



Community Board No. 5

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Vincent Arcuri, Jr.
Chairperson

Gary Giordano
District Manager

Minutes of Remote Community Board 5 Public Meeting December 1, 2021

Board Members Present

Bhubaneshor Adhikari; Vincent Arcuri, Jr; Antonetta Binanti; Tobias Sheppard Bloch; Jessica Boiardi; Alyssa Bonilla; Eric Butkiewicz; Rachel Caracci; Robert Cermeli; Walter E. Clayton, Jr.; Patricia Crowley; Maria de la Cruz; Brian Dooley; Derek Evers; Dmytro Fedkowskyj; Steven Fiedler; Dr. Sukh Gurung; Fred T. Haller; Fred Hoefflerle; Richard Huber; Paul A. Kerzner; Maryann Lattanzio; Diego Leclery; Edward Lettau; Patricia Maltezos; Edgar Mantel; Katherine Masi; Eileen Moloney; Marcin Nadgorski; April Narsasian; Margaret O’Kane; Michael O’Kane; Donald Passantino; Michael Porcelli; Kenneth Rehberger; Theodore Renz; Kelvin Rodriguez; Luis Rodriguez; Lee S. Rottenberg; Walter H. Sanchez; Dennis Stephan; Katarzyna Syta; Gyanal Thapa; Barbara Toscano; Patrick J. Trinchese; Michaeline Von Drathen; Maryanna Zero

Board Members Absent

Kinga Kurzyna; Catherine Sumsky

STAFF

Gary Giordano, District Manager-CB5Q
John Maier, Community Associate-CB5Q

GUESTS

Joseph Nocerino – Office of Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Before proceeding, the Board Chairperson stated that, due to the COVID19 pandemic, our Monthly Board Meetings are being conducted remotely and livestreamed on the Zoom platform. Board members, staff and guests were provided a link to participate. Members of the public are welcome to view the livestream of this Board Meeting on YouTube, by clicking on this link at: https://youtu.be/pgHtM_o6IO, which has been posted on our CB5Q Homepage at www.nyc.gov/qnscb5. Anyone wishing to address the Board during the Public Forum portion of the meeting is asked to submit a typed statement, by email, to our Community Board 5 email address at qn05@cb.nyc.gov no later than 2pm on Wednesday, December 1, so that it can be read into the record during the meeting.

Following the Salute to the Flag led by Donald Passantino, the Board Chairperson announced the first item on the Board Agenda as:

PUBLIC FORUM

The District Manager Gary Giordano read aloud the following statements from members of the public:

1) **Navneet Kaur**

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“Hello, My Name is Navneet Kaur, and I am a constituent who is looking to advocate for a Bill **S828** that advocates for more selections in children's school lunch menus at NYC Public schools and the addition of both Kosher and Halal foods.

Did you know that back in 2017 New York City Mayor De Blasio introduced the Universal free lunch and breakfast proposal for all New York City Public Schools. As appreciating this sounds this proposal failed to include food options specific to both Jewish and Muslim communities considering specific religious dietary restrictions of kosher and halal. Hello there, I am a constituent, a healthcare professional at Lenox Hill Radiology and a current graduate student at CUNY SPH. Today I am here to raise both awareness and receive support for a New York State Senate Bill, S828, proposed by Senator Jessica Ramos and co-sponsored by Senators Joseph P. Addabbo Jr, Anna M. Kaplan and Zellnor Myrie. Just last week I met with Senator Kaplan and discussed methodical ways of gaining more support and advocacy, and was advised to attend community board meetings and present some light on the bill. Personally growing up being a vegetarian, and coming from an financially unsettled immigrant family, having a hot meal for school everyday was not a guaranteed possibility. Growing up, I often experienced emotional stress, embarrassment and abandonment by the school system and in the cafeteria. Growing up, obtaining an education and working as a full time professional, I have created myself to help amend the educational system for school lunches. I am thankful that Community Board 5 District Manager Gary Giordano has given me an opportunity to present, bring more awareness and allow me to request for your support on bill S828. I therefore request you all to please help me in supporting the bill so that children of our community can equally receive proper nutrition they need. Full nutritional meal promotes attentiveness, participation and let's not forget these school children are an investment for our future. I thank you for your time and please feel free to reach out to me for any further information and inquiries.”

2) Sid Berraha, Community Outreach Coordinator, DSNY Bureau of Recycling & Sustainability

“The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is conducting seasonal collections for leaves in December. The material collected is diverted from landfills, and instead used to create compost.

This service is available to all Queens residents and those wishing to participate can set out leaves they've collected in paper leaf bags or unlined rigid bins on the curb after 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 11. More information about this service can be found here: nyc.gov/leafcollection.”

3) Stephan Thomatos, student of the City University of New York and Maspeth resident

“The following memo is advocating for the Proposed NY State Assembly Bill A1304. The bill was introduced in the NYS Assembly on January 8th, 2021, as part of the 2021-2022 Regular Session, by Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal. The proposed bill was read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture:

NY State's food supply is not guaranteed. While we have a strong agricultural sector, with an economic activity valued at several billion dollars, the state is still reliant on food imports. This situation makes our state vulnerable on two levels. First, we must consider the current production areas and how they can be impacted. Climate change will play a big role on this. Already we have seen disruptions due to water shortages in California, NY's most important source of produce. Second, we must consider transportation issues. The current COVID-19 pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in worldwide food supply chains that decreased food availability, while simultaneously increasing prices.

The Proposed Bill A1304 is strategic in that it will initiate a thorough review and analysis of what we can do in New York State to provide for a secure supply of basic food products in a sustainable way. While the term “sustainable” is not part of the language in the bill, I would advocate that it needs to be, as we cannot move forward with a vision for a NY State-based robust and secure food future, without taking

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into account how we can make that sustainable. Farming techniques that are based on old, “bankrupt” ideas of heavy reliance on oil-based fertilizers, would not work in a system that is designed for a future with greenhouse gas emission reductions in mind. Smart techniques, based on modern takes on the available technology, would need to be implemented, and if not available, developed. This could all become part of the study proposed by the bill.

An in-depth review and analysis of our capabilities would be vital for our future: the development of sustainable farming methods, the preservation of farmland, financial support of organic farming, variability of production and sustainable techniques, all of the above would be required. These initiatives would dovetail with other policy changes proposed through current active bills. For example, the “Soil Health and Climate Resiliency Act” establishing a soil health program to assist farmers in improving the health of their soil, reduce the effects of farming on climate change, and improve water management and resiliency. A thorough study of the State’s capability and needs would be vital for our future. For more information on the proposed Bill, please refer to A1304 Summary: at <https://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01304&term=&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Votes=Y&Memo=Y&Text=Y>.

Kathy Masi, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, said that she has a list of schools where Kosher and Halal meals are currently served.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Vincent Arcuri

The District Manager took attendance of Board members and staff who were present at the meeting.

MINUTES

The Board Chairperson asked Board members to review the minutes of last month’s remote Board Meeting which was conducted on November 10, 2021. The minutes were adopted by acclamation on a motion by Walter Clayton, which was seconded by Kenneth Rehberger.

The Board Chairperson read aloud the following Liquor License notifications that were received at the Board office since last month’s Board Meeting:

Liquor, Wine & Beer License Applications and Renewals

New Liquor Licenses

- 1) *Barcode NYC LLC d/b/a/ **TBD** 1661 Weirfield St, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 2) House of Carne d/b/a **TBD** 66-21 Fresh Pond Road, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 3) Wyckoff Weirfield Corp d/b/a **Trans-Pecos** 915 Wyckoff Ave, Ridgewood, NY 11385

Liquor License Renewals

- 1) **Cantina 33** Inc. 55-33 Myrtle Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 2) Mattbeth Artisan Foods LLC d/b/a **Grill 66**, 75-01 88th Street, Glendale, NY 11385

New Wine, Beer & Cider Licenses

None Received

Wine, Beer & Cider Renewals

None Received

Other Notifications

- 1) Dhaka Inc d/b/a **Hush, 70-10 Grand Ave, Maspeth, NY 11378** is submitting a Method of Operation Change, looking to change the current 2am closures (Sunday to Thursday) to 4am every night, also seeking to shift backyard closure from 10pm to midnight every night.

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- 2) **Poppers Locarno LLC d/b/a **Holo, 15-63 Decatur St, Ridgewood**, NY 11385 is submitting a Method of Operation Change for an addition of: a) outdoor seating in the side yard; b) space to the patron area in the basement; and c) two bars (one in the outdoor area and one in basement).
- 3) Wyckoff Weirfield Corp. d/b/a **Trans-Pecos, 915 Wyckoff Ave / 16-09 Weirfield St, Ridgewood**, NY 11385, will be submitting an application for an All-Night Permit on New Year's Eve for the hours of 8pm-10am.
- 4) DMI Inc d/b/a **Knockdown Center, 52-19 Flushing Ave, Maspeth**, NY 11378 will be submitting an application for an All-Night Permit on New Year's Eve (no hours listed in letter).
- 5) Knights Ridge LLC d/b/a **TV Eye, 16-47 Weirfield St, Ridgewood**, NY 11385 will be submitting an application for an All-Night Permit on New Year's Eve (no hours listed in letter).
- 6) Coche Payaso LLC d/b/a **Planet X, 801 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood**, NY 11385, is submitting a Corporate Change for the removal of Nicolas E. Arze.

*Originally, on the September List from a late July notification, but establishment submitted a revised application, dated 11/19/2021, for a Cabaret Liquor License, which requires capacity for at least 600 people.

** Indicates an establishment with both a basement area and an outdoor area.

Edgar Mantel said that the first address under New Liquor Licenses reads: 1616 Weirfield Street, which appears to be a mistake and requested a correction. It should read: 1661 Weirfield Street, instead. John Maier, CB5Q staff member, agreed.

Regarding the notification from Dhaka, Inc. d/b/a **Hush**, located at 70-10 Grand Avenue, Maryanna Zero said that she objects to their request to extend their hours of operation past 2am inside the establishment, and 10pm outside. She said that she remembers when, several years ago, they had been operating until the early morning hours and loud music was blaring into neighboring homes and backyards every night of the week. She said that's not fair to their neighbors.

Ms. Zero made a motion, that was seconded by Walter Clayton, to deny their request to extend the hours of operation at **Hush** past 2am inside, and 10pm outside. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Peggy O'Kane, the Secretary of the Board, asked if Poppers Locarno d/b/a **Holo**, located at **1563 Decatur Street**, can safely operate a second bar in the basement of this address. The Board Chairperson replied that they would need to amend their Certificate of Occupancy.

The Board Chairperson informed everyone that there are no **Demolition Notices** to report this month.

The Board Chairperson invited local elected officials and their representatives to address the Board.

On behalf of Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Joe Nocerino said that the Borough President sends his regards and happy holiday wishes to all. He welcomed everyone to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Queens Borough Hall at 6:45pm on Wednesday, December 8th. He said that no RSVP is needed for this event because it will be held out in front of Queens Borough Hall. He also announced the first Annual Family Christmas movie special in Queens Borough Hall on Friday, December 17th at 6 o'clock. He asked anyone interested in attending to please RSVP by going to their official website at www.queensbp.org.

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Mr. Nocerino reminded everyone, whose homes were damaged due to Hurricane Ida in September, that the deadline to apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance has been extended until December 6th, this year. In closing, he announced that the Borough President will give his annual State of the Borough address at 3pm on January 16th, in York College, in Jamaica. On behalf of the Borough President and himself, he wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The District Manager read the following statements from local Elected Officials into the record:

Statement from NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer submitted by James Mogeluzo

“Comptroller Scott Stringer released a comprehensive analysis of the pandemic’s impact on monthly migration patterns into and out of the city. Using data published by the United States Postal Service (USPS) from change of address forms, the analysis confirms that New York City’s net residential out-migration tripled from 2019 to 2020. The data show that the city’s wealthiest neighborhoods experienced the most population loss; residents in the wealthiest 10 % of city neighborhoods, as measured by median income, were 4.6 times more likely to move than other residents during 2020. In more recent months, the reopening of office buildings, the return of in-person school, and the rebirth of arts and entertainment have helped to attract movers to the city. Since July 2021, USPS data has shown an estimated net gain of 6,332 permanent movers, mainly in neighborhoods that experienced the greatest flight.”

New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer released the [City’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2021](#), which includes the City’s audited financial statements for the year, outlines important economic and financial data about New York City, and highlights the work of the Comptroller’s Office during the fiscal year. This year’s Annual Report highlights that while New York City’s economy grew robustly through much of the fiscal year, it has yet to make a full recovery from the devastating economic impacts of the pandemic.

New York City ended the Fiscal Year with steady economic growth. Employment rose to a seasonally adjusted 3.6 million in June 2021, up 226,000 from the start of the Fiscal Year, but still 505,000 below pre-pandemic highs. The bulk of these job losses were in lower paying sectors of the economy providing in-person goods and services, while higher income workers telecommuted and were largely spared the worst impacts of the pandemic.

As of June 30, 2021, the Bureau of Asset Management had responsibility for \$266.1 Billion of the City’s combined five Systems Investment Assets. This represented an increase of \$52.5 Billion from the June 30, 2020 value of \$213.6 Billion.

Comptroller Stringer wants to wish all of you a happy holiday season and let you all know that it has been a pleasure serving as the City Comptroller for nearly eight years.”

Statement from State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo submitted by John D’Angelo

“The Senator is currently in Albany but sends wishes for a very happy holiday season to everyone at Community Board 5.

Senator Addabbo is hosting a Toiletry and Holiday Card Drive for Veterans through Monday, December 6th. For a list of accepted items and drop off information, please contact our office at 718 497-1630. Our Middle Village office continues to be a drop off site for small electronics to be recycled. Senator Addabbo is also hosting a free COVID-19 Antibody Testing event at the Bukharian Jewish Community Center in Forest Hills, on Sunday, December 19th, from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM and the MTA MetroCard van on Thursday, December 30th, from 10:00 AM - 12 PM, at 104-01 Metropolitan Avenue. If we can be of any assistance, please contact the Middle Village Office at: 718 497-1630.

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The Senator is preparing for the 2022 legislative session in Albany beginning in January and looks forward to working with the new Mayor, Eric Adams, and Governor Kathy Hochul, for the benefit of his constituents. Senator Addabbo and his team want to thank all on CB5 for their efforts throughout the year. Your work is truly appreciated. We wish all a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!"

Statement from Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi, 28th AD submitted by Kevin Wisniewski

"Good Evening, Hope everyone is well.

We first and foremost wish a Happy Hanukkah to all who are celebrating, and in case we don't see some of you prior to the end of 2021, wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and happy and safe New Year to all.

This holiday season we have partnered with Coalition for the Homeless in a holiday toy drive. There are currently 15,000 kids in New York City who wake up in homeless shelters, this drive will provide brand new gifts for these children this holiday season. We have shared a flyer with the board, you can also follow the Assemblyman on Twitter or friend him on Facebook for information on how you can help out. We finished our parks cleanup series last month, and we want to thank our partners in government and all of the volunteers who made this possible. We visited parks throughout the district to remove trash, and planted hundreds of daffodils that will bloom in the spring while helping students earn community service hours. While the official series is on pause for the moment, we encourage anyone to let us know of locations in need of attention for cleanup or graffiti removal, as we're still doing isolated visits. You can call us at (718) 263-5595 or email hevesia@nyassembly.gov with suggestions.

In light of the recent upticks in COVID, we have resumed weekly pop up Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distributions. Our next one will be at the Nat Schneider Triangle on Woodhaven Blvd this Sunday morning at 10am, while supplies last. As always, you can contact us to arrange a private PPE pick up or delivery.

Thanks again to the Board leadership and each member of the Board for all you have done for our neighborhoods in 2021 and look forward to our continued work together next year. Stay safe and well."

Statement from State Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, 38th AD submitted by Vjola Isufaj

"Dear Community Board 5, Thank you so much for your labor of love for our community. As CB5 members, you have a special place with me.

I was proud to host a tremendously successful Thanksgiving Giveaway at my office last week. We gave away stuffed animals to the children, warm clothes, and fresh food to all. Hundreds of my neighbors attended, and community leaders came together to help with the distribution. It was inspiring. This follows my office's initiative of hosting food drives every week for 5 months. We hope to continue this in the New Year.

We've had a busy month in the district. Just yesterday, my office hosted a Mobile Mammogram van, in partnership with Mount Sinai, to provide free mammograms to our community members. This initiative was a great success--every appointment was filled! I was also proud to host a health fair at my office, where doctors offered free health services like blood sugar testing, blood pressure screening, and general physician counseling. I am committed to fighting for the health and well-being of our community.

Mark your calendars, because I am hosting an exciting first-of-its-kind Valentine's Day Brunch for Veterans and their families at the beautiful Villa Russo, at 101-12 Lefferts Blvd., from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on the Saturday before Valentine's Day, February 12th. If you'd like to attend, RSVP to rajkumarj@nyassembly.gov.

As a proud member of the Assembly's Committee on Veterans Affairs, I am fighting for our Veterans every day. I was proud to introduce two Veterans Bills in Albany. The first expands Veterans' eligibility

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for public housing to include Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. This is a crucial bill to help so many Veterans from our nation's most recent wars to reintegrate into civilian life. The second bill grants College credits to Veterans at City or State schools, based on their military service. Veterans have learned so much through their military service, and that knowledge should count towards College credits. I was also proud to help pass a bill to coordinate state resources to assist Veterans struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and I am happy to report it was recently signed into law by our Governor.

I am concerned about quality of life complaints that I am hearing from constituents concerning the Cooper Avenue Shelter. In the coming weeks, I will be visiting the shelter in person and meeting with Dept. of Homeless Services representatives to explore solutions. I am committed to working with community leaders, the 104th Precinct, and other government stakeholders to solve the problem. Please remember that my office is open on weekends, on Saturdays from 11am to 2pm! My office is also open Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm. You can always reach me at 718-805-0950 or by email at rajkumari@nyassembly.gov. It is an honor to serve you."

The Board Chairperson announced that today is the first day of the It's Time for Kind Initiative that is sponsored by the Queens Public Library. He explained that, as part of this food drive, the Friends of the Ridgewood Public Library will be collecting donations of canned food items to distribute to local food pantries to help feed the poor in our community. He said that this year, the Community Board 5 Office on Myrtle Avenue in Glendale has been designated as a drop off site for this food drive. He wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year.

District Manager's Report

Gary Giordano

The District Manager reported that the Dept. of Transportation has completed resurfacing almost all the local streets that were on this year's list in the Board 5 area. He said that the resurfacing of Central Avenue in Glendale was delayed by a few weeks, due to gas lines being replaced in that area.

Regarding the new Forest Park entrance that's planned from Myrtle Avenue at Union Turnpike, in Glendale, the District Manager said that the contractor has recently begun working there.

The District Manager reminded everyone that they should put their household garbage and recyclables out for collection after 4 pm the night before their regular collection day, because some collection routes will be picked up on the Midnight to 8am, or 4pm to Midnight routes, during Snow Season.

The District Manager encouraged everyone to get vaccinated against the COVID19 virus, if they aren't already vaccinated, because there's been a spike in the number of cases of infection, not just in New York, but throughout this country and the rest of the world.

Fred Haller, a Board member, and member of Wyckoff Heights Medical Center's Board of Directors, offered to help anyone who's having trouble getting vaccinated, or getting a booster shot. He asked that they send him a text message, and he would follow up by setting up an appointment for them at WHMC.

The District Manager advised that Street Fair applications for 2022 are due in the Mayor's Office on or before the deadline of December 31st. He said that the moratorium on new applications remains in effect.

Regarding the painting of the M-train structure, the District Manager said that he didn't think the crews will be able to complete this job by the end of this year.

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Regarding the Homeless Shelter on Cooper Avenue, the District Manager reported that the Head of Security in the shelter posted a note on Facebook today offering to meet with members of the community.

He also informed the Board members that since the Women's and Infants (WIC) Food Assistance Program in Ridgewood is still working remotely and only hold telephone conferences with their clients, our staff hasn't made any plans to collect and donate toys to their program this year.

The District Manager invited Michaeline Von Drathen, Chairperson of the Library Committee, to elaborate on the new Initiative, called It's Time for Kind Food Drive, that's being sponsored by the Queens Public Library. She said that this Initiative is now in its fourth year. Under this program, she said the Queens Public Library is working in conjunction with the NYC Food Bank to address hunger in the city. This year, she said, the Ridgewood Public Library was one of seven local library branches that were selected to participate in this food drive. She said that members of the Friends of the Ridgewood Library are volunteering to pick up donations of canned food from different locations in our Board 5 area, including the office of Community Board 5 on Myrtle Avenue, and Council Member Bob Holden's office in Middle Village. She said that all the food that's collected will be distributed back into our community through local food pantries. In closing, she invited everyone to go to www.queenslibrary.org for more information and to view the "Frequently Asked Questions" section. He thanked her for the information.

The District Manager wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy Happy New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Housing Services Committee

Patricia Maltezos

Patricia Maltezos reported that the Committee met remotely on Thursday, November 18th to discuss the Committee's goals and ideas about how to work together to create more affordable senior housing units, and different types of affordable housing. She said that the Committee wants to invite guest speakers to their meetings in the coming year, to give them information and advice on how to achieve their goals. She said that they're planning their next meeting in January.

Edward Lettau, a Board member, asked if the Committee expects the eviction moratorium to end on January 15, 2022, in the middle of the Winter. He said that if the eviction moratorium does expire after the holidays, it would create a serious hardship for poor families and tenants who can't afford to pay their back rent. He said that a lot of people are still unemployed due to the situation with COVID19.

Ms. Maltezos said that she wasn't sure yet what steps will be taken by elected officials, but pointed out that the eviction moratorium has been extended from time to time in the past 2 years. In any case, she said that the tenants' Right to Counsel will still be in effect, if they receive an eviction notice from their landlord.

Transportation Services Committee

Vincent Arcuri

The Board Chairperson reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, November 30th, 2021. He said that the committee reviewed the status of the street resurfacing work in our Board area, as well as traffic safety requests. He said that the Committee received a petition from over a hundred block residents who requested that 64 Place, between Myrtle Avenue and Cooper Avenue, be converted into a One-Way street, instead of the existing Two-Way street. As a result, the District Manager has requested that an areawide traffic study be conducted by the Dept. of Transportation.

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Regarding the painting of the M-train structure, the Board Chairperson reported that the MTA crews probably would not be able to complete this job by the end of this year, because portions of the steel structure required repairs prior to painting.

Parks Services Committee

Steven Fiedler

Steven Fiedler reported that the contractor has begun working on the New Glendale Entrance to Forest Park, from the sidewalk on Myrtle Avenue where Union Turnpike ends, in Glendale. He said that the crews are working in and around the parking lot inside the Park, to create a new pedestrian walkway and bike path down the hill toward the bridge where the new entrance to Forest Park is planned.

Regarding the Reconstruction of the Turf Soccer/Football Field and Running Track in Juniper Valley Park, he said that this project was originally slated for completion next year, on or before April 19th, 2022, but there's been no confirmation yet on when the contractor will resume working on this stalled project.

Mr. Fiedler reported that the lighting that was out along the pathways in the middle of Juniper Valley Park has been restored.

Mr. Fiedler reported that protective fencing is needed to separate the walking track from the soccer field in Frank Principe Park, because pedestrians have been hit in the head by soccer balls. This request is still under consideration by the Parks Dept., he said.

In response to a question from Fred Haller about seating along the new pedestrian walkway in Forest Park, Mr. Fiedler replied that new seating will be installed in a circular area, called Soldiers Field, alongside the bike path and walkway, where it connects with the Forest Park Greenway. Mr. Haller asked what measures will be taken to safeguard pedestrians on the pathway from being hit by golf balls that are hit over the golf course fence in that area. Mr. Fiedler said that our Parks Committee has recommended extending the height of the fence between the golf course and the walkway. Mr. Haller said that he has seen golf balls flying over that fence, and that it's up to the operator of the golf course, or the vendor, to extend the height of the fence.

In addition, Mr. Fiedler pointed out that there are unfortunately no plans to install a barrier of any kind between the roadway and the new bike path and pedestrian walkway, as part of the New Glendale Entrance Project to Forest Park from Myrtle Avenue.

Robert Cermeli, a Board member, pointed out that the nylon netting that was installed on top of the upper ballfield fence, adjacent to the walkway, in Juniper Valley Park, was never replaced this year, after it was torn in several places and removed by Parks Dept. staff. Mr. Fiedler said that he requested that the nylon netting be replaced but acknowledged that it still hasn't been done. He said he'll keep trying to get it done.

Nominations for At-Large Executive Committee Member

The Board Chairperson gave the floor to Peggy O'Kane, the Board Secretary, to open nominations for candidates to fill the one vacant position on the Executive Committee for an At-Large Member.

Ms. O'Kane explained that, according to the Board's By-Laws, if a member of the Executive Committee leaves before the end of his/her term, the Board is required to hold an election to fill their position for the remainder of their term. She pointed out that John Maier resigned his position as an At-Large Member of the Executive Committee in October, and the next regular election of officers is in June.

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After a brief discussion, the District Manager opened the floor to nominations for the At-Large position on the Executive Committee.

Ms. O’Kane nominated Edgar Mantel for the position. He accepted the nomination.

Kathy Masi nominated Walter Clayton for the position, and he accepted the nomination.

Kathy Masi also nominated Patricia Crowley for the position, but she declined.

Old Business

Fred Haller thanked the 104th Police Precinct and G-COPs for providing security during the Halloween Parade on Myrtle Avenue in Glendale this year. He said it was a great celebration, with a very large turnout.

New Business

Mr. Haller also announced that the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Glendale Memorial Triangle will be conducted at 6pm on Friday, December 3rd. He welcomed everyone to attend.

Walter Clayton announced that the Christmas Tree Lighting in Maspeth will be conducted on the same date, at the same time, in the Maspeth Memorial Plaza on 69 Street at Grand Avenue. He welcomed everyone to attend.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the Board Chairperson entertained a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.