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# The City of New York Borough of Queens

# **Community Board 8**

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District Manager, Marie Adam-Ovide

Minutes of Community Board 8 Board Meeting held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike in Flushing, New York.

#### **Attendance:**

### **Board Members Present:**

Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Robert H. Block, Edward Chung, Susan D. Cleary, Allen Eisenstein, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard, Joshua Glikman, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Paul S. Lazauskas, Mark J. Lefkof, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Mary Maggio, Frank Magri, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Tamara Osherov, Frances Peterson, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Seymour Schwartz, Douglas Sherman, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Mohammed Tohin, Rachele Van Arsdale, Jacob Weinberg, Stanley Weinblatt and Albert Willingham.

## **Board Members Absent:**

Kenneth Cohen II, Monica Corbett, Maria DeInnocentiis, Florence Fisher, Robert Harris, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Jennifer Martin, Simon Pelman, Steven Sadofsky and Martha Taylor.

#### **Others Present:**

Wilson Thomas representing NYC Public Advocate Letitia James, Susie Tanenbaum representing Borough President Melinda Katz, Stacey Yearwood representing Councilman Barry Grodenchik, Daniel Rosenthal representing Councilman Rory Lancman, Andrew Taranto representing State Senator Leroy Comrie, Anthony Lemma representing Assemblyman David Weprin, Marilla Li representing Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, Alvin Warshaviak former CB8 Chairman, Jeff Gottlieb representing the Central Queens Historical Association, Marie Adam-Ovide, CB8 District Manager and Jatnna Reyes, CB8 staff member.

#### Call to Order:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Seymour Schwartz called this Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Public Participation:**

<u>Sam Verstandig</u> – Mr. Verstandig is a representative from the office of Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. He announced few events that Senator Addabbo will be having this month. On Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, he will be hosting mobile office hours at the Forest Hills Library [108-19 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue] from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Senator Addabbo will be hosting his annual Senior Job Fair at Queens Community House [80-02 Kew Gardens Road] from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The job fair is open to all seniors over the age of 55, seeking employment. They recommend anyone interested in attending, to bring several copies of their resume for the different vendors with available positions. There will be a Free Prostate Screening event on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at their Howard Beach Office [159-53 102<sup>nd</sup> Street] from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The screening will involve a PSA Blood Test. They ask that all interested

gentlemen in attending to bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope in order to receive their results. Flyers were placed on the table.

In order to help ensure the safety of children traveling back and forth to classes during the school year, Senator Addabbo has introduced legislation S.5519 that would require crossing guards to be placed on each and every corner of New York City blocks that contain public or private high schools during student arrival and dismissal times. He is also a co-sponsor of legislation S.359 to increase the number of crossing guards around NewYork City elementary and intermediate schools with children in grades kindergarden through eighth grade. He asked that for more information on any of these events or any questions you may have, you can contact Senator Addabbo's office at: 718-738-1111.

Ajeyo Yusuf – Mr. Yusuf is part of the IDNYC Program from the Mayor's Office Intergovernmental Affairs Unit. Beginning May 11<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup> they will have a pop-up enrollment center at Queens Hospital [82-68 164<sup>th</sup> Street] in Room P128 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He reminded everyone that IDNYC is the newly launched New York City municipal identification program. All New York City residents 14 years and older who reside in New York City's five boroughs are eligible for the ID, regardless of immigration status. By obtaining an IDNYC card you can have access to exclusive benefits and discounts across the City (i.e. free one-year membership to City's best museums, zoos, botanical gardens, and concert halls; movie tickets at a lower rate, savings on sporting events including baseball game tickets etc.). He encouraged all community leaders to get the word out to their communities and encouraged everyone to obtain an IDNYC card at Queens Hospital. Flyers were distributed.

<u>Daniel Rosental representing Councilman Rory Lancman</u> – Mr. Rosenthal announced that Councilman Lancman will have his annual Family Day events in our District. On May 13<sup>th</sup> at Hoover Manton Playground and on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Captain Tilly Park. All family day events will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

<u>Wilson Thomas representing NYC Public Advocate Letitia James</u> – Mr. Thomas informed us that the New York City Council voted to pass Public Advocate Letitia James's groundbreaking legislation to ban employees from asking job applicants for previous salary information; a practice that perpetuates a cycle of wage discrimination. The bill, which will impact approximately 3.8 million workers, will prohibit public and private employers from requesting salary history information.

Anthony Lemma representing Assembly Member David Weprin – Mr. Lemma announced that Assembly Member David Weprin along with Senator Leroy Comrie and Councilman Barry Grodenchik will be having a Rain Barrel giveaway on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at Cunningham Park from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. He took the time to thanked Mayor Bill de Blasio and Councilman Barry Grodenchik for leading way in winning of the "Too Hot to Learn" issue in the City Council. All New York City classrooms will be air-conditioned by 2021.

# 1st Vice-Chair Stanley Weinblatt made a couple of announcements:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Stanley Weinblatt introduced and welcomed new Community Board 8 member Dr. Penny Stern.
- He also mentioned the passing of former Community Board 8 member Samuel "Sam" Rodriguez last week. He was a member for six years and had to resign last year due to an illness. They wish his wife Celia and his family their deepest condolences. He will be missed by all.
- He also offered best wishes to Bob Taylor *(Chairperson Martha Taylor's husband)* who is in the hospital. As a result, he had to chair the meeting.
- He also congratulated Board Member Jesse Rosenbaum for being honored by the Yeshiva Education for special students.

Before 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Stanley Weinblatt led the salute to the flag he recognized former Chairman Alvin Warshaviak who was present (audience applauded).

#### Salute to the Flag

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Stanley Weinblatt led the salute to the flag.

1st Vice-Chair Stanley Weinblatt invited former Chairman Alvin Warshaviak to say a few words.

<u>Alvin Warshaviak</u> – I have to tell you, I am having the time of my life. One thing I truly miss is the Community Board. The people here are the greatest even though we don't always agree on everything, that's what the Board is. We always work for an outcome, we usually come our ways, sometimes happy, somestimes not. I really miss it. The comradery and the people here, you are really the best people (directed to the Board Members). This is the best Community Board that there is (everyone applauded).

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mark J. Lefkof made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2017, seconded by Dr. Allen Bennett.

<b>Count in favor</b>	<u>40</u>	Opposed:	0	Abstained:	0
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# **Board Members who approved the minutes:**

Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Robert H. Block, Edward Chung, Susan D. Cleary, Allen Eisenstein, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard, Joshua Glikman, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Paul S. Lazauskas, Mark J. Lefkof, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Mary Maggio, Frank Magri, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Tamara Osherov, Frances Peterson, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Seymour Schwartz, Douglas Sherman, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Mohammed Tohin, Rachele Van Arsdale, Jacob Weinberg, Stanley Weinblatt and Albert Willingham.

### **Board Members who did not approve the minutes:**

None

<u>1st Vice-Chair Stanley Weinblatt introduced Sam Yang, a Human Rights Specialist who gave a</u> presentation on the different types of assistance that New York City Commission on Human Rights can provide.

# **Guest Speaker:**

Sam Yang – Human Rights Specialist, New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) – Mr. Yang is a Human Rights Specialist for the CCHR. He is located in the Queens Branch [153-01] Jamaica Avenue, Suite 203]. He explained that the NYC Commission on Human Rights fights discrimination on behalf of people living in, working in, or visiting New York City. The Commission also investigates and prosecutes claims of discrimination and provides training and public education. The following is a brief summary of the presentation:

- The CCHR enforces the anti-discrimination law a.k.a The Human Rights Law. It is the broadest law in the country.
- The CCHR covers unfair treatment for the following: workplace, housing and public accommodations.
- Workplace: In New York City, it is illegal to discriminate against employees, interns, and job seekers on the basis of: age, race, color, religion/creed, national origin, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, marital or partnership status, alienage or citizenship status, arrest or conviction record, status as victim of domestic violence, sexual violence or stalking, unemployment status, credit history and caregiver status.
- <u>Housing:</u> In New York City, it is illegal to discriminate against tenants, apartment seekers, and mortgage applicants on the basis of: age, race color, religion/creed, national origin, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, marital or partnership status, alienage or citizenship status,

lawful source of income (including housing subsidies), lawful occupation, the presence of children, status as victim of domestic violence, sexual violence or stalking.

- He stated, in terms of low income/subsidy recepients who are looking for an apartment, most of the time they require a credit score of 700 or above. They may require them to give their security deposit in cash this is illegal. They are provided with a security voucher and they should not be asked for cash upfront.
- He explained that one-family and two-family homes are not under their jurisdiction but if you advertise it publicly then it falls under their jurisdiction. If someone is interested in renting out a room, and you discriminate against the prospective rentor based on how they look or if they have children that also falls under their jurisdiction. Regarding those living in co-ops or condos, they have heard stories where elevators are being fixed and people with disabilities living on a top floor have difficulties getting in or out of their homes. He stated that if anyone knows of any senior citizen who lives in a co-op or condo who have these types of issues, to reach out to him or the CCHR for assistance. Owners of co-ops and condos are required to provide assistance accomodations to people with disabilities until repairs are made.
- <u>Public Accommodations:</u> In New York City, it is illegal to discriminate in public spaces like stores, restaurants, parks, libraries, or taxis on the basis of: age, race, color, religion/creed, national origin, gender or gender identity, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, marital or partnership status, alienage or citizenship status.
- The law also prohibits profiling, retaliation, bias-related harassment (including cyberbullying).
- The CCHR constantly gives presentations and holds workshops to inform people of their rights and the different types of assistance that the CCHR can provide. Flyers were placed at the table with information.
- He reiterated what Mr. Thomas mentioned before about the bill that passed on NYC Public Advocate Letitia James's groundbreaking legislation to ban employees from asking job applicants for previous salary information.
- To report discrimination, request training, or to learn more about the Commission's services, dial 311 or visit <a href="www.nyc.gov/humanrights">www.nyc.gov/humanrights</a> or contact their direct info line at: 718-722-3131.

Mr. Yang opened, the floor for questions from any of the members.

<u>Marc A. Haken</u> – I am the president of a co-op, a three story building. Let's say an elevator breaks down, what kind of accommodation can I make for the little old lady who lives on the second floor? **Answer:** [Mark J. Lefkof] – It's called the "chair lift".

<u>Marc A. Haken</u> – If the elevator breaks down and I notify her and let her know that repairs may take two to three days. Have I met my criteria?

<u>Sam Yang</u> – If it will not cause you any type of financial hardship, you should arrange that this individual stay in a hotel (*at your own cost*) while repairs are made. If it does cause you financial hardship, you will have to prove it for assistance to be provided to the disabled by the City.

**Frank Magri** – There is a chair that goes down the stairs. It is an electrical chair.

Mark J. lefkof – It climbs down.

Unable to transcribe, cross conversation between the members.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Stanley Weinblatt reminded the members that cross conversation is not allowed. He thanked Mr. Yang for coming.

#### 1st Vice-Chair Stanley Weinblatt asked Mark J. Lefkof to begin the Elections for the Executive Officers

<u>Mark J. Lefkof, Chair of Nominating Committee</u> – In accordance with the By-Laws of CB8, nominations were held at the April meeting for the positions of Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. In accordance with the By-Laws, elections are held for these positions. There will be a roll call vote for each nomination.

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#### **Board Members against:**

None.

Mark J. Lefkof, Chair of Nominating Committee closed elections for all categories.

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# District Manager's Report, May 2017

### **Human Resources Administration**

The HRA announced that they have three initiatives for career services:

**Career Compass** – They assess people's skills, provide training and internships to ensure that individuals maintain employment.

**Youth Pathways** – This is for 18 to 24 year olds. They assist with education, training for careers and internships.

**Career Advance** – This is specifically to assist older adults and those with limited English with careers.

<u>NYPD</u> – The NYPD informed us that there is a decrease in all major crimes. It is a very busy month for the precinct. There are many events throughout the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct: graduations, festivals and many other events.

<u>DDC</u> – They were working on 138<sup>th</sup> Street and Hillside Avenue last week. They should still be there this week. Once completed they will move to 86<sup>th</sup> Road. Afterwards, they will start final restoration. They anticipate completion of the QED1001 Project in late June.

<u>DOH &MH</u> – The department is inviting Community Board Chairs and/or their designee to become a member of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's newly created Community District Committee. They will represent their community's interest in the delivery of mental health services and ensure that the agency is responsive to the diverse needs of their residents.

Pamphlets about protecting your property from rodents were distributed. We were also informed that pottery goods from Mexico and other countries may contain lead [copies available at the table].

<u>DOB</u> – Enforcement activity increased for CB8 from last year. The increase from year-to-date as compared to last year is as follows: January 42%, February 60%, March 3%, April 30%. They have been receiving mostly category C and D complaints. Queens had 31.6% of the complaints called in through 311. Brooklyn had 32.4%. The agency's resources for inspection are being used mostly between these two boroughs.

On the development end Queens County in 2016 had seen a 14% increase in the number of permits filed Citywide. There is an increase of 29% in the number of applications submitted to the Buildings Department which indicates there is going to be a lot of development in Community Board 8. New Building (NB) applications are also on the rise.

The agency is focusing on the pilot program about legalizing basements in the City of New York – East New York neighborhood in Brooklyn. DM Adam-Ovide asked Mr. Everett from City Planning if basements are being legalized in multi-family zoned areas only. There seems to be a concern that this could happen to the areas that have been downzoned to R2 or R2A (one-family zones). He answered that if it zoned for a one family home it can only have one family occupancy.

**FDNY** –There were FDNY open houses throughout the City. Some communities had them on May  $6^{th}$  others were on May  $7^{th}$ . The Department was pleased to announce that there is a decrease in incidents in all categories as compared to the same time last year.

In light of the fire that occurred recently in southeast Queens, FDNY reminded everyone to have smoke detectors and to change their batteries. Information was available about that at the open houses.

Both FDNY and the NYPD officers are being trained on addressing active shooter scenarios. These trainings are usually done on Saturdays and Sundays.

As they have done with the burning stations, they are assisting the different houses of worships with bonfires for the Lag B'Omer holiday.

<u>DFTA</u> – The Agency sent letters to older residents informing them that the administration will continue to maintain the spirit of diversity and inclusion. May is Older American Month and they have an "Age Out Loud" initiative. They encourage older residents to use their voice and speak about aging. Queens has the largest number of older adults out of the five boroughs. It also has the most diverse senior population. It has 77 senior centers.



Happy Birthday to our Board Members Jacob Weinberg, Monica Corbett, Edward Chung and Mary Maggio who are celebrating their birthdays this month!

Marie Adam-Ovide

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During the District Manager's report, DM Adam-Ovide announced Community Board 8's Seventh Annual Health Fair. It is scheduled for Friday, June 30, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Cunningham Park. We are still accepting vendors. Please contact the Community Board office for more information.

#### **Borough President's Representative – Susie Tanenbaum**

- On behalf of Borough President Melinda Katz, Ms. Tanenbaum invited everyone to attend her annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Garden at Queens Borough Hall [120-55 Queens Boulevard]. They will pay tribute to those who have served and defended our country in uniform. Anyone interested in attending must RSVP at: www.queensbp.org/rsvp or 718-286-2661.
- Also on behalf of Borough President Melinda Katz she asked everyone to mark their calendars for Monday, June 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the Borough President's annual Summer Festival. It will be held at Flushing Meadow Corona Park. Everyone is invited!
- On Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center in Queens Borough Hall. Borough President Melinda Katz will be hosting the annual Award Ceremony for Community Board members. This is to recognize Community Board members who are celebrating milestone anniversaries on their Community Boards. Everyone is invited to attend to find out who will be awarded. She will have the list of members who were awarded for us next month.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Kevin Forrestal, Executive Board Member

**Executive Committee** – CB11Q letters of support:

**Intro – 1133-2016** – Deny building permits for outstanding fines.

Mark J. Lefkof made a motion to support Intro – 1133-2016 – in relation to the denial of building permits where outstanding charges are owed to the City, seconded by Marc A. Haken.

Count in favor 40 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

A hand vote was taken.

# **Board Members in favor:**

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Board Members against:
None.
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Intro – 1218-2016 – Increase penalties for violations and tax liens to enforce certain ECB violations... Carolann Foley made a motion to support Intro – 1218-2016 – in relation to illegal conversions, seconded by Howard A. Fried. A hand vote was taken. Count in favor 40 Opposed: 0 **Abstained:** 0 **Board Members in favor:** Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Robert H. Block, Edward Chung, Susan D. Cleary, Allen Eisenstein, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard, Joshua Glikman, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Paul S. Lazauskas, Mark J. Lefkof, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Mary Maggio, Frank Magri, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Tamara Osherov, Frances Peterson, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Seymour Schwartz, Douglas Sherman, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Mohammed Tohin, Rachele Van Arsdale, Jacob Weinberg, Stanley Weinblatt and Albert Willingham. **Board Members against:** None. \* CB11Q – Resolution on the Proposed Federal Budget and the Environment. Marc A. Haken made a motion to support the resolution on the Propsed Federal Budget and the Environment, seconded by Mary Maggio. A hand vote was taken. Count in favor 40 Opposed: 0 **Abstained:** 0 **Board Members in favor:** Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Robert H. Block, Edward Chung, Susan D. Cleary, Allen Eisenstein, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard, Joshua Glikman, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Paul S. Lazauskas, Mark J. Lefkof, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Mary Maggio, Frank Magri, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Tamara Osherov, Frances Peterson, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Seymour Schwartz, Douglas Sherman, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Mohammed Tohin, Rachele Van Arsdale, Jacob Weinberg, Stanley Weinblatt and Albert Willingham. **Board Members against:** None. \*

# **Adjournment**

Carolann Foley made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jatnna Reyes, CB8 staff May 12, 2017