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## Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

*this was a teleconference zoom meeting*

### Attendees

Laura Shepard, Chair  
Carlos Castell Croke  
Chhemang Lama  
Lauren Springer  
Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos

### Absentee

Benjamin Lucas  
  
Pearl Brady, Public Member  
Mariana Mogilevich, Public Member

### Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, CB2 District Manager

### Guests

Ryan Brenner - QSWAB  
Rob Basch - HPPC  
LaShaun Leslie  
Jon Orcutt

Laura Shepard, Chair of the CB2 Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Laura Shepard welcomed Bob Basch for public comment.

Rob Basch President of the Hunter's Point Park Conservancy (HPPC) is looking for CB2 support in getting an extension of a bike lane on Center Blvd. that will go down to 46<sup>th</sup> Street. The bike lane presently ends at 50<sup>th</sup> Street. The bikers would go on the sidewalk making it a hazard in a very busy area. Rob Basch suggested a letter from CB2 to DOT in support of this extension would help.

Rob Basch also mentioned that on the southern end of Hunter's Point Park the HPD development where the towers are going up, there are two remaining lots called lots D and E. Rob Basch has suggested for one of the lots to be a sports field for the schools that

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are in the neighborhood, and then be used permitting on the weekends and evenings. CB2 wrote a letter last year in support of this.

Jon Orcutt made a public comment regarding the greenway along the LIC Waterfront, on Center Blvd., it's an incomplete right of way and wanted to raise this issue to the Community Board.

Laura Shepard introduced Ryan Brenner of QSWAB.

Ryan Brenner introduced himself. He is the Chair of the Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board (QSWAB).

- QSWAB was created by the city's recycling law of 1989.
- The purpose was to bring together a diverse group to look at solid waste management issues particularly on recycling.
- QSWAB has now moved into the organics.
- QSWAB works with the Borough President, Council members and the NYC Sanitation Department.
- QSWAB will work with the public gathering information and providing information on different solid waste management issues.
- There is a SWAB board in each of the five boroughs.
- QSWAB has monthly meetings that are open to the public and are virtual. They are held the last Wednesday of the month.
- QSWAB has monthly committee meetings that open to the public.
- QSWAB will host events to educate the public and give the public opportunity to provide comment and ask questions.
- QSWAB has a you tube page for the public to read about their events. A recent event was covering the topic of What happens to NYC Organic Waste?
- QSWAB will table at events. This is an opportunity to engage with the public.
- One of QSWAB's large achievements was creating The State of Waste in Queens report in 2021.
- The report was beneficial in determining what material was being diverted too and what material going to landfills, could actually be diverted to a recycling area.
- You can sign up for an event or if you want an event publicized email [queensswab.nyc@gmail.com](mailto:queensswab.nyc@gmail.com)
- Short discussion on Bills that concern QSWAB.
- Laura Shepard, mentioned to the Environment Committee if any member would want to be the representative for CB2 at QSWAB meetings.
- Ryan Brenner's presentation can be found at this link: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1k1o4Sgw9Y49XWIzm7ugwvZMUt7i4PDYm9CqAUoYMjp0/edit?usp=sharing>

Laura Shepard and the Environment Committee had a discussion about the recent Canadian wildfires and the air quality. Laura Shepard shared with the committee an article concerning this topic. The link is: <https://fiveboro.nyc/smoke-in-the-city-recommendations-for-nyc-government-to-protect-new-yorkers-from-poor-air-quality-events/>

Laura Shepard will draft a letter to send to the Office of Emergency Management requesting better notification and coordination steps to protect people during air quality events in the future.

Laura Shepard discussed with the committee the "City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality" text amendment. This amendment was voted on at the full CB2 board meeting. There was a further discussion about parking minimums. This amendment didn't address this issue. DCP will address this issue in a future text amendment.

Laura Shepard made a motion to recommend to the Department of City Planning (DCP) that the City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality text amendment include the abolition of parking minimum in NYC. Carlos Castell Croke seconded it. All were in favor.

Laura Shepard mentioned the CB2Q Climate Action Plan. She reached out to the committee if anyone would want to work on this over the summer. First a framework has to be developed and also get great public engagement and feedback. No other community board has a climate action back.

Laura Shepard made reference to the public comments that was made earlier in the meeting mentioning the gap in the greenway along Center Blvd. She said that a letter should be sent in support to NYC Parks and NYC Transportation mentioning the gap in the greenway network. Laura Shepard made a motion to send a letter to the appropriate agencies to close the Greenway gap. Lauren Springer seconded it. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Waber