

## **COMMUNITY BOARD 10**

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

October 8, 2024

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** S. Acuqui, L. Amorim, N. Bissoon, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, M. Cherenfant, B. Ciaramella, R. Ciulla-Frisone, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, A. Gellineau, P. Granickas, F. Gulluscio, G. Hewitt, A. Hill, P. Kishun, R. Martinez, S. Mohammed, P. Nostramo, K. Roan, N. Santiago, G. Singh, J. Stahl, I. Van Putten, L. Walker, D. Wesby

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** A. Cosentino, A. Dhanpat, K. Edwards, E. Fraylon, R. Gendron, R. Hitlall, B. Lall, N. Latchana, K. Ludhiana, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, R. Narine, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, R. Ramgopal, B. Ramsundar, G. Russo, A. Sancler, A. Siewnarine, A. Vital

## COMMUNITY BOARD STAFF PRESENT: K. Petersen, D.M.

OTHERS PRESENT: R. Graziano rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; D. Shaeffer rep. Hon. R. Persaud; J. Greenberg, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; D. Sanchez, rep. Hon. J. Rajkumar; B. Jackson, rep. Hon. A. Adams; A. Leguisamo, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; G. Katsalis, OBPO; Lt. Gherardi, 106 Pct. Special Operations; P.O. Hoang, 106 Pct. Crime Prevention

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairperson wished everyone a good evening and welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Board. She explained that the reason that we changed our meeting date was because our meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of the month; however, last Thursday's usual meeting date conflicted this year with the Rosh Hashanah observance, so the meeting was changed to tonight. She also announced that Board Member Rohan Naraine was not in attendance this evening because he is in Texas awaiting medical approval to bring his two newborn children home. He and his wife welcomed twin girls that were born on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Chairperson next opened the evening's Public Hearing regarding the FY 2026 Capital and Expense Budget. She explained that this is the opportunity for anybody from the public to express anything they think is a necessary or desired capital or expense budget project.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak on the FY 2026 Capital and Expense Budget. Hearing none, the Chairperson closed the public hearing.

The Chairperson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 2024 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes stand.

The Chairperson stated that she will go out of order to call on the Budget Committee Chairperson for the Budget Committee report. The Budget Committee Chairperson reported that the Budget Committee met on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to review the FY 2026 Budget Priorities. The Committee Chairperson reported that the Committee's recommendation is that the Board approve the FY 2026 Capital and Expense budget priorities as presented. The Chairperson explained that the Committee's recommendation is a motion to approve the FY 2026 Capital and Expense budget priorities as

presented. Committee recommendations require no second. She asked if there were any Board Members that have any questions or comments.

A Board Member inquired about the #10 Capital Budget Priority regarding the reconstruction of Rocket Playground and why it is on the list if it had been given the funding. The Chairperson explained that the project is in the process and funding is part of the project. It still needs to be designed and then constructed. A Board Member inquired if there were any changes on the Capital and Expense Budget priorities from last year. The Chairperson reported there were no changes from last year in the items listed. The city hasn't built any new schools, 104 Street from Russell Street to 165 Avenue has not yet been graded and paved, the hardening of coastal protection has not all happened. These are the capital projects that we say are the most important and we keep pushing for them. Roadway maintenance is an ongoing request. Jewel Streets is a storm sewer street reconstruction project. It has been sitting on our priority list for a number of years already. The reconstruction of Lincoln Street & 132 Street bet. 116 Ave & Foch Ave has been an ongoing request yet to be addressed and it's been on the list for a number of years. She added that reconstruction of Edward Byrne Park is partially through the process. There are some components of it that have been done but it stays on the list until it is finished. Then we have Rocket Playground. On Expense, the number one priority is and continues to be, additional police personnel to the 106th Precinct for all patrol services. The Chairperson then commented on the other expense priorities that are listed. She also explained that the Board submits many more than the 10 on each list.

The Chairperson asked if there was any further discussion on the motion and restated the motion is to approve the FY2026 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities as presented. Hearing none, the vote was: All (27) in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. The motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chair reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of September which included:

- Letter from DOT seeking to add names to its solicitation mailing list for individuals and businesses interested in operating concessions on DOT right of way and pedestrian plazas.
- Notification regarding a person interested in applying for an adult use retail dispensary at 111-19 Liberty Avenue.
- Notice regarding the continuing rehabilitation of 130<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.
- Notification from DDC regarding the Pedestrian Ramp Reconstruction Project. 2 locations in CB10 identified as part of this city-wide project, Liberty Ave & 114 St. and Liberty Ave & 115 St.
- Notice from the Dept. of Public Service regarding a request for approval of an overlay of a new area code in NYC.
- Letter from the Queens Link Organization asking for a letter of support for a grant application.
- Demolition notice: 114-34 149 Avenue.
- Notice from Dept. of Parks reissuing permission for concessions in some parks.
- Notice of comment period for transportation improvements program amendments from 9/18 9/27
- Calendar of Public Hearing Contract Awards on 9/26 & 10/10
- Letter from area resident seeking to get DOB to tell him that his more than a 4-foot fence in front of his fence is allowed in his front yard.
- Notice regarding Tobacco and Cigarette License caps
- OMB notice regarding DOT & NYC EDC
- Copy of Technical memo for City of Yes Housing Opportunity
- Notice from NYS regarding acceptance of the final EIS for City of Yes/Housing
- Directed Incoming Mail

The Chairperson announced that if there were any Board Members who would like a copy of anything listed on the directed mail to call or e-mail the office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Committee Chair read the Treasury Report for September 2024.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT:** Georgia Katsalis introduced herself and stated that the Community Board Application cycle is approaching. She reminded the Board Members to be diligent when applying for reappointment. As we get closer to 2025, Borough Hall will provide more information to the public about the

application process. She also stated that she wanted to acknowledge the Community Board and the local civic organizations for their assistance and support in helping them in identifying medians needing Sanitation services. She continued that their office submitted over 205 locations to city agencies addressing neglected medians throughout the Borough. Since then, several sites have been addressed but there still is more work to be done. She announced that on October 10<sup>th</sup> they will be honoring Hispanic Heritage month at the Hall of Science at 6 pm located at 47-01 111<sup>th</sup> Street Corona and on October 13<sup>th</sup> they will be holding a woman's fair from 2 pm to 5 pm at Edward Davis Center at 118-35 Farmers Blvd., on October 15<sup>th</sup> they will hold a zoom Parent Advisory Board at 6 pm, on October 19<sup>th</sup> they will hold an LGBTQIA Resource Expo at 10 am at Queens Borough Hall, on October 21<sup>st</sup> they will hold a college and opportunity fair from 4 pm to 7 pm at Queens Borough Hall and on October 23<sup>rd</sup> they will hold Halloween Family Night at 6 pm at Queens Borough Hall where they will show a screening of Beetlejuice. For more information about these events go to queensbp.nyc.gov; and for any questions she can be reached at: gkatsalis@queensbp.org or call her at 718-286-2853.

A Board Member stated that the Borough President is participating in an Italian Heritage event on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. John's University which was just finalized. The event honors Italian Americans from Queens County.

The Chairperson announced that a new Director of Community Boards, Michael Carlier, has been appointed by the Borough President. He was unable to be with us tonight but indicated that he will attend our meeting in November or December. Khaleel Bragg has moved on to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Borough President.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager reported that at our Parks Department Budget Consultation session, we received updates on the following Capital Projects: Police Officer Edward Byrne Park Basketball and Tennis Court was completed, Al Stabile Playground reconstruction was completed, Harold Schneiderman Playground reconstruction was completed, Frederick B. Judge Playground reconstruction is in procurement, Tudor Park Adult Fitness Equipment Construction is in Design, and Rocket Playground is in Design. She continued that they also provided a Green Infrastructure update on the following park locations: At Centreville Playground they will be looking at putting a tank by the basketball Court and then the basketball Court will get replaced. At Tudor Park they will also be looking at putting a tank by the multipurpose play area and then they will redo the shuffleboard court. She continued that we have also been advised by the Department of Social Services that the federal authority that allows for the replacement of electronically stolen SNAP benefits originally set to expire on September 30, 2024, has now been extended to December 20, 2024. The Department of Social Services will continue to consider claims for replacement of stolen SNAP benefits as long as the theft occurred on or before December 20, 2024, and the claim was filed within 30 days after it was discovered that the benefits were stolen. This deadline does not impact claims for electronically stolen Cash Assistance benefits.

<u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u>: The Chairperson reported / commented that information on the following was in members' folder material:

- The September Borough Board presentation regarding the 5-year DOE Capital Plan from FY 2025 to FY 2029
- City of Yes Housing FEIS Executive Summary
- Information on composting
- · Information regarding the Queens Borough Public Library design contest to design new library cards
- Picture array of Flor de Fred, a legal cannabis retail dispensary now open.
- JFK Redevelopment August Newsletter
- National Grid notice of new infrastructure work in South Ozone Park that will start in November and will last until Fall 2025 replacing pipes in the vicinity of So. Conduit Avenue & 130 Street
- Committee Reports from Consumer Affairs, Public Safety, Employment, and Sewers Committees.

The Chair also reported that earlier in the week, she and the Land Use Committee Chair met with the applicant for a BSA application at 105-39 Cross Bay Blvd. It was a preliminary meeting to hear from them. The Land Use Committee Chair will speak more about that meeting in the Committee's report. A Committee Meeting will be scheduled to discuss and review this project before our November Board meeting.

She continued that the Final Mayor's Management Report was released in September and commented about a flood smart worksheet developed by the president of the Hamilton Beach Civic Assn. which may also be of interest to other areas that flood. She explained that it is a sheet where people can note the date, the time and what happened. Using it or something similar may help residents to provide further documentation of what is actually happening at their homes when there is tidal flooding or rainwater flooding.

The Chairperson then provided information about the preparation of this year's Annual Statement of Community District Needs as well as information as to how material provided by agencies during Budget Consultations help to guide our budget priorities. The Chairperson reviewed the list of general needs in CB10 that will be part of what we submit as well as the 3 most pressing broad topic needs identified. Since the most pressing need topic identified is public safety and our first Expense Budget priority is increased personnel for the NYPD, the Chairperson reported in detail on data provided by the NYPD at this year's consultations that helps to explain why that is.

Following the Chairperson's Report the Chair introduced NYPD Lt. Gherardi and invited him to speak.

Lt. Gherardi introduced himself as the Special Operations Lieutenant for the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He stated that for the 2-year period YTD of 28 days, violent crime decreased 4% in total. He continued that they got some personnel back from the summer and that citywide Grand Larceny Auto is the driving crime factor for the city. He warned not to leave keys by the front door because individuals use RFID readers. He also warned not to leave your doors unlocked. He continued that they also have worked on auto larceny, and they have seen a decrease in the past 3 weeks. He added that felony assaults are occurring, and most are domestic violence. He said that if anyone knows anyone is experiencing domestic violence, to reach out to them. They have 6 domestic violence officers in the 106<sup>th</sup> Pct available to assist victims. He continued that 311's have been an issue over the summer and that they have been down over the last 4 weeks with response times.

P.O. Huong then introduced himself as the crime prevention officer at the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct and announced they will be holding the Faith in Blue on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> and that the address is listed on social media. They will have giveaways such as steering wheel clubs and they will talk about scams and check fraud. He continued with information about mailbox crime. He suggests going to the Post Office to mail items and paying bills online rather than mailing paper checks. He also suggested using permanent ink or going to the bank to get a cashier's check when using paper checks. He also spoke about how cars today are so quiet that people sometimes don't know they are on. Many times, women have the car keys in their purse, and they leave the purse in the car to do an errand. He also spoke about work vans and how individuals are stealing tools from them because these tools are worth a lot of money. He suggests taking things out of the car, so they won't be seen. He also announced that he has some crime prevention books up front and reminded everyone that people are watching you. He spoke about scams where individuals tell people who have just left an ATM, that there are nails on the floor at the back of their car and when you go to check, they have already stolen your bank envelope out of your car.

Lt. Gherardi also mentioned that if a child goes missing while trick or treating on Halloween, the officers always ask what costume the child was wearing, and many times people forget. He stated that it is helpful to take a picture of your child before they leave the house so that it helps them find them quicker.

The meeting continued with the Committee reports.

**LAND USE:** The Committee Chair wished everyone a good evening and stated that he wanted to give an update on the City of Yes. He stated that on 9/25 DCP voted 10-3 to accept the City of Yes/Housing with only 2 modifications after all of our work in this Community Board and throughout the 59 Community Boards against it. The modifications relate to offsite options for income restrictive housing and infill development for NYCHA housing complexes. Neither have anything to do with our area's communities. The next step is that it is on its way to the City Council, and they should vote on it in November. The City Council will hold public hearings and hopefully the City Council Land Use Committee will suggest further modifications.

He continued that he and the Chairperson met with the architect and attorney for 105-39 Cross Bay Blvd. which is the Esquire Diner, located ½ a block south of Rkwy. Blvd. & Liberty Avenue. Their plan is whole existing building will be demolished and removed, and a new structure will be put in towards the rear of the lot for a Pollo Compero chicken

fast food restaurant with a drive around drive through. They need a variance because the lot is in a R4-A zone and as of right they can't enlarge or create a commercial building in a residential zone. The Land Use Chair announced there will be a Land Use Committee Meeting before the end of October. This item will be on our November agenda for Public Hearing and vote.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS:** The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folders.

BUDGET: The Chair stated that budget was previously discussed earlier in the meeting,

**EDUCATION:** The Committee Chair stated that High School Admission process is currently open, and it closes December 4<sup>th</sup>, and she wished everyone Happy Diwali.

<u>LIBRARIES</u>: In the absence of the Committee Chair, the Board Chair stated that the library information the Committee receives is posted regularly on our Facebook page.

<u>PARKS</u>: The Committee Chair reported the stats from Queens Forestry in CB 10 from 7/1/23 to 6/30/24. He stated that there were 345 requests, 284 were completed in house, 26 were for hanging branches, 106 were for tree limbs down, 40 trees were down, 84 trees were removed, 28 trees were pruned, 166 were contract work for tree and stump removal. In fall 2023, 517 trees were planted and in spring 2024, 470 trees were planted. In 2023 there were 169 tree and sidewalk locations and in 2024 there were 0 tree and sidewalk locations. He also stated that there were 1661 street trees including at parks and playgrounds that were pruned during the FY 2024. The funding for FY 2025 pruning will be used to complete year FY2024 pruning work.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair stated that the crime stats are in the folder. He also reported that Flor de Fred had a soft opening about a week and a half ago and that he visited that day and met with the owners. It is a family affair, and women are running the business. It included a grandmother, a mother and grown adult children. He stated they were very receptive to him coming there and gave him a tour of the establishment and added that he is hoping that they will help take business away from the illegal shops. They are a legal business and have been very open to the Community Board and he will revisit it when they have their actual grand opening. He stated that all the work that is being done by the train station is probably slowing down any business they might have been getting. He continued with his public safety report by commenting on the impacts resulting from NYPD personnel needs. He reported that has a big effect on morale because the officers are dragged around from Borough to Borough to the subway stations and to protests and events like UN week, etc. rather than being in their precincts. Many officers now want to leave after 20 years and that has a big effect on the public safety of the city. Sometimes they work 18-hour days, so he asks that you please always keep that in mind and to always say good morning or good afternoon to them to let them know we are thinking about them.

**SEWERS:** The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folders.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: The Committee Chair wished everyone a good evening and stated the MTA is hiring Electronic Equipment Maintainers at \$42.35 per hour for a 40-hour work week. For more info on the position or how to apply go to the website at mta.org the job ID number is 13750414. She also announced that the MTA is hiring for a Chief of Police. This role requires an effective communicator who will interact on behalf of the MTA Chairman with NYC Officials, the Police Commissioner, the NYC Police Department, local county and city officials and the MTA and that if anyone is interested to go to careers.mta.org. She also stated that her report was in the folders

**TRANSPORTATION:** The Committee chair announced that the bollards are finally gone on 157<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Stop and Shop. The Chair stated that they milled and repaved and that when they mill there is always a three-week period before they come back and pave so by next week hopefully the paving will be finished.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Chairperson asked if there was any old business to discuss. Hearing none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Chairperson asked if there was any new business to discuss. Hearing none.

The Chair then introduced Raimundo Graziano rep. for Sen. Addabbo and invited him to speak. Raimundo Graziano introduced himself as Sen. Addabbo's Chief of Staff and announced that the Senator has allocated \$250,00 for the West Hamilton Beach Fire Department for bunker pants, leather boots, EMS coats, protective masks and battery chargers and fire extinguishers. Recently a bill of the Senator covering prenatal vitamins was signed into law (Bill SI695) which provides coverage prescription drugs and prenatal vitamins. He announced that on November 8<sup>th</sup> they will be holding a job fair at Resorts World from 10 am to 1 pm and they will be holding an ongoing Veterans Drive for clothing and toiletries and socks at their office at 84-16 Jamaica Avenue. They will hold a Domestic Violence info session in partner with the Ozone Tudor Civic on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm to 9 pm and he also announced that he has provided pamphlets up front with information on how to put more money in your pocket.

The Chair introduced David Schaffer from Sen. Persaud's office and invited him to speak.

David Schaffer introduced himself and stated that Sen. Persaud's office is available to help anyone with community issues that effect their quality of life. They can be reached at 718-649-7653. He announced that NYLAG will be at their office on Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm where they will offer free legal service appointments. They will be holding a paper shredding and e-waste event on October 25<sup>th</sup> at their district office, and a domestic violence awareness session on October 26<sup>th</sup> at IS 211 at 100 Street & Avenue J. He also announced they will have a candy distribution on Halloween if anyone is happening to bring their kids through their part of town. He added that there is a MyCoast app that keeps records of resiliency issues with storm and coastal flooding and people can share their pictures to document them. You can go to mycoast.org/ny

The Chair introduced Jason Greenberg rep. for AM Pheffer-Amato and invited him to speak.

Jason Greenberg introduced himself and stated that they will be hosting the Metro Van at the Lindenwood Shopping Center on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. He continued that the Assembly member had a bill signed into law to automatically enroll every city employee into the pension program since many were not automatically enrolled and had to opt in and the Assembly member felt people should not be missing out on medical benefits. He also wished a happy and healthy New Year to anyone who celebrated last week.

The Chair introduced Dana Sanchez from Am Rajkumar's office and invited her to speak. Dana Sanchez introduced herself as the Director of Constituent Services and stated that public safety and quality of life are her top priorities. She announced that the Assembly member introduced Priscilla's Law to require that all e-bikes have license plates, insurance and inspections. She added that a constituent and her 18-month-old son was struck by an e-bike and the infant was hospitalized and how the danger of e-bikes is a 5 Borough issue. She continued that they held a paper shredding event on September 29<sup>th</sup>, and they will hold an e-waste event on October 6<sup>th</sup>. She added that on Sunday their office will March in the Hispanic Day Parade and they are also finalizing a Diwali event. They will also have their annual turkey distribution in November. For more information call them at 718-805-0950 Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

The Chairperson introduced Alex Leguisamo rep. CM Ariola and invited him to speak. Alex Leguisamo introduced himself and wished everyone a good evening. He announced that the councilmember is collecting bedsheets for Veterans in the shelter system, and they will be accepting full and queen size bedding until November 1<sup>st</sup>. He continued that she has also worked with the sheriff's office to close the illegal smoke shops. If anyone has any issues, reach out to them at 718-738-1083 which is a 24-hour phone number. He announced they will be holding a Columbus Day Festival with St. Helen's Church and the Howard Beach Civic to celebrate Italian heritage on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 7 pm at St. Helens church and the proceeds will benefit the children of St. Helens. They will also hold a fall festival at Victory Field in Forest Park on Myrtle Avenue on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 3 pm and everyone is welcome to attend. He also continued that he encourages all seniors to apply for senior citizen exemptions from the Dept. of Finance on their property tax for 2025- 2026 and he suggests starting early in the process and not to wait to March 15<sup>th</sup> to apply for any exemptions. He continued that he would work with anyone to help them and that every citizen in CB 10 can call their office for assistance at 718-738-1083.

The Chairperson introduced Brenden Jackson from Speaker Adams office and invited him to speak. Brenden Jackson introduced himself and stated that the Speaker drafted a letter to DOT and will hold a press conference on October 11<sup>th</sup> regarding e-scooters and bikes. He continued that they will be having an immigration attorney at the South Ozone Park library on Thursdays and to make an appointment if you need any assistance with this matter. He added that

emergency situations can walk in if necessary. He also announced they are offering free general attorney advice by phone and to call the office 718-206-2068 and ask for Shaffina. He continued they are forming a South Ozone Park coalition and will be calling on Community Based Organizations on how to improve quality of life issues such as the Liberty Avenue vendor situation. He wished everyone a happy senior month and announced they held an estate planning event today at the YWCA on Parsons Blvd. and it was very well attended and that we plan to hold this event in other boroughs as well. He continued that on October 11th they will hold a senior celebration dance and disco party at 169-65 137 Avenue at the Rochdale Village Ballroom and that he will be available to take any questions at the end of the meeting.

The Chair asked if there were any representatives from any other city agencies that wished to speak. Hearing none.

The Chair stated that we were supposed to have Deputy Commissioner Laurian Farrell from DEP in attendance this evening. She had sent over a copy of her presentation today and we will e-mail the presentation out to everyone tomorrow. Hopefully she will be able to do her presentation next month.

PUBLIC FORUM: The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak.

A member of the public stated that he had an issue that he has brought up before regarding abandoned cars. There used to be hundreds of them now there are thousands of them. People are putting them in abandoned buildings, they cross state lines and they are flood cars and collision cars and there are blocks saturated with them. He suggests that the city take these cars and scrap them or send them to auction because these plates are fake, and these cars are being dumped on the street.

The Chair asked if there were any other members of the public who wished to speak.

A member of the public asked what will happen to the Aqueduct property when Aqueduct no longer exists.

The Chair stated that the property is state owned, and that Resorts World is in the process of applying for one of the downstate casino licenses NYRA has a chunk of the property. Right now, Aqueduct is the only facility to do winter racing. When they complete Belmont, NYRA may close Aqueduct and the process the state enters into to develop the property into something else. Resorts World included ideas in its plans for casino expansion for what they would do if they controlled the land. The city may have a portion to be used for housing of some kind. The third piece of that property is being used for contractor parking and that is owned not by the state, but by the Port Authority so that piece of property is publicly owned. What will come there eventually will involve a lot of processes. It is unclear right now if Resorts World will get the casino license or if NYRA will actually pull out of there and certainly the Port Authority has uses for that property they own. It is on this Board's radar to always watch what is being talked about in terms of that land.

The member of the public asked if the Board would have a say so on what goes there.

The Chair responded that depends on what the proposal to put something there would be.

The member of the public asked if they want to put low-income housing there would you have a say so.

The Chair responded that it would depend again on who is building it, who is paying for it, and whether or not it's a proposal that allows us to have a voice in it. Any proposal would allow us to be involved in discussions even if we don't have a vote on it. Long before the Aqueduct issue came to be gambling issues, it took 10 years to become a reality. Prior to that, before gambling was even being talked about, the property was involved with bankruptcy action with the state and NYRA. There was creative financing going on by the former Governor of the state where Home Depot was basically forced to buy 10 acres of that land and that's the 28 acres that was under Port Authority control, the state forced the Port Authority into taking control of that portion of the land. Prior to that, we tried to get that property rezoned. The property is zoned C-8. For the city to build anything there that would require a zoning change and nobody in the city at that time was interested in listening, but this Board worked with the then Borough President and we developed a conceptual plan that went to City Planning for housing on property that and that was before the words affordable housing became reality. That is something we have on our radar to watch. Part of the Resort World component for the future plans is developing workforce housing which is a different affordability level. We are

speculating now and won't get a direct answer for it and where the funding stream is. We know it is something we are going to pay attention to.

The Chair asked if there were anyone else from the public who would like to speak.

A member of the public raised a complaint about Apna Bazar located between 135 & 136 Street on Liberty Avenue. He stated they are taking up the sidewalk and the street with merchandise and people are double and triple parking when they go in to shop for groceries.

The Chair asked that he give that issue and the address to the District Manager at the end of the meeting.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to speak. Hearing none.

The Chair thanked everyone for insuring there was a quorum this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karyn Petersen

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