



# COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

December 5, 2024

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** L. Amorim, N. Bissoon, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, M. Cherenfant, B. Ciaramella, R. Ciulla-Frisone A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, K. Edwards, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, F. Gulluscio, G. Hewitt, R. Hitlall, P. Kishun, B. Lall, R. Martinez, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, P. Nostramo, S. Pace, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, G. Russo, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine. G. Singh, J. Stahl, D. Wesby

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** S. Acuqui, A. Dhanpat I. Dimoh, E. Fraylon, A. Hill, N. Latchana, K. Ludhiana, D. Mitchell, R. Narine, R. Ramgopal, B. Ramsundar, A. Sancler, I. Van Putten, A. Vital, L. Walker

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** J. Reina, rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; F. Sharif rep., Hon. J. Sanders; C. Deiks, rep., Hon. R. Persaud; J. Garramone, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer Amato; A. Sargeant, rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; A. Reyes Berroa, rep., Hon. K. Anderson; B. Jackson, rep., Hon. A. Adams; P. Inzerillo, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; D. Brown, rep., Hon. M. Katz; K. Morris, Mayor’s Office CAU; S. Datta, QBPO; A. Nurmansyah, DCP; Lt. Jackson, NYPD 106 Pct.; P.O. Kaur, NYPD 106 Pct. Community Affairs; N. Diaz, CCRB; Robert Hines, NYRA

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm.

The Chairperson then asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairperson wished everyone a good evening and welcomed everyone to the December meeting of Community Board 10. She also wished happy holidays to everyone and then opened the Informational Public Hearing and introduced Robert Hines, Manager, Community Affairs, NYRA and invited him to speak about the new Belmont Park Development Plan and issues related to Aqueduct.

Mr. Hines introduced himself and thanked the Board for having him here this evening. He stated that he joined NYRA less than 1 year ago as the Manager of Community Affairs and he is trying to make sure that NYRA continues to be a good community partner and neighbor in eastern Queens and Long Island. They have also been starting some educational programs and are bringing High School students out to Aqueduct Racetrack to introduce them to their veterinarians, trainers, lawyers, accountants, blacksmiths, electricians, and others – that are among the different roles related to a horse racing facility. The aim is to show young people who are interested what is involved to operate a horse racing track. He said he has worked with State Sen. Addabbo’s office to bring veterans to Aqueduct to celebrate Veterans Day. NYRA is trying to make sure they continue to do those types of things. Mr. Hines went on to explain another part of his role, especially over the next 2 years, is to make sure the community is informed about NYRA’s plans for redeveloping Belmont Park. He stated that he will speak about Aqueduct briefly, but he doesn’t have any updates on it other than it will be released back to the state once they have the C of O for Belmont. He continued that NYRA is a franchisee for the state of New York and is the steward for the three largest thoroughbred horse racetracks in the state of New York. He asked if anyone had any general questions about NYRA and their role. Hearing none.

He continued that in February NYRA embarked on redeveloping Belmont Park and there has been a lot more development as well with the UBS facility as well as retail.

S. Pace arrived at 7:04 pm.

An inquiry was made by the Land Use Chair if Mr. Hines could elaborate on the retail property across from Belmont.

Mr. Hines stated they had a soft opening on October 16<sup>th</sup> and there are 20-30 of the retail spaces open now. They plan to start rolling them out each month and every other month more stores will come online. It is approximately 150 retail stores and there will also be some food and beverage options. The group who designed it is called Value Retail. All their other properties are over in Europe, but it has a feel of an upscale outdoor mall and there are a lot of high-end stores there. Everything he has heard from the local community in Elmont and Floral Park is that it is a beautiful space and a place to go and congregate. They said there were some affordable items in some of the high end stores they went to. Right now, the parking deck that you can see from the Cross-Island Pkwy is free if you are going to the retail village right now. If anyone has more specific questions, he can put them in touch with their partners at Empire State Development or with Value Retail.

The Chairperson asked if there was any member of the public that had questions or comments.

Mr. Hines then continued that 5-6 years ago the New York racing association started looking at how Saratoga is popular in the summer and that downstate there are 2 tracks 9 or 10 miles apart and it didn't really make sense for operations to race from September to about now at Belmont and then come over here to Aqueduct for 3-4 months and then go back to Belmont which is 10 miles away. They are at the point now where they are transporting all the horses back and forth from Belmont to Aqueduct so NYRA decided it would be best to consolidate options and redevelop Belmont Park to be a world class facility. They started five years ago with a broad coalition - small businesses from upstate and downstate, all their union laborers as well as civic leaders trying to garner support and started seeking support from the NYS Assembly and NYS Senate for a loan to redevelop Belmont Park. As a result, in February, Governor Hochul officially announced that Belmont Park would be redeveloped and then in March 2024 the NYS Franchise Oversight Board approved the plans. So, in March they were able to put shovels in the ground and begin the work. NYRA is the steward of the property, Populus is their design partner. Populus is a world class design firm, they helped design Yankee Stadium, City Field a lot of sports and other entertainment arenas. NYRA is also working with the local community and Mr. Hines said he is trying to go to as many meetings as he can. If there are any civics in this area or any PTA's that would like to hear from him, he will be happy to go out and give this same presentation. Aecom Tischman is NYRA's construction partner, and he will speak more about them later. He said The Belmont redevelopment project is a great economic redevelopment opportunity and it brings a world class facility to New York that can be a site and destination for New Yorkers whether they are upstate, downstate, and worldwide because racing is an international sport. It is a great economic redevelopment opportunity for Aqueduct Racetrack. We are using that track 4 or 5 months out of the year. It is about 110 acres of land and there are probably other things that it could be used for that are more beneficial to the community. That is a lot of land to use in a short period of time. For those who haven't been to Belmont Park, there was a huge grandstand that is 1.25 million square ft. and it would take you a long time if you wanted to walk through each level and due to dwindling crowds, they will build a new grandstand 300,000 sq. ft. (1/3 of the size) and will open 15 acres of greenspace that they plan to maintain where the western end of the grandstand would have been. It will seat approximately 9,000 but they do plan to accommodate the typical kind of 50,000 guest attendance that they had during Belmont Stakes in the past.

Brina Ciaramella arrived at 7:13 pm.

Mr. Hines stated that they are calling it "putting the park back in Belmont Park". It's such a large property and they feel it is important to put more greenspace on it. They are trying to create a venue not only for horse racing but where people might want to come out and sit at a picnic table and enjoy the green space to see the horses and enjoy the day even if they are not gambling. They will create 3,500 local union jobs during the construction phase which brings in tax revenue and then in the long term they expect to create 500 - 600 new full-time jobs as well as up the annual tax base which offers job opportunities for young people and others locally. Before the project was announced they had made many capital improvements including new dormitories for the backstretch workers, upgrading some of the barns, creating a pedestrian tunnel and a vehicular tunnel that runs under the infield to make traffic flow easier when guests arrive. They also will have trams to take people across the property to UBS for concerts. The grandstand at Belmont

has already been taken down however, they have kept 85% of the materials such as copper, aluminum, steel, and concrete on the site. They have recycled them and will be reusing them either for landfill and some of the tracks were completely dug up, but they kept all the soil and are reusing it to rebuild the four new tracks. They are trying to stay green. The racing surface had 1 dirt track and 2 turf courses. They will be adding a 1 mile all weather synthetic turf which will be used for training throughout the year and in the winter for racing which simulates a turf course and it doesn't take the beating and the pounding that turf does every day, and when it gets cold, the turf freezes up so the synthetic turf which is safer for horses in training and racing.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public that had any questions or comments. Hearing none.

The Chairperson asked if there were any Board Members who had any questions or comments.

The Land Use Chair asked why they decided to make the grandstand 1/3 of what it is now from 1 million sq. ft to 300,00 sq. ft. He asked if they were forced to include more greenspace by Nassau County. Mr. Hines stated that they weren't forced to add more greenspace it was more of a plus. There is a lot of greenspace in Saratoga where people come out and enjoy the park for the day and they wanted to recreate some of that. They want people to come out and have a great day even if they're not racing. There will be great food amenities. Also, attendance was dwindling. For the Belmont Stakes and other race weekends they will need to accommodate 50,000 guests but daily they are looking to accommodate 2,500 to 3,000 guests so this space will accommodate them, and the entire park will accommodate the larger crowds.

S. Mohammed arrived at 7:18 pm.

An inquiry was made by a Board Member if the synthetic track will be the winter track and take the place of the winter places at Aqueduct and that will be the winter track at Belmont. The response given was yes. The Board Member also inquired if there will be night racing. The response given was no, not as of right now. They are mandated to race during the day and with the Islanders being there, they are not interested in racing at night. The Board Member asked if the backstretch area is part of the new redevelopment. The response given was yes. The 2 dormitories will house 400 of the staff. They have also made upgrades to the Rec. Hall and the perimeter fencing and the perimeter as well. He added that they wanted to think of Belmont Park as a true park framework. They are not as large as Central Park, but we are about 1/3 of the park they felt they can make it more green and more accessible to the community. They will create an area with trees and picnic space. The infield will be open to the public for racing. They are not making any new curb cuts or changes to traffic pattern or traffic flow so most guests will enter off Hempstead Tpke. or they can take the train and use the LIRR stop. The Plainview entrance in Floral Park is the entrance that they will use on major racing days. The points of access and entry will remain the same. For the first time in over 100 years the infield will be open to the public for racing. They will make up a lot of their guest attendance and can fit at least 10,000 visitors out there. It is also an opportunity to have event space for groups. There are now 6 acres of greenspace and they are trying to get to up to about 30 acres by the time construction is complete.

The Chairperson asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the public. Hearing none.

The Chairperson asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Board members.

A Board Member asked how they can accommodate 50,000 people if the grandstand holds 9,000. The response given was that the grandstand will have more suites and party spaces to put more people in. There may be multi-story temporary hospitality spaces. Once they open the infield, they will have hospitality services for 10,000 to 15,000 guests daily. The other half of the grandstand will have multi-story temporary hospitality spaces to get them to 50,000. He added that folks like to come in groups, and they like to move around placing bets instead of sitting in a row in a seat.

An inquiry was made by a Board member about if he wanted to go to Belmont Racetrack, what other mass transit options are there to get there. The response given was there is a completely new LIRR station 200 – 300 feet north and trains regularly run there. The Board member also asked about an event held there last summer that was either cricket or soccer and asked where those sports would be located. The response given was those events were held further out on Long Island and that they couldn't accommodate other sports at Belmont. The Board Member also commented on traffic and asked if traffic would increase on Hempstead Tpke. The response given was they are

creating a small number of parking spaces but in terms of creating access to the property they don't see putting another curb cut or a new entrance to the property. They are working with the civic associations there and they encourage people to take mass transit. During Belmont week there will be gridlock for 3-4 days. The guests are transient, they come for an earlier or later race. The Islander's and Value Retail will be able to use that parking garage and there will not be any events or concerts during the Belmont Stakes.

The Land Use Chair stated Mr. Hines mentioned that the demolition is completed, and he asked what the projection is for the remaining construction and the opening of the park to be completed. The response given was the demolition is completed, and they are laying the foundation and columns that will run throughout the grandstand. In 2025 the building will be erected, and NYRA is anticipating completion by September 2026.

The Chairperson again asked if there was anyone else from the public who had any further questions. Hearing none.

The Chairperson asked if there was any Board Members who had any further questions. Hearing none

The Chairperson closed the public hearing.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Hines and stated that we look forward to having him here again.

The Chairperson stated that she was going to go out of order from the regular order of business to allow Faran Sharif, rep. for Sen. Sanders to make an announcement. Faran Sharif introduced himself as a representative of Sen. James Sanders Jr. He stated that this is a special announcement, and he is making this announcement in both his personal and official capacity. He went on to comment about the late Sandee Doremus who served on Sen. Addabbo's staff. He informed all that this would be his final meeting as the representative for Sen. Sanders. He will be transitioning over to Sen. Addabbo's Office at the start of the New Year 2025. The Chairperson stated that we all wish him well in his new position. Mr. Sharif said that he is grateful for the many lessons learned here while attending CB10 meetings. The Chairperson thanked him and stated that he is welcome to come to our meetings at any time.

The Chairperson then introduced Lt. Jackson and Community Affairs Office Kaur and invited them to speak.

Lt. Jackson introduced himself and stated that overall, the 106<sup>th</sup> Pct. is down in crime. He gave a few safety tips for the holidays. He asked all to please take keys out of cars and to not leave valuables in cars. He continued that there has been an uptick with Amazon packages being stolen. He described some ways people could help prevent this. Lt. Jackson said he hopes that everyone has a happy and safe holiday.

P.O. Kaur introduced herself as the new Community Affairs Officer at the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct. She continued that she is meeting everyone slowly but surely and she hopes to continue to meet everyone and get to know everyone's name. She continued that the 106 Pct is not new to her as she has been here 5 years doing patrol, but now she is trying to show her face more and meet everyone. She warned if you live in a building be careful about who is behind you because you don't know if they live in an apartment or who you are buzzing in because they will just pick up packages at the main level where everyone leaves their mail, so please be careful. She wished everyone a happy holiday and a good night.

The Chairperson went back to the regular order of business.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of November which included:

- Letter from DOT regarding request for a speed reducer on 120 Street bet. 103 Ave. & 107 Ave. stating that they didn't meet the criteria.
- Letter from DOT regarding the request for speed reducers on 111 Street bet. 109 Ave. & 111 Ave. stating they didn't meet the criteria.

- Copy of letter sent to the Borough President Director of Community Boards about upcoming DOT work that includes a bridge in CB10.
- Letter to DOT regarding speed hum installation.
- Construction notice from NYMTC.
- Construction notice from State DOT indicating there will be a long term 2 lane closure and loss of parking on the southbound Van Wyck Expwy Service Road bet. Rkwy. Blvd. & Alwick Rd. for 3 months.
- Notification from NYMTA.
- Notification of an adult use retail dispensary license application from Gaia Operations LLC for location at 104-12 Lefferts Blvd.
- Notification of an adult use retail dispensary license application from Ragtime Newsstand & Lotto for location at 157-52 Cross Bay Blvd.
- Notification of an adult use retail dispensary license application from Gourmet Budz for location at 135-26 Cross Bay Blvd.
- E-mail received from Dr. Rubin at Jamaica Hospital asking for a letter of support to secure state funding for a comprehensive cancer program on the Jamaica Hospital campus.  
It was explained that there was a short timeframe to submit the letter and that we sent out the letter of support
- Notice from Bolden Network about a utility job that will begin on 12/11 on North Conduit Ave. bet. 130 St & 130 Place. It was stated there will be excavation and installation of PVC conduits and other wiring. They will backfill and do street and sidewalk restoration. The work will take place over a 4-week period weather permitting.
- Public Service notification about weather preparedness
- Information regarding city job opportunities from DCAS
- Letter from the Parks Dept. that they are looking for lifeguards.
- Reply from NOAA regarding the letter we sent out regarding the flood notifications where they thanked us for the letter.
- Notice from City Planning regarding Storefront Activity in NYC Neighborhoods report.
- Notification of Design Commission Meeting
- SCA 5-year capital plan proposed amendment notice
- Contract Award Public Hearing notice
- Copy of the letter that Sen. Addabbo sent out regarding illegal vendors.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer read the Report for November 2024.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT:** Shubhra Datto introduced himself and advised that on 1/7 the new Community Board applications will be open online and to reach out to the Community Board or his office. He announced there will be a tree lighting on 12/10 at 6 pm at Queens Borough Hall where they will give out toys and sweets to the children in attendance. He continued that the Borough President's Office is doing work with mental health and if anyone needs assistance the city has provided a hotline where you can call 988 to get information about counseling or medical service confidentially and free of charge.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT:** Alisa Nurmansyah announced that she will be leaving City Planning by the end of the year and stated that it was a pleasure working with the Board and that City Planning will be sending a new community liaison to cover the meetings. She continued that the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity was approved today with 31 affirmative and 20 negatives. There were significant modifications made by the Council and DCP is still in the process of understanding the full scope of the modifications. She continued that she sent a summary of the modifications to the board leadership so if anyone would like to see that, the Board Leadership can share that with the rest of the Board. She thanked everyone.

The Chairperson stated that we wish her well. She continued that she and Mr. Gellineau attended a briefing of how the modifications will play out in CD 28 hosted by Speaker Adams. She thanked Ms. Nurmansyah for sending the list of the different modifications and added that what would be helpful for the Board and probably for every Board are the maps like the zoning maps with colors showing what parts of the City of Yes will affect where so people can visualize what the impacts will be. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Nurmansyah for all the work that she did during her time representing DCP at CB10.

Mr. Gulluscio asked if the Board will send a letter to DCP asking for maps showing how City of Yes will impact CB10. The Chairperson agreed and stated that we can ask Speaker Adams to share her portion, and we will send a letter asking that these types of maps be done for every board area so all may better visualize impacts. The Chairperson thanked the Board member for making that request and stated that she will be putting that request in a letter.

Ms. Nurmansyah stated that the map request was also requested by one of the City Planning Commissioners and that is something they are taking it into consideration.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:** The District Manager stated that we have received notification that in the coming weeks National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main at the following locations: Sutter Avenue bet. 117 St & 118 St. The new gas main will be installed in the street or sidewalk and the excavation required will be backfilled each day. The entire work area will be kept clean and orderly, and attempts will be made to keep noise, dust and debris to a minimum. All or part of the gas service may have to be replaced. To complete this work, National Grid may need to gain access to the homes at the point where the service enters the building. If this is the case, the homeowner will be contacted by a National Grid Representative to make an appointment. All street and sidewalk surfaces affected by the construction will be repaved to ensure a smooth surface. Temporary asphalt pavement will be used until all National Grid work is complete and permanent restoration can be performed. We have also been notified that on the night of Tuesday, January 28, 2025, DSS-HRA-DHS will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey, a point in time survey undertaken each winter that helps the city estimate the number of New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness each winter and helps the City estimate the number of New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness on one of the coldest nights of the year. The results gathered through the survey provide the City with valuable information that helps better inform the allocation of resources to address homelessness in New York City. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> annual HOPE survey and volunteers are needed to help canvas the streets, subways and other public spaces from approximately 10 pm to 4 am on the night of January 28. Visit [nyc.gov/hope](http://nyc.gov/hope) to learn more and register.

The District Manager wished everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** The Chairperson reported that information on the following was in members' folder material:

- Information regarding the Rockaway Line Resiliency and Rehabilitation Program
- Copy of the Snow Plan from DSNY
- Winter weather planning information
- Summary of the City of Yes modifications
- City Planning Storefront Activity Report
- Emergency Planning information
- Information regarding the drought
- JFK Redevelopment Community Update
- Fellowship on Flood fellows
- Committee Reports

The Chairperson also reported that the Board's information request form had been sent to the 3 new Cannabis dispensary license applicants. She said they would be reviewed when received back at a briefing with the 2 Board Committees involved before the end of the year.

The Chairperson wished everyone a happy, healthy, holiday.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LAND USE:** The Committee Chair stated that we are still waiting documentation from City Planning and BSA for the Russo Hotel, the 92 Street project and the large project on Linden Blvd. & 79 St. He stated that we will work on these in the new year. He continued that we are also waiting for the full modifications for the City of Yes, and we will be analyzing that. He reminded everyone that after the vote happened it becomes law tomorrow. So, all the city agencies start gearing up to accept proposals. We have heard there is a group called the Queens Civic Congress, and

they are going to push forward a lawsuit and file an Article 78 against this whole text amendment however, it is not known how far that will go. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday and said he will see everyone in January and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

**EDUCATION:** The Committee Chair stated that there was a technical glitch with the NYC High School Application process, so the deadline has been extended until Monday 12/9. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**GATEWAY /JAMAICA BAY:** The Committee Chair stated that he was an Inaugural Flood Fellow with the Science and Resilience Institute, and it was interesting. He stated that he went to meetings with other people who have dealt with other types of flooding other than coastal flooding like we do, and they passed ideas around with a group of people and you get to learn how they deal with it and how they get the word out to their communities. He stated that it is really a wonderful thing and if anybody is interested, he totally recommends applying to be a part of it. The Committee Chair wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Committee Chair stated that the crime stats are in the folder. He added that this past month the precinct went out and confiscated 40 motorcycles and e-bikes and they did a good job with getting these dangerous scooters and e-bikes off the road.

**PERSONNEL:** The Committee Chair stated that he hoped that in 2025 the personnel at CB10 will increase and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

**SANITATION:** The Committee Chair announced the application for snow laborers is available at [nyc.gov/snow](https://nyc.gov/snow). He continued that the starting salary is \$18.54 hour and \$27.81 after 40 hours. To qualify you need to be 18 years old, clear to work in the US, have a social security card, 2 photos, and 2 forms of ID. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chairperson stated that the snow plan for CB10 includes equipment as follows: 13 large spreader vehicles, 3 utility haulsters, 61 trucks with plows, 6 front end loaders, 2 anti-icing vehicles, 78 plow blades, 12 v-plows, 14 skid steers, 1 ATV, and 4 SUV's.

**SUMMER YOUTH:** The Committee Chair stated that DCAS is offering an online application for civil service job positions. Those interested can go on the website and apply for any job and can print out an overview of the job description. The application is available at: <https://cityjobs.nyc.gov>. This month they are offering Traffic Enforcement jobs, School Safety jobs, case workers, eligibility specialists police communication technicians and also promotional exams for supervising Deputy Sherriff which all can be found on their website at: <https://cityjobs.nyc.gov>. She announced that DOT is also looking for deckhands for Staten Island and that for more information you can also go to: <https://cityjobsnyc.gov/stateniland>, and added that her report is in the folder.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The Committee Chair thanked the committee members who attended the Transportation Committee Meeting regarding the Woodhaven Blvd. Capital Project and briefly reported what is planned. She also reported that the committee's discussion at the meeting included the condition of CB10 regarding the traffic study for the Esquire Diner BSA application. The Board Chair clarified that DOT was not doing a study involving the diner project. That study was being done by the applicant as required. Absent DOT signing off in that study BSA won't move forward. The Committee Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Chairperson asked if there was any old business to discuss. Hearing none, the Chairperson continued introducing representatives of elected officials to speak.

The Chairperson introduced Jose Reina rep. for Congressman Meeks and invited him to speak. Mr. Reina announced that DHS is enhancing security standards for state issued ID's and will follow through with the Real ID Act which was delayed a couple of years ago due to COVID related backlog issues. Enforcement is expected by 5/7/25 to ensure that only travelers carrying a Real ID compliant identification would be accepted, approved and allowed for domestic air travel. He said to visit the DMV to become real ID compliant and avoid any hurdles when traveling domestically. He continued that the open enrollment deadline for Medicare will be on 12/7 and this will be the last day you can change your Advantage Plan or your Part D Prescription Drug Coverage. Starting in 2025 Social Security recipients

will see a 3% increase for the cost of living adjustment. If anyone has any questions, he can be reached at: 718-725-6000.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore rep. for Sen Addabbo and invited him to speak. Mr. Moore introduced himself and stated that he has flyers up front listing their upcoming events. He announced that the Senator will be sponsoring an artist's showcase on 12/15 for musicians and painters to have their artwork displayed at the Forest Hills Jewish center. The Senator is also inviting everybody to come to a holiday party on 12/17 from 3-6 pm in his office. There is also a holiday concert with Harmony for All concert at All Saints Episcopal Church. Their office is also collecting items for the New York Cares holiday coat drive, the Ozone Park Kiwanis toy drive, PS 56 Veterans toiletries drive, and a toy drive for Jamaica hospital and the Queens Chronicle. Their office is at 84-16 Jamaica Avenue or you can call them for more information.

The Chair introduced Christine Deiks, rep. from Sen. Persaud's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Deiks stated that the Senator is holding a toy giveaway from 2- 5 pm on 12/15 at her District office at 1222 E 96 Street. They are also offering free legal services on 12/16 from 10 am to 3pm. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

The Chairperson introduced Jeanette Garramone rep. from AM Pheffer-Amato's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Garramone introduced herself and stated that the Assembly member wished everyone Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy New Year. Several bills were recently passed such as A9827 which Assembly member Amato co-sponsored requiring the Public Service Commission to publish an explanation of why they are approving rate increases for gas and electric and a summary of how the proposed revenue will be spent. They now will have to tell you what the money will be used for. Another bill that was passed that Assembly member Amato worked on is A386 which was signed into law requiring all pharmaceutical and drug companies to cover pre-natal vitamins for expecting mothers. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chairperson introduced Ashley Reyes rep. from AM Anderson's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Reyes introduced herself and wished everyone a good evening and announced that the A train will stop working between the Rockaways and the city and they will have shuttlebuses. Their office is also hosting a home energy assistance program every Friday. For those interested you can call and make an appointment at 718-327-1845. They are still offering free legal service aid with NYLAG and call to schedule an appointment at 718-327-1845. She continued that they are offering in person assistance with utility companies with National Grid and PSEG and to call to schedule an appointment. Ms. Reyes wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year and said to enjoy your time with family and friends.

The Chairperson introduced Anna Sargeant rep. from AM Rajkumar's Office and invited her to speak. Ms. Sargeant introduced herself as the Chief of Staff for AM Rajkumar and announced that they did two different bird distributions before Thanksgiving. They held a turkey distribution at their office, and they had a Halal chicken distribution in Jamaica and gave out 600 birds before the holiday. They are holding a warm clothing drive and are working with the Ronald McDonald house and will be gathering items through 12/18 at their office at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chairperson introduced Brenden Jackson from Speaker Adams office and invited him to speak. Mr. Jackson introduced himself and stated that they have a South Ozone Park Coalition to identify troubled areas in the district that CB10 participates in. He added that if anyone has any area that needs attention to let him, or the CB know. He announced they are partnering with CUNY Law for attorney services on Thursdays at the South Ozone Park library. For any other attorney service give them a call at 718-206-2068 and ask for Shaffina because she is doing the attorney appointment bookings. He wished everyone a happy holiday and said he will see everyone in 2025.

The Chairperson asked Mr. Jackson to express our appreciation to the speaker for having CB10 and CB12 involved in the meeting yesterday on COY/H and that it was very productive.

The Chairperson introduced Phyllis Inzerillo rep. from CM Ariola's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Inzerillo introduced herself and stated that the Councilmember spends most of her day overseeing city agencies and state agencies of NYC and that today the City of Yes Housing Opportunity Text Amendment was voted on with 31 in the affirmative and 20 negatives. She spoke further about COY/H. Ms. Inzerillo stated that the Council Member Ariola will be supporting any legal actions to stop the City of Yes from being activated and to please stay tuned on their



website for any information regarding this. She continued that one of the concerns that she will bring back to the Council member is that City Planning is still trying to understand the modifications but the Commission voted yes and she doesn't understand how you can vote yes on something that you don't understand and she asks that they please get us an answer of how that vote happened without the understanding of the modifications so she can take that back to the Councilmember. She also announced the MTA closures due to the Rockaway Line work and said that the Councilmember has asked for extra buses, shuttles and ferry service. She commented about a zoom call today with DOE regarding special education services. She also commented on concerns regarding the Esquire Diner proposed drive thru's potential traffic impacts. She stated that CM Ariola is working with DSNY for a reasonable accommodation program for residents who are elderly or physically unable to put their garbage pail out that late to call their office and they can have you fill out a form. She is also introducing legislation to require that the City of New York give each household a garbage pail for free and we expect that to be voted in unanimously at the December 9<sup>th</sup> stated meeting. If you have already purchased a pail the legislation would require that 1 pail it would be rebated back to the person for the price of the pail. On 12/7 the Councilmember will be hosting Hero Storytime at the library with CM Adams on 12/7 at the Queens Public library on 126 Street & Rkwy. Blvd. at 11 am. There will be an FDNY educational team there as well as the Red Cross who will set up appointments to install smoke detectors in your home. There are some flyers here of some events they will be doing at their office. They are also holding a pet supply drive for cleaning supplies, pads for the dogs, sponges, paper towels, and they are collecting new board games and coats for Veterans up until 12/16. On behalf of Council member Ariola and the staff she wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown rep. from DA Katz's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown stated that he has newsletters up front on the table. He also spoke about a case the DA was working on that involved a 3 ½ year investigation of gang violence that led to an indictment of 11 alleged gang members. The defendants are charged with conspiracy, attempted murder, attempted assault, reckless endangerment and gun possession with the connection to 9 shooting incidents dating between March 21 and December 22. The defendants were apprehended and arraigned on Tuesday on a 57-count indictment. If convicted on the top count three of the defendants face a potential maximum sentence of 25 years in prison and two of the defendants face a maximum life sentence in prison. Numerous crimes charges in the indictment arose from numerous gunfights and shootings that took place in broad daylight that took place in front of innocent bystanders, 1 incident took place in a public playground another took place in Roy Wilkins Park in St. Albans. An additional shooting took place in a playground in South Jamaica and 11 guns were seized. For more information or any questions, he can be reached at 718-286-6593

The Chairperson introduced Natasha Diaz rep. CCRB and invited her to speak. Ms. Diaz introduced herself and stated that CCRB checks the NYPD for misconduct but that she is here tonight to talk about the Youth Council. She continued they are looking for youth to serve on the Youth Advisory Council for youth ages 10-18 and they hope to hear different voices and opinions. The application deadline is 12/31. They will also hold a Speak Up Speak Out summit in Harlem, but they want Queens youth to get their voices heard and they want to have a conversation with the young people about what they think the future of the NYPD and oversight should look like. For more information the application is on their website at: [www.nyc.gov/ccrboutreach](http://www.nyc.gov/ccrboutreach). She wished everyone a great holiday.

The Chairperson introduced Kevin Morris rep. Mayor's Office CAU and invited him to speak. Mr. Morris introduced himself and stated that Mayor Adams and Chancellor Ramos recently announced the expansion of the Adams administration signature initiative to set students on a path to economic security through career connected mentors. This expansion is going to be bringing a program to 135 schools across the city which will be introducing new career pathways such as HVAC and decarbonization programs as well as human and social resources. This is an attempt to allow our young people to move toward in the future into 21<sup>st</sup> century technology and job placements programs. He also announced that DSNY containerization began and they will start issuing fines by 1/1/25. He added that if containers are stolen to file a police report. He thanked everyone from coming out tonight and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

The Chairperson introduced David Tanis rep. Resorts World and invited him to speak. Mr. Tanis introduced himself and wished everyone a happy holiday. He stated earlier this week Resorts World had their tree lighting on the Resorts World property, and it is a beautiful tree. He invites everyone to come and see it and take photos with your family. He announced that Resorts World is going to do 13 days of givebacks to the community during December. They will be supporting Jamaica Hospital, the 106 Pct. Holiday toy distribution, Toys for Tots and other community initiatives

from 12/13 until Christmas. For any inquiries he can be reached at 929-244-9769. He again wished everyone a happy holiday and stated that he hopes to see everyone in the new year.

The Chairperson asked if there were any other representatives of elected officials or agencies present that would like to speak. Hearing none.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:** The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public who wishes to speak. Hearing none.

The Chair wished everyone Happy Holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karyn Petersen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Karyn Petersen  
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