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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

November 7, 2024

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** L. Amorim, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, B. Ciaramella, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, K. Edwards, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, F. Gulluscio, G. Hewitt, A. Hill, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, J. Quijano, K. Roan, G. Russo, N. Santiago, G. Singh, J. Stahl, I. Van Putten, D. Wesby

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** S. Acuqui, N. Bissoon, M. Cherenfant, R. Ciulla-Frisone, R. Hitlall, P. Kishun, B. Lall, N. Latchana, K. Ludhiana, R. Narine, P. Nostramo, A. Rajnauth, R. Ramgopal, B. Ramsundar, A. Sancler, A. Siewnarine, A. Vital, L. Walker

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; D. Schaeffer, rep., Hon. R. Persaud; J. Garramone, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer Amato; A. Sargeant, rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; W. Bao, rep., Hon. K. Anderson; A. Reyes, rep., Hon. K. Anderson; B. Jackson, rep., Hon. A. Adams; P. Inzerillo, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; S. Datto, QBPO; D. Brown, rep., Hon. M. Katz; A. Nurmansyah, DCP; A. Whitaker, DSNY Community Affairs; Lt. Gherardi, NYPD 106 Pct. Special Operations; P.O. Hoang, 106 Pct. Crime Prevention; E. Foladare, G. Anzalone, RA, & Traffic Engineer for Esquire Diner project, for Eric Palatnik, P.C.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm.

The Chairperson wished everyone a good evening and welcomed everyone to the November meeting of the Board. She stated that on Monday, we will be celebrating Veterans Day and asked that any Board member or any member of the public present who is a veteran to please stand. The membership applauded and she thanked them for their service.

The Chairperson then acknowledged David Schaeffer from State Sen. Roxanne Persaud's Office. Mr. Schaeffer said that every year Sen. Persaud has a special event where she honors the hardest-working and most committed individuals in her district, and he then said CB10 member, Nellie Santiago, was an honoree who unfortunately was not able to be at the event where they presented the awards. Mr. Schaeffer continued by presenting Ms. Santiago with a proclamation for her commitment to the community and all the good work that she does.

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

She said that it was her pleasure to nominate Nellie for the award from Sen. Persaud. She went on to explain why and mentioned some of Nellie's many community service activities over the course of the last 50 years. The Chairperson congratulated Nellie on behalf of the Board for her service to our community.

The Chairperson then opened the public hearing for the BSA application 2024-41-BZ. The application is for 105-39 Cross Bay Blvd., Ozone Park 11417, a variance request (72-21) to permit an eating and drinking establishment (Pollo Campero) with a drive through contrary to ZR §22-10 in an R4Z zoning district.



The Chairperson introduced Elyse Foladare representing the applicant and invited her to speak. She added that copies of the presentation are available up front of the table.

Ms. Foladare introduced herself and the two specialists, the architect and the traffic engineer for the project who were with her for the presentation. She stated that the location is the Esquire Diner. The diner started in 1976, but the site has been an eating and drinking establishment since 1958 so historically it has been an eating and drinking establishment. In 2002, it went for the first time to the Board of Standards and Appeals to request an extension on the pre-existing variance for a legal non-conforming eating and drinking establishment. She went on to explain the findings necessary under section 72-21 and why the owner is seeking a variance to allow Pollo Comperero to be built on the site and continue its use as a restaurant use. She explained that unfortunately, diners are really struggling. The owners will stay the same, but there will be a new tenant, Pollo Campero which is a fast-food chicken restaurant.

The traffic engineer from the Stonefield firm then proceeded to explain the study he is doing regarding the drive through and the overall traffic plan. It will have 10 car queuing. The site was designed to match what would be required if it were in a C zone. There will be landscaping all around and there will be the appropriate amount of parking. All the designing was done as if it was in a C district.

Mr. Anzalone, the project architect, then described the proposed new building as compared to what is there now. It will be a smaller building than the existing diner. It will only have seating for about 36 people so with employees the maximum capacity will be only about 46, probably much lower than what the existing facility has. It's much smaller and has less people occupying it.

The applicant's traffic engineer stated that DOT is involved in this application due to the nature of the drive thru, so they are in the process of preparing a very comprehensive traffic impact study in accordance with all of DOT's standards and specifications. The traffic study is required as DOT must sign off on the findings of that study and to say that developing this project will not have a negative impact to traffic operations in the area. That process has started, and the travel demand factors memorandum had been submitted to DOT. It projects the level of vehicle and pedestrian trips that would be generated by the Pollo Campero in the future if it becomes open and operational. Once DOT finishes their review of that memorandum there will be discussion between DOT and the applicant about DOT's feedback. Following that, the applicant's traffic impact study will continue. DOT's sign off on the findings of that study is required for approval for the project.

The traffic engineer then described the site access plan how they propose to place the curb cuts to provide 1 right in, right out access that will serve the project in the future. There will be no curb cuts on 95<sup>th</sup> Street, there will be no conflicts with the intersection of 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There will be one right in right out curb cut at the north end of the site as far as they can possibly provide it from 107<sup>th</sup> Street. A big part of the drive thru application is how much queuing space you will have on the site so that people can wait in the drive thru and that queue won't extend back to the driveway and block people entering or exiting the site or affect traffic operations along Cross Bay Blvd. They are also in the process of preparing a detailed queuing study with the NYC DOT to verify that the proposed 10 queuing spaces in the drive thru is sufficient to meet the peak demand without the queue extending back towards the driveway.

They are proposing 7 on-site parking spaces and expect that their proposed site plan would also accommodate the parking demand with no shortage of parking in the future.

D. Mitchell arrived at 7:11 pm  
I. Van Putten arrived at 7:11 pm.

Mr. Anzalone, the project's architect, added Pollo Comperero does not serve liquor, they serve grilled and fried chicken, and the employees go in at 10 am to prepare but they usually don't open until later; it's usually 9 am to 10pm so it is not a late 24-hour operation. It is a very family-oriented type of place.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak.

Sam Esposito spoke for the Ozone Park Residents Block Association in support and said the organization's concerns had been addressed by the applicant in a letter provided by them to the block association. He reiterated that his



organization supported the application and stated the Little Dolphin facility located adjacent to the site also supported it. Mr. Esposito raised a concern about street trees on the 95<sup>th</sup> Steet side. Mr. Anzalone responded about the tree issue and stated they will plant a bunch of trees on both sides. They also plan to plant a row of arborvitae on the 95<sup>th</sup> Street side along the opaque fence near the homes on 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

A. Hill arrived at 7:17 pm

R. Martinez arrived at 7:18 pm.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to speak.

A resident inquired about how long DOT will take with the decision of how many cars can be in there. Ms. Foadare responded and indicated the action will not be approved by BSA until they have DOT's approval. There is no set timeframe, but she estimated that would not happen for months. It was explained that BSA does not have a formal clock where action must be taken by a certain date like a ULURP action does. When BSA's process is complete that is when it will act on the application.

The Chairperson again asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to speak. Barbara McNamara, co-President of the Howard Beach Civic Association, stated that while the establishment is not in their civic area they have been contacted by a couple of their members, who are concerned about the traffic they think this will cause and while she appreciates the applicant's representatives being here tonight, she said she thinks it is premature if the DOT study being done is not completed.

The Chairperson again asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to speak. Hearing none. The Chairperson closed the public hearing.

The Chairperson asked if there any Board Members who had questions. Hearing none, the Chairperson turned the meeting over to the Land Use Committee Chairperson to give the committee's report.

The Land Use Chair thanked the Chairperson and wished everyone a good evening. He informed all the Land Use Committee met on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and heard the presentation. Following the presentation to the committee, it then discussed several issues, including the site plan, the parking, the queuing, and about 5 or 6 other different issues. Lighting and landscaping were among them. The applicant's architect explained to the committee how lighting will focus inward, and the types of plantings planned. The back area of the site facing 95<sup>th</sup> Street is going to be nicely planted. There will be no access from the site onto 95 St. The drive thru paving area will be set back away from that fence and where the fence is near the property line there will be a strip there that's going to be planted. The Committee Chairperson explained to the members that when anyone files for new buildings they are required to do tree plantings. He explained how that is done. He reported that the committee also discussed the possibility of opening onto 95<sup>th</sup> Street sometime in the future. He indicated the committee wanted a prohibition of any opening to be carried out thru the ownership of the property so if, in fact, something should happen to this business and someone else comes in in the future, they would also be prohibited from doing it. The Land Use Chairperson said the Committee had a lot of questions regarding the DOT study. He then went on to state the Committee's recommendation is that the Board approve this application with conditions. He stated that the main condition is that BSA take no action to approve without DOT's sign-off of approval for the traffic plan that will result from the traffic study submitted to DOT and that CB10 reserves the right to provide further comment to BSA when DOT has completed its review of the plan. The other conditions relate to the lighting facing inward, appropriate landscaping, and that there be a prohibition, to run with the land, against any opening from the site to 95<sup>th</sup> St. now or in the future.

S. Pace arrived at 7:25 pm.

The Chairperson stated that the Land Use Chair has put forth the motion of the Committee's recommendation. She also stated that the letter referenced by Mr. Esposito in his testimony during the public hearing had been received by the Board and was in tonight's correspondence. It addresses the issues raised by the Land Use Committee at its meeting. The Chairperson reiterated that the motion before the Board is a motion to approve with the conditions as the Land Use Chair has described. Those conditions will be attached to our recommendation in writing to the BSA. The Chairperson asked if all the Board members understood the motion and then proceeded with voting. The vote on the motion was:



In favor (29)

L. Amorim, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, B. Ciaramella, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, F. Gulluscio, G. Hewitt, A. Hill, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, J. Quijano, G. Russo, N. Santiago, G. Singh, J. Stahl, I. Van Putten, D. Wesby

Opposed (2)

K. Edwards, K. Roan

Abstaining (0)

The motion carried, 29-2-0.

The Chair then resumed the regular order of business and said that the guest speaker, Deputy Commissioner Laurian Farrell from DEP was not present. The Chair informed all that copies of Dep. Commissioner Farrell's planned presentation are available to them up front.

The Chairperson then introduced Lt. Gherardi and P.O. Hoang from the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct and invited them to speak. Lt. Gherardi introduced himself and wished everyone a good evening. He stated, year to date crime in the precinct is down 1.9% as of last Sunday. Stolen vehicles and felonious assaults that are domestic violence related are still driving crime in the precinct. He stated that if anyone needs to talk or to get domestic violence resources, they have 6 Domestic Violence Officers and 1 Sgt. just for Domestic Violence, and the only time they are not in the building is between 2 and 5 am. He stated they can meet with a victim at their residence, at their work, a diner or anywhere they feel comfortable meeting them. He continued that stolen vehicles are still a problem, and he reminded everyone to lock their vehicles because individuals are still going around and pulling car door handles to get into a car then using a screwdriver or an RFID reader to start it. He suggested getting an Apple Air Tag and stated that there are some companies that track vehicles for a fee. As an example, he added that Chevy OnStar can shut off a car and notify police of the location. He also said people can use an Air Tag or a Ring Tile which works off a Bluetooth signal to track a car. He also warned that during the holiday season there is more package theft and suggested using a UPS drop box where you can put in a code and your package is there instead of having porch pirates steal your merchandise.

P.O. Hoang introduced himself as the Crime Prevention Officer at the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct and announced they are having a Breaking Bread event on Saturday which was by invite only from the city. They will also host a turkey giveaway at the Calvary Church and anyone in need to call Community Affairs and they will escort the family member to pick up the turkey. He also warned of scams where you may receive a link from Amazon, UPS or FedEx in your text messages stating that your package was rerouted and said not to open the link if you don't normally get these text messages because you will be giving away all your information. He also suggested using an RFID blocker wallet for your credit card or an RFID bag and car keys which blocks the signal from transmitting from your car keys to prevent individuals from using technology to mimic the signal and turn on your car without the key.

Lt. Gherardi also announced that 7 new officers from the Police Academy were assigned to the 106 Pct. and they will be out on the street as of tomorrow night. They must get field training for 7 months and they will be standing footposts. He wished everyone a good night and a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

The Chairperson then introduced Antonio Whitaker from DSNY and invited him to speak. Mr. Whitaker introduced himself as the Assistant Director of the Bureau of Community Affairs at DSNY and said that he had two brief announcements. The first announcement is that fines for commercial cleanliness have been increased. If there is a business in CB 10 that is not containerizing trash or cleaning the sidewalk and there are unclean conditions in front of their establishment, the fines for those conditions have increased. The first violation fine is \$50, the second violation fine increases from \$100 – \$300 and the third or subsequent violation fines increases from \$300 – \$500 to try to deter that behavior. He asked that if there are any businesses with an unclean condition to report it to 311, your local elected officials or the Community Board. DSNY will be notified to send their Enforcement Unit to go out to do an assessment and they will summons that business if necessary. He also announced that next Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> all residences in NYC that are single family homes, 2 family homes, and those with 9 or less units will be required to containerize their trash in containers with a secure lid that can't be bigger than 55 gallons. He stated that you can use any container that you are using now if it is not bigger than 55 gallons and has a secure lid. Homeowners received a



flyer with the picture of the new official NYC bin on it that can be purchased on their preferred vendor website. He added that if you haven't purchased one, yet it is fine because you are not required to start using the new city bin until June 2026; but starting November 12<sup>th</sup> trash needs to be in a container 55 gallons or less with a secure lid. People don't need to containerize recyclables, which may still be put out in clear plastic bags. People may go to [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc) to purchase bins. They also offer the blue, green recycling bins and the brown composting bins for purchase but people don't have to use the blue or green recycling bins. Only the trash bin is required to be used. He stated that yard waste such as leaves, grass and flowers should be put in a compost bin, clear bags or brown paper bags. He continued that the Department is mailing 500 bags to the Community Board in the next few weeks so residents can pick up brown bags if needed when the Board receives them. He continued that any type of garbage that must be sent to the dump and food waste must be containerized but everything else can be put out in plastic bags. He also stated that bulk pick up day is the collection day recyclables are not picked up and is usually the first pick up day of the week and that 6 large items can be put out but people can't put boilers, heaters and certain types of appliances that contain chlorofluorocarbons and for these they have to be disposed of at a special waste site at College Point on Saturdays and every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday from 10 am-4 pm. He also stated that wood to be disposed of must be tied with twine and put out on bulk day (which is whatever day there is no recycling pick up). He reiterated that the official NYC black bin is sold at [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc) by DSNY's vendor, Otto Environmental Systems. He stated that if people order one now, they will receive it early next year. From November 12<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a warning period and if a Sanitation Supervisor notices garbage bags on the curb, he will issue a warning which looks like a summons but is not a summons. He asked that everyone please contain their trash and that if there are any questions or any special sanitation issues that are not related, he is available to speak with them at the back of the room.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Whitaker for clarifying one of the questions that we receive in the office regarding if recycling materials may still be put in bags because there has been a lot of confusion about that.

The Chairperson went back to the regular order of business.

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

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

- Letter dated November 4<sup>th</sup> addressed to the Board from Pollo Campero responding to concerns raised at the Land Use Committee meeting.
- Communication from MTA that from Friday through November 17<sup>th</sup> a substation crew will be installing mini piles on the site in Hamilton Beach by the power station on 104<sup>th</sup> Street. They will be only working weekdays and the hours of work will remain the same.
- Communication from DEP requiring water suppliers to issue annual notification letters that the water service lines are made of lead, galvanized steel or unknown material. DEP has sent out this notice to 250,000 customers citywide and property owners are not required to replace their lines, it is only a notification.
- Notification of construction at 127-16 Liberty Avenue to construct an HVAC unit to address violations.
- Notice of demolition of a garage at 117-47 Lincoln Street.
- Notification of Order to Vacate at 115-07 134 Street.
- Notification of Order to Vacate at 103-22 102 Street.
- Various OMB Notices not specific to our Board area.
- Notice of solicitation from the Parks Dept. regarding Request for Bids
- Notification of RFP for specialty items from Mobile Units at various parks.
- Notice of Comment period from Metropolitan Transportation Council
- Copy of the Franchise Concession and Review Hearings
- NYC Dept. of Aging's Annual Plan Summary 2024 -2025
- Calendar for Contract Awards 11/14/24
- Calendar for Contract Awards 10/24 /24
- National Grid Notice
- Notice from NYCDDC regarding the commencement of construction of ped ramps.



- Correspondence was sent from our Board to the City Council Zoning and Franchise Committee regarding our position to the City Council on the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity
- Notice from DCP of items that may be certified soon.

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

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT:** Shubhra Datto introduced himself and advised that the new applications for next year's Community Board appointments will be going out at the end of December into early January. He announced Veterans from Queens will be honored on 11/14 at 6 pm at Queens Borough Hall and there will be a tree lighting on 12/10 at 6 pm at Queens Borough Hall and if anyone has any questions to let him know.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT:** Alisa Nurmansyah said that she was sorry that she missed the last two meetings due to scheduling conflicts, but she is happy to be back and announced there are two projects likely to be certified at this Community Board soon. One is the Russo's project, and the other is the 78-08 Linden Blvd. rezoning. She wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day and a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Land Use Committee Chairperson asked if she could provide an update on the City of Yes. Ms. Nurmansyah replied that the Public Hearing for the City of Yes has occurred, and the City Council will be voting at the end of this month or in early December.

**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: Hawtree St between Bristol Avenue & Eckford Avenue. 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. The District Manager wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

- Copy of DEP Coastal Resiliency presentation
  - COIB October Newsletter
  - NYCEM winter preparedness flyer
  - Info regarding Emergency Medical technicians
  - Consumer Affairs, Public Safety, Aqueduct and Gateway Reports
- The Chair announced that the Summer Youth Employment list of jobs will be sent out of Tuesday since the Committee Chair was ill and it was not received in time to include so it will be sent out next week.
- Information from the Jewel Street Meeting that was held last week.
- It was stated that this is an ongoing joint Brooklyn/Queens project and that the Sewers Chairperson attended this meeting.

The Chairperson invited the Sewers Committee Chairperson to report on that Jewel Street meeting. The Sewers Committee Chairperson said that he attended it on October 30<sup>th</sup>. He explained that this project is aimed to alleviate flooding in the region. It is in the area north & south of Linden Blvd. in the vicinity of the Queens/Bklyn. border and includes Amber Street, Sapphire Street, Emerald Street, and Ruby Street. There is a five-point plan to alleviate the inhabitability and flooding issues in that area. The first point is to alleviate flooding, the second point is to create additional housing, the third point is to have a public safety initiative, the fourth point is development/redevelopment of economic activity, and the fifth point is job creation. He stated that the workshop was well attended, and members of the public had the opportunity to comment.

The Chairperson asked if anyone had any questions on Jewel Streets. Hearing none.



The Chairperson explained that it is called Jewel Street because it's the Jewel named Streets: Ruby Street, Amber Street, Sapphire Street and Emerald Street, but the location is more commonly known to us as "the hole". It is the area along the Brooklyn border, but majority of the land is on the Brooklyn side, the smaller section is on the Queens side.

The Chairperson also reported on:

- City for All Housing Plan  
It was stated that it was put out by the City Council and is about how the Council is gearing up for talks on the City of Yes and if anyone would like a copy, we can send it to you.
- Communication regarding a meeting to be held on 11/20 about Virtual Parks at Queens Borough Hall.
- Article in the newspaper regarding the City Club's call for a partial moratorium on residential development in low lying areas. The report that this article was based upon talks about issues of concern in our area and is available on The City Club's website.
- The Chair also reported a request for comment to NOAA regarding a proposal to discontinue issuance of NOAA's Coastal Flood Statements. She informed all that she had forwarded the request to R. Gendron to get his opinion about this since he is our Board's flooding expert. He developed a comment that CB10 wants to continue to receive these alert statements. The Chairperson thanked him for preparing it and read it to the members so they would be aware of the concerns raised.

Going out of order for a moment, the Chair asked the Gateway Chair, R. Gendron, if he had anything to report. The Gateway Chairperson stated that his report was in the folders. He asked if he could make a motion for the Board to adopt the comment letter, he wrote regarding Coastal Flood Statements and send it out to NOAA. The motion was seconded by A, Gellineau.

The Chairperson stated there was a motion on the floor to have the Board formally send this letter to the National Weather Service. The Chairperson asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none.

All in favor (31), 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. The motion carried.

The Chairperson announced that the letter will go out on Tuesday since Monday is a holiday.

- Flyer regarding the work on the Rockaway line that will result in a closure after January and will go on for a long time.

The Chairperson introduced Kevin Morris from CAU and invited him to speak. Mr. Morris introduced himself and wished everyone a good evening. He announced that the Mayor's Office has been running a program called Operation Padlock Protect. It is an initiative with the NYPD and the NYC Sheriff's Department to target illegal smoke shops across the city and to make sure we are shutting them down. He is happy to announce that as of today, they have closed over 1,200 smoke shops across the city and seized over \$80 million dollars of illegally sold products. He continued that the program is going well and added that they have a safe disposal site in Ohio to dispose of these products safely, so it is not affecting the community in any way. He asked to continue to let them know of illegal smoke shops.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LAND USE:** The Committee Chair wished everyone a good evening and stated that we are in a holding pattern waiting for new actions to come to us for 78-08 Linden Blvd. and the 163-01 Cross Bay Blvd. rezoning package. As soon as they are certified, we will work on them and have Land Use Committee Meetings and Public Meetings. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

**AQUEDUCT:** The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folders. He stated that he requested NYRA be invited to speak at an upcoming meeting. He added that Resorts World celebrated their 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1 week ago and we attended the celebration.



**LIBRARIES:** The Committee Chair asked everyone to support your local libraries and check their calendars for events. She added there is more info in the folders.

**PARKS:** The Committee Chair announced DPR held an official ribbon cutting ceremony at the PS 232 Playground as the reconstruction project is completed.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Committee Chair stated that the crime stats are in the folder.

**PERSONNEL:** The Committee Chair stated that he hoped that everything is status quo.

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

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore rep. for Sen Addabbo and invited him to speak. Mr. Moore introduced himself and stated that Sen. Addabbo sends his regrets for not being here due to a family emergency, but he thanks everyone for their support, and he looks forward to serving the community for the next two years. He stated that he has flyers up front regarding upcoming events and announced they are sponsoring an artist showcase on 12/15 where artists, musicians and painters can have their items displayed, and on 11/20 they will hold an interactive diabetes awareness event at Nativity Church. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Chairperson introduced Faran Sharif rep. for Sen. Sanders and invited him to speak. Mr. Sharif introduced himself and stated that the Senator expressed gratitude to the community for reelecting him by such a wide margin. He announced that on 10/17 they held an active shooter training event for clergy at the New Mount Episcopal Baptist Church where presentations were made by the NYPD and the NYS division of Homeland Security to train clergy on how to protect themselves in case of an active shooting event. In addition, so they can secure funding and increase their chances of that, there was a presentation by the office of faith and non-profit development services which taught techniques and strategies to the clergy-based community on how to properly fill out their grant applications. On Tuesday 10/29 Sen. Sanders officially inaugurated the newly renovated auditorium at the MS 53 Brian Piccolo school building in a ribbon cutting ceremony. He stated that this school building contains three schools including the MS 53 Brian Piccolo School, The Village Academy, and Success Academy of Far Rockaway. In 2021 the Senator allocated \$800,000 from his budget for this renovation. They will also hold a Veterans Day event on 11/11 at 12 pm at the Five Towns Shopping Center located at 253-01 Rockaway Blvd in Rosedale NY. The event is only for Veterans, so an RSVP is necessary. For any questions feel free to reach out to him.

The Chair introduced David Schaffer rep. from Sen. Persaud's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Schaffer introduced himself and congratulated Nellie Santiago again on her proclamation. He announced they will be holding an electronic waste recycling event at their District Office on 11/14 from 9 am to 11 am. They will also offer free legal services from NYLAG to the public and to call their office for an appointment. On 11/22 they are offering free flu and COVID vaccines at their office. It was stated that you can receive one vaccine or the other but not both. They are free and to call their office to register at 718-649-7653. He wished everyone Happy Holidays, Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving.

The Chairperson introduced Jeanette Garramone rep. from AM Pheffer-Amato's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Garramone introduced herself and stated that they would like to thank everyone for reelecting the Assemblymember. She is ready to return to the state Assembly and to continue to be our voice in Albany. She wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day and a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Chairperson introduced William Bao rep. from AM Anderson's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Bao introduced himself and wished everyone a good evening and thanked everyone for reelecting the Assemblymember for another term. The Assemblymember would like to announce salutations to the Veterans this November 11<sup>th</sup> and Happy Turkey Season. He announced that HEAP has reopened, and their office is accepting HEAP applications. For anyone who needs assistance at our office at 1931 Mott Avenue Far Rockaway, every Friday they are accepting reservations, and to call 718-327-1845 to register. He continued that in their South Ozone Park office they will host NYLAG on Fridays and to call for an appointment if needed. National Grid will also be at their Mott Avenue office and flyers are available up front. He announced that this will be his last meeting as a representative for AM Anderson



and he introduced Ashley Reyes who will now be the representative covering the meeting. He stated that he has taken a legislative role in Albany.

Ms. Reyes introduced herself and stated that she is excited to join the team and to collaborate with everyone over the coming months. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Bao for being a participant for the last couple of years and wished him well in his new position.

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 wished everyone a Happy Diwali and announced that the schools were closed for the first time last week to celebrate Diwali. She announced that on 11/23 they will be holding a turkey distribution at their office at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. from 2 pm to 4 pm. She stated that Padlock to Protect is making great strides and the Assemblymember is pushing for Priscilla's law to protect us from e-bikes, and she has also introduced a new bill to combat ghost cars so we can protect ourselves from people stealing cars and reclaiming our stolen cars more effectively and efficiently and to make sure that we are all safe.

The Chairperson introduced Brendan Jackson from Speaker Adams office and invited him to speak. Mr. Jackson introduced himself and read a statement that Speaker Adams made about the Presidential election. The Speaker has also made a statement about the local elections and about proposals 2 through 6 and how this election demonstrates the need for better safeguards to protect from inaccurate ballot language being used to undermine the local democracy. He continued that the South Ozone Park coalition met with their office to follow up on issues. He announced they are having attorney services at their office and immigration 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 Shafina - she is doing the attorney booking. If anyone has any questions, he can be emailed directly at [BJackson@council.nyc.gov](mailto:BJackson@council.nyc.gov).

The Chairperson asked Mr. Jackson to thank the speaker for the very productive meeting of the coalition one week ago.

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 sends her regards. She said the City of Yes was heard by the zoning committee of the City Council and there are discussions happening to make modifications to the plan before the final full plan is voted on by the City Council. The Councilmember would like to see her district removed from the plan since they all deal with major flooding and cannot handle additional developments with the current infrastructure. She mentioned that Mr. Whitaker from DSNY left out that senior and disabled constituents can call the DSNY or fill out a form that their office can provide a link, to ask for a waste set out time exemption. Ms. Inzerillo said the addresses of persons who get such an exemption will be flagged in the DSNY system and will be blocked from receiving a summons. She continued that the Councilmember is hosting a Thanksgiving meal giveaway on November 27<sup>th</sup>. People wishing to sign up for a meal may contact their office at 718-738-1083. The Councilmember will officially be welcoming Christmas along with the Ozone Tudor Civic Association on 12/1 at 4:30 pm by the Welcome to Ozone Park sign with a tree lighting and lights down Cross Bay Blvd. all through Ozone Park for the first time in many decades. They are teaming up with Speaker Adams for a hero story time and a FDNY Fire Prevention Day at the South Ozone Park library on 12/7 at 11 am. 200 sets of bed sheets collected by their office were delivered to the Borden Avenue Veterans Shelter in partnership with the FDNY. The Councilwoman has introduced a package of legislation that would prioritize veterans for housing as well as to provide vouchers for veterans to be able to get their own apartments. They will be honoring veterans, active military, and first responders on 11/24 with a concert at the Seuffert Bandshell in Forest Park from 12 pm to 4 pm. All are invited to attend. She advised that active or retired members of service should call their office to register. She stated the Councilmember is proud of Queens for the huge turnout of voters in this election and is happy to see as many people participating in the democratic process. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown rep. from DA Katz's office and invited him to speak. She asked that he express to the District Attorney our thanks for the meeting that she held with the District Managers and Chairs about Domestic Violence. It was very productive. Mr. Brown introduced himself and said that he has copies of their newsletter up front along with a flyer on how to protect yourself from squatters which includes information on contacting the DA's Housing and Worker Prevention Bureau if you have a squatter related issue. They will also be having a Veterans Day Observance event tomorrow at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Elmhurst Park. The Vietnam Veteran's Memorial was funded by the DA during her time as a City Council member and as Borough



President. It will be held at 11 am. He also reported that a woman was indicted and charged for burglary, criminal trespassing and other crimes for illegally occupying a single-family house. The defendant is accused of illegally trespassing onto someone else's property and trying to claim the home as her own. Thanks to the vigilance of nearby neighbors the DA's office was promptly alerted and the defendant has now been indicted on serious charges. The defendant was arraigned on October 17<sup>th</sup> on a five-count indictment charging her with burglary in the second degree, criminal mischief in the fourth degree, criminal trespassing in the second degree, petty larceny and criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree. The defendant was ordered to return to court on November 26<sup>th</sup>. If convicted, at the top count, she faces a potential maximum sentence of 15 year in prison. You can read the details at [queensda.org](http://queensda.org). You can read about that and other cases the DA is working on.

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

The Chair asked if there were any representatives from any other city agencies present that wished 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.

A member of the public, Diana Rosario from Ozone Park, spoke about an introduced bill 0559 which is about having the Department of Education publish an annual report on food and education in our NYC schools. She continued that Councilmember Gale Brewer is the sponsor of this bill and she asks everyone to support this bill. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Ruben Martinez spoke about 2 upcoming events honoring veterans.

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

A member of the public, Debra Haffer introduced herself. She stated that she works for Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services. They have a case management program that serves people aged 60 and older that are homebound that need home delivered meals, home care and friendly visiting. She stated that she will be at the door if anyone needs a brochure to give to their family members, friends or neighbors. It's a wonderful program and it has saved people's lives, and it keeps them in the community that they love. Since they are funded by the city there is no charge for the program. She wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

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

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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