estate Tax Exemptions, and tax rebate programs.

On behalf of Assemblyman Mike Miller, Samantha Kung wished everyone a Happy Summer and a Happy Father's Day to any fathers in the room. She welcomed calls for assistance from constituents to their office at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. by calling (718) 805-0950.

On behalf of NYC Council Member Antonio Reynoso, Jennifer Gutierrez welcomed everyone to participate in the free Yoga classes that will be held in Grover Cleveland Park at 10am this coming Saturday. In addition, she announced that the Council Member secured \$500,000 in the City's FY 2019 Capital Budget to plant new street trees in his district in the coming year.

On behalf of NYC Council Member Bob Holden, Greg Mitchell announced that the Council Member secured funding for a record number of new programs and services for local residents in the coming year. He said that the Council Member met recently with representatives of the Dept. of City Planning to discuss the implementation of the Ridgewood Rezoning proposal, as recommended by this Community Board. The Board Chairman introduced staff members present at the meeting: District Manager Gary Giordano, and Community Associates Laura Mulvihill and Catherine O'Leary. He recognized the press corps in attendance at the meeting, and thanked them for reporting on Community Board matters and events.

MINUTES

The Board Chairman asked Board members to review the minutes of last month's Board Meeting which was conducted on May 16, 2018. The minutes were approved as submitted, on a motion by Richard Huber, seconded by Kathy Masi.

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 the last monthly Board Meeting on May 16, 2018. Each Board member received a copy of the list.

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New Liquor Licenses

- 1) **Peter Faccibene**, or Corp. to be formed, d/b/a TBD 80-00 Cooper Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385
(currently doing business as **Shiro's at Atlas Park**)

Liquor License Renewals

- 1) ***Bray Head Inc.** 82-11 Eliot Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 2) Outerborough Arts LLC d/b/a **The Footlight** 465 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 3) Cooper 8000 LLC d/b/a **Shiro's at Atlas Park** 80-00 Cooper Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385
- 4) JT (NY) Rest. Corp. d/b/a **Johnny's Café II** 60-39 Fresh Pond Road, Ridgewood, NY 11385

New Wine and/or Beer Licenses

- 1) **Sushi a GoGo Inc.** 60-58 Flushing Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378
* Outdoor Area

Demolition Notices

The Board Chairman reported that the Board received two demolition notices since last month's Board Meeting: Interior demolition of a 1-story factory at **1637 George Street**; and Full demolition of a 2-story house at **59-13 Decatur Street in Ridgewood**.

The Board 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.

The Board Chairman announced that on June 27th, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz will present awards to numerous Board members for their years of dedicated service to the Board: Dmytro Fedkowskyj, John Maier and Michael O'Kane, for their 10 years of service; Lee Rottenberg, for his 15 years of service; Eileen Moloney, for her 20 years of service; and Fred T. Haller, for his 30 years of service on the Board. There was a general round of applause.

The Board Chairman reported that at the Queens Borough Board Meeting on Monday night in Queens Borough Hall, Joseph Salvo in the Strategic Planning Division of the Dept. of City Planning, gave a power point presentation regarding the U.S. Census in 2020, and the changing demographics of Queens neighborhoods. He cited population statistics from the presentation, including 8,822,000 residents in the city, with 2,250,200 residents living in Queens. He said that according to current projections for the year 2020, the city's total population is expected to top 9 Million residents, with 2,412,000 residents living in Queens.

Kathy Masi asked how local property taxes will be impacted by the City's largest adopted budget in history. The Board Chairman replied that property tax rates are currently under review by both state and local elected officials. He said that there's a proposal under consideration that would cut real estate taxes in half for property owners/occupants over the age of 65, whose income is capped at \$65,000/yr.

District Manager's Report

Gary Giordano

The District Manager reported that the sewer and water main project in the vicinity of 74 Street and Penelope Avenue in Middle Village remains stalled due to the contaminated soil where ash and fill was excavated earlier this year. As a result, this project could cost several million dollars more than the \$22 Million that was originally estimated for project completion, he said.

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Regarding recent crime statistics reported by the 104th Police Precinct, he said that criminal activity is down overall in most categories our precinct. The Board Chairman pointed out that members of the Civilian Observation Patrol have been working closely with the 104th Precinct to identify homeless men with alcohol and substance abuse problems, so they can be offered assistance and/or treatment. He thanked Maryann Lattanzio and Walter Clayton for their participation in local patrols.

The District Manager announced that the Environmental Services Committee will meet next Monday, June 18th, to discuss the Environmental Protection Agency's remediation plans to remove thorium contamination from the soil at the Wolff-Alport site, on the Queens-Brooklyn border at Irving Avenue. He said that these contaminants are residue that remains in the soil from the Manhattan Project, that was conducted during World War II as part of the war effort.

The District Manager also announced that the Transportation Committee has scheduled their next meeting for Tuesday, June 26th, in the Board 5 office. He asked that new traffic safety requests, including Stop signs and signals, or street resurfacing requests, be reported to staff in the office at (718) 366-1834, or emailed to: gnsqb5@nyc.rr.com, during normal business hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning and Land Use Review Committee

Walter Sanchez

Walter Sanchez announced that the committee met in the Board 5 office on Monday, June 4th, to consider the proposed M1 Hotel Zoning Text Amendment which is an Application by the New York City Department of City Planning to introduce a Special Permit, under the jurisdiction of the N.Y. City Planning Commission, for new hotels, motels, tourist cabins and boatels in M1 Zoning Districts throughout the City of New York. He said that during last month's Board Meeting, Joy Chen, Planner in the Queens Office of the Dept. of City Planning, gave a power point presentation regarding this application.

During her presentation, Ms. Chen said that the purpose of this proposal is to limit the potential for conflicts between uses, and to achieve a balanced mix of uses and jobs in neighborhoods, by ensuring that opportunities for industrial and commercial growth remain. The power point presentation states that a case-by-case, site specific review process would be established to ensure that hotels are built only on appropriate sites, minimizing conflicts in industrial areas and achieving a balanced mix of uses in mixed use areas. Citing statistics from a recent market analysis that was included in the Environmental Assessment Review process, she said that since 2010, there has been an increase in the number of hotels located in M1 Districts, particularly in areas located near public transit. According to these statistics, 13% of existing hotel rooms are located in M1 Districts, and 30% of hotel rooms currently in construction are being built in M1 Districts.

Mr. Sanchez explained that the proposed zoning text amendment would allow an exemption for transient hotels operated for a public purpose. And, according to our reading of the proposed text amendment, transient hotels operated for a public purpose by the City of New York, or organizations under contract with the City of New York, will be exempt from the special permit requirement.

He said that while some committee members stated that they liked the concept of requiring a special permit for the location of a hotel or motel in an M1 District, the exemption provision for transient hotels operated for a public purpose would pose serious concerns for the M1 zoned areas of District 5, Queens, since District 5, Queens has a significant amount of M1 zoning.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter at the committee meeting, he said that committee members unanimously agreed to recommend in opposition to this proposed zoning text amendment because this proposed text amendment, if adopted, will allow transient hotels that are the equivalent of homeless shelters to

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be located in M1 Districts, and because the proposed exemption for hotels operated for a public purpose would undermine the intent of the proposed M1 Hotel Zoning Text Amendment.

On a point of clarification, Richard Huber said that a vote in favor of the committee's recommendation is a vote in opposition to the proposed M1 Hotel Zoning Text Amendment. The Board Chairman concurred.

After a general discussion of the matter, the Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote, which carried by a vote of – 33– in favor; - 0 – opposed; - 0 – abstentions; and – 0 – not voting.

Transportation Services Committee

Vincent Arcuri

Board Chairman Arcuri reported that the committee met in the Board office on Tuesday, May 22nd to review the work in progress on several capital projects in the Board 5 area. He reported that the Dept. of Transportation's Division of Bridges has selected a new contractor to complete the Emergency Bridge Deck Replacement project on Metropolitan Avenue at Fresh Pond Road, over the LIRR tracks. He said that this job is only 30% complete. Regarding the Kosciusko Bridge, he reported that the first bridge span is open to traffic this week, where all traffic will be diverted until the other span is complete in 2019.

Regarding the Select Bus Service proposal along Woodhaven Boulevard, he reported that it hasn't been fully implemented yet.

The Board Chairman reported that the 71st Avenue Pedestrian Plaza project is complete, except for the replacement of dead saplings and shrubs which is scheduled to be done this Fall.

Parks Services Committee

Steven Fiedler

Steven Fiedler announced that the next committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 25th in the Board 5 office to discuss plans for the Ridgewood Reservoir. He welcomed anyone interested to join the committee.

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 Board Meeting. He opened the floor to nominations, and then gave the floor to the District Manager to conduct the election of Executive Committee members.

The District Manager read aloud the list of the current incumbent Executive Committee members, as well as the names of those who were nominated and accepted their nomination at last month's Board Meeting. Copies of the list were distributed to Board members who were present at the meeting. He asked if Pat Grayson accepted the nomination to serve as a Member-at-Large, which she did. He asked if there were any other nominations for positions on the Executive Committee. Walter Clayton nominated Steven Fiedler for the position of Member-at-Large, which he accepted.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Chairperson. As there were none, nominations were closed and Board Secretary Margaret O'Kane cast one unanimous ballot to elect Vincent Arcuri, the Chairperson 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 Board Secretary Margaret O'Kane cast one unanimous ballot to elect Walter Sanchez, as First Vice-Chair of Community Board 5, Queens.

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The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of 2nd Vice- Chairperson. As there were none, nominations were closed and Board Secretary Margaret O’Kane cast one unanimous ballot to elect Dmytro Fedkowskyj, as 2nd Vice-Chair of Community Board 5, Queens.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Treasurer. As there were none, nominations were closed and Board Secretary Margaret O’Kane cast one unanimous ballot to elect Katherine Masi, as Treasurer of Community Board 5, Queens.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Secretary. As there no other nominations, Mr. Giordano closed the nominations and Board Secretary Margaret O’Kane cast one unanimous ballot to elect Margaret O’Kane, as Secretary of the Board.

The District Manager read aloud the names of the six candidates who were nominated to fill the four positions of Member-At-Large on the Executive Committee, as follows: Patricia Grayson, of Glendale; Fred T Haller, III, of Glendale; John A. Maier, of Ridgewood; Theodore M. Renz, of Middle Village; Walter Clayton, of Middle Village; and Steven Fiedler, of Middle Village.

As there were no other nominations for the positions of Member-at-Large, Mr. Giordano closed nominations from the floor. Voting ballots were distributed to all Board members, who were instructed to elect 4 of the 6 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.

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 9:30pm. He thanked Pastor Dan Klaus for providing the light refreshments for tonight’s meeting.