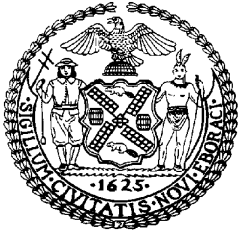


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District Manager, Marie Adam-Ovide

Minutes of Community Board 8 Meeting held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at the Hillcrest Jewish Center - 183-02 Union Turnpike.

**Attendance**

**Board Members Present**

Dilafroz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Heather Bennett-Idels, Edward Chung, Maria DeInnocentiis, Marva Dudley, Allen Eisenstein, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Wendy Gennaro, James Gallagher, Jr., Joshua Glikman, John Gebhard, Ashan Habib, Michael Hannibal, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Neeta Jain, Elke Maerz, Mary Maggio, Caitlin Marziliano, Nikolas Michael, David Mordukhaev, Dilip Nath, Alan Ong, Tammy Oshero, Paris Tobias, Frances Peterson, Israel Peskowitz, Mohammad Rahman, Jesse Rosenbaum, Aliyah Salim, Seymour Schwartz, Deepti Sharma, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Martha Taylor, Amy Tse, Steven Villaran, Mayer Waxman and Jacob Weinberg.

**Board Members Absent**

Kenneth Cohen II, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Simon Pelman, Jenna Citron Schwab, Douglas Sherman, Mohammad Tohin, and Hersh Parekh.

**Others Present**

Shubbhra Datta representing Borough President Donovan Richards, Joshua Simanowitz representing Assembly Member Samuel Berger, Adam Suionov representing Council Member James Gennaro, Scott Sieber representing Senator John Liu, Clive Dinasty representing Senator Leroy Comrie, Lya Rothmann representing Senator Toby Stavisky, Rokeya Akhter representing District Attorney Melinda Katz, Norris Johns representing NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Mo Tsang NYPD, Evelyn Li representing Congresswoman Grace Meng, DM Marie Adam-Ovide and CB8 Staff Soleil Griffin.

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Martha Taylor called the Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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**Public Participation**

My name is Maria DeInnocentiis. I am President of the Utopia Estates Civic Association. Our boundaries are 188<sup>th</sup> to Utopia Parkway and Union Turnpike to 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. We have approximately 900 families here. All are 1 or 2 family homes. Some are R2A with a C-1 overlay. Those partially commercial properties are already being bought up by developers who plan to convert them to commercial buildings. Our homeowners want to be on record as being opposed to this proposal.

Tonight, we are voting on the Housing Opportunity proposal of the City of Yes. This proposal will eliminate current zoning and create a one size fits all zoning law. Each borough is different. We have different goals and different needs. What works in Manhattan may not work in Queens. That is the beauty of contextual zoning.

Some stats: in a City of over 8 million people only 15% of the zoning is made up of single family homes. The designers of this proposal like to point to LA, California and Washington DC as examples. They have 75% and 30% single family homes and significantly less population than NYC! In 2022 the Governor tried to pass a state version and our State representatives prevented it. We need our City Council to do the same.

If the Mayor and City Planning want to change zoning then they should do it by neighborhood as we did in Queens when we contextualized our current zoning into R2A.

These changes are downplayed by the Mayor as impacting us “over time, in the future” but all you need to do is look around to see that changes are already happening.

I have lived in Fresh Meadows for 50 years. I have been civically involved for more than 45 years. Builders were never allowed to build more than 2 stories in our commercial areas. Now we have 3 stories plus being built. On 185<sup>th</sup>-186<sup>th</sup> the building is to be 5 stories with no required parking; City of Yes, rules are here before it has even passed the Council.

The pendulum is shifting and the people are tired of being told what to do and accept. If our representatives listen to the Mayor and developers over the objections of their constituents I predict they will not be re-elected. This is causing chaos and instability in the City we love. Our representatives need to do more than pay us lip service. We refuse to become a City of Tenants. They need to respect our neighborhoods and the homes we have worked so hard to afford. We demand the City Council vote a complete NO, without any compromises, on this disastrous City of Yes Housing proposal.

### **Ilya Voruch**

I came to the community board for assistance in getting a 4 way stop sign put at Surrey Place/Tudor Road and Kent Street. I have a petition with signatures agreeing that we need the stop sign. I've been trying for two years now and haven't been able to get help. I will leave the petition with the community board in hopes of getting some help from you.

### **Jose Interiano**

This is my first time attending a CB8 meeting. I am a resident of Jamaica Estates. I also came tonight with a petition (approximately 70 signatures) regarding heavy traffic, speeding, within the Estates. The speeding is on Dalny Road Between Hillside and Somerset Street. A lot of drivers use this route as a quick way to get to the Grand Central service road which gives you access to the Grand Central Parkway. In the span of eleven days from the end of May until early June resulted in 3 vehicular collisions, one being a very serious one. I would like to leave a copy of my petition with CB8, to work with DOT, in hopes of seeking some help in getting this done.

*DM Adam-Ovide – asked that everyone on the list to speak to please come to the front and line up.*

### **Ann Staheli**

I am a board member of the West Cunningham Park Civic Association. The “City of Yes” - Who benefits from it? Certainly, not us. It's the real estate developers who are going to benefit. These are the same real estate developers who don't want to build affordable housing in the city that has caused this problem. They don't want to build it because it's not profitable. They don't want to put parking anywhere. Why is the City of Yes rewarding these people with a free reign to develop wherever they want all through the city?

### **Joan Hausmann**

As many of you know, I am one of the oldest residents here. We moved here in 1965. Everything was one family homes and small. We had rezoned from R2 to R2A. Things got a little bit bigger within reason. Houses were knocked down because they were getting older, and people have built lovely homes. We are still a one family

zoned area. All along the North & South of Union Turnpike, as well as the Long Island Expressway and on 188<sup>th</sup> St. and Union Turnpike there is no parking. There are always double-parked cars in the area. When we first moved here everyone had one car. Now residents have 2 and 3 cars in the family. And if you allow building in the back of the house, it's going to cause more of a parking problem. Where are these people going to be? This is not right for one family areas in Queens. We are not in Manhattan or Brooklyn. This is Queens, this is where we live because we wanted one family homes.

### **Sherry Reisner**

Thank you, Madame Chair, and CB8 for the hard work you do in our community. I am the Vice President of the Utopia Civic Association. I want everyone to think about strategy. It's like playing Chess, you have to make a move. It's a wonderful move for now but how is it going to affect the future of the neighborhood. This is not a good move. It will be the downfall of our neighborhood. It's going to affect the infrastructure, the air above us, the pollution coming into the area. It's going to affect the congestion. They wanted to put in congestion pricing in Manhattan because it's too crowded. Now they'll have to put congestion pricing in Queens because you won't be able to move around. It's going to create flooding and over crowding in the schools. We don't have the infrastructure, the buses to make up for the parking. This is not a good plan. I stress that our representatives, especially Councilman Gennaro who voted yes to the recent City of Yes plan. I stress that he vote no on the next for the next one. Thank you to Councilwoman Lee for voting No. Thank you for listening to me. Please write to your councilmember and tell them that they represent us, not their own plan.

### **Elaine Young**

I am President of the West Cunningham Park Civic Association. We are East of Utopia Estates. That is our geographical location. We have about 1200 households in our civic. Most of them are single family homes. Our civic is 100% against the City of Yes proposal in any shape or form. We are also against the housing and economic portion of it. I thought long and hard about this. As I look around my neighborhood, my block and our civic, I think how this would change it. The property of 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue next to the school yard of PS 22 now has a big Colonial House on it. It is part of the special preservation district of Fresh Meadows. It's protected now but any rezoning with the City of Yes would eliminate that protection. That property is one acre and would be the first to go and an apartment building would be put there. That will cause more parking issues. There is no parking plan in the proposal. When driving on 73<sup>rd</sup> in the morning and afternoon, there is very bad congestion. And if you add to the density of our neighborhood, it would be much worse. There is just so many bad things in this plan. We have a lovely, quiet residential neighborhood. Our civic is 100% against this. Our councilwoman, Linda Lee has voted No on the first two parts and said she will vote on the council portion, and we hope she will vote No on that. Everyone else must vote No. Thank you for your time.

### **Elected Officials' Announcements**

#### **Rokeya Akhtar – representing District Attorney Melinda Katz**

A Corona man was charged in the rape and kidnapping for attack of a 13-year-old in Kissena Park. Christian Inga, 25, was charged with first-degree rape, two counts of kidnapping in the second degree, predatory sexual assault and other crimes for attacking two 13-year-olds who were in Kissena Park in the middle of the afternoon on June 13. He is alleged to have held them at knifepoint in a wooded area where he tied the hands of the boy and girl together, and then raped the girl. If convicted, he faces up to 25 to life in prison.

Two NYPD officers attempted to pull over a man on a motorcycle for driving down the wrong way on a one-way street without a helmet on and unregistered motorcycle in East Elmhurst. During the confrontation, Mata dismounted the motorcycle and fled the scene. After the officers caught up with him and tried to place him under arrest, Bernardo Raul Castro Mata, 19, allegedly fired at both officers, shooting one in the leg and the other in the front of his bullet-resistant vest.

If convicted of the top count, Mata faces a potential maximum sentence up to 40 years to life in prison for each charge of attempted murder in the first degree.

**Anthony Lemma Sr. – representing Assembly Member David Weprin**

We will be hosting a free composting distribution in partnership with the Department of Sanitation on July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cunningham Park from 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. Congestion pricing is on pause for now. On behalf of Assemblyman Weprin, we wish you all a happy summer.

*Chairperson Martha Taylor – No clapping! We have a rule. No clapping during the meeting.*

**Guest Speaker:**

**Assemblywoman Nily Rozic**

I passed two very important bills this past session in Albany. The first in the nation dealing with legislation for the New York Child Data Protection Act. The second bill is the SAFE For Kids Act, which focuses on the Algorithms developed by social media companies. Please visit our website at [www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/nily-rozic](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/nily-rozic) for more detailed information.

Senator John Liu and I sponsored a bill, S6409A/A6901, to extend the green roof tax abatement program in New York City. The Senator, environmental advocates and I gathered at the famed Queens Botanical Garden green roof to call on Governor Hochul to sign the bill before it expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our website at [www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/nily-rozic](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/nily-rozic) for more detailed information.

I am opposed to the City of Yes proposal!

My office is hosting a “Family Fun Day” on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Cunningham Park – 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Francis Lewis Boulevard. Please subscribe to our newsletter to find out what is going on in the community.

We will see you all at the CB8 Annual Health Fair on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Cunningham Park.

*Chairperson Martha Taylor - We appreciate your remarks very much.*

*Chairperson Martha Taylor – No clapping! We have a rule. No clapping during the meeting.*

**Henry Yam – representing Council Member James Gennaro**

Councilman Gennaro wanted to be here tonight, but he couldn't be due to the city budget still being negotiated on right down to the wire. He continues to fight for our Libraries. This is a major issue for him. The Hillcrest Library has been closed for approximately two years. Unfortunately, funding won't be restored for it to reopen this year. He is at city hall fighting for the restoration of the library. At the end of the summer, we will be voting on the City of Yes with the city council. The current plan is not what the city council will be voting on. Right now the CB's and the Borough President will be deliberating. The councilman will have an opportunity to see and evaluate all the input. He will be able to make his own observation. Afterwards the 51 members of the Council get the plan, tear it apart and put in the changes the community wants. Councilman Gennaro has not taken a position yet and has not walked away from the negotiating table.

**Shubhra Datta – representing Borough President Donovan Richards**

Our office is hosting two events this month.

- July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Corona Plaza - Community baby shower and diaper give-a-way.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Queens Borough Hall – Colombian Heritage Celebration.

The Borough President's supportive stance on the City of Yes as it relates to the housing portion of the plan is that the city is currently facing a housing and homelessness crisis, and the only way out of this these crises is to build. The City of Yes plan, he believes, would allow us to do just that, and grow our affordable housing stock in a way that is sensible and not dramatically out of character for communities. He is also a major supporter of legalizing ADUs (basement apartments) and bringing them into compliance, which was brought to the forefront after a dozen Queens

residents drowned in their apartments during Ida in 2021. However, he disagrees with the segment of the plan that would allow for garage conversions.

*Chairperson Martha Taylor led the salute to the flag.*

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*Chairperson Martha Taylor called for a motion to approve the minutes.*

**Approval of Minutes:** Harbachan Singh. made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, May 8, 2024, seconded by Michael Hannibal.

*Chairperson Taylor requested a roll call of those in favor of approving the minutes.*

**41 Yes**

**0 No**

**0 Abstentions**

**Members:** Dilafroz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Heather Bennett-Idels, Edward Chung, Maria DeInnocentiis, Marva Dudley, Allen Eisenstein, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, James Gallagher, Jr., Joshua Glikman, John Gebhard, Wendy Gennaro, Michael Hannibal, Mohammed “Delwar: Islam, Ashan Habib, Neeta Jain, Mary Maggio, Elke Maerz, Nikolas Michael, Caitlin Marziliano, David Mordukhaev, Dilip Nath, Alan Ong, Tammy Oshero, Tobias Paris, Frances Peterson, Israel Peskowitz, Mohammad Rahman, Jesse Rosenbaum, Aliyah Salim, Seymour Schwartz, Deepti Sharma, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Martha Taylor, Mayer Waxman, Amy Tse, Steven Villaran, and Jacob Weinberg.

*Chairperson Martha Taylor asked if anyone has anything to say about the minutes – any objections, additions or corrections?*

The motion passed unanimously.

*Chairperson Martha Taylor asked for Roll Call.*

*A quorum was present.*

**Chairperson’s Report**

As a reminder, there is no heckling and/or clapping allowed during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Community Board 8 Members are not to respond to members of the public following their public address.

Several CB8 Members did not turn in their Committee Selection Forms by the deadline in May. Some were kept on the same committees they served on last year and others have been reassigned to ensure that all committees have enough members. The district manager emailed you a copy today. If you need a hard copy, please let her know.

Our office received a telephone call from Lucille Songhai of the MTA informing us that the elevator construction for the Parsons Boulevard on the F line and the Briarwood station elevator have been put on hold. They will no longer start construction this fall due to Governor Hochul’s decision to halt Congestion pricing.

Regrettably, the employee that we hired for the Community Service Aide position had to resign due to a family emergency. We wish her well and our search continues to complete our team.

Bhitihara had a Parks Committee Meeting last week. I invite her to give a very brief report.

**Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, Parks Committee Chair** - On Monday, June 17, the Community Board 8 Parks Committee met with Anthony Sama, Administrator of Flushing Meadow Corona Park and the design team under James Mituzas and others for a presentation called Destination Greenways and the FMCP Meadow Lake Creek

Connections to the Greenways.

Destination Greenways connects FMCP, Kissena, Cunningham and Alley Pond Parks via walkways and bike trails through each park. Some parts exist and other segments will be new.

The segment under review is located near Meadow Lake Promenade and Meridian Road and was designed by Quennell Rothschild and Partners with mayoral funding of \$3.9M established in FY 2023. The project size is 7 acres and the total length of the Greenways is 13 miles.

The design team and associates held numerous in person meetings, pop-up events and Zoom meetings to connect with over 500 people in local communities to set the priorities for the Greenway.

Safety with protected bike lanes, slower traffic and separate pedestrian paths with connectivity to other parks, drainage and way finding were the top priorities.

The need to deal with flooding, drainage and related plantings was addressed. Bike repair stations and lighting along the way are a priority in the plans.

A tremendous amount of work went into this 7-acre project and the plans show the way for continued improvements along the Greenway. This is a boon to all the communities adjacent to these parks.

The members of the Parks Committee approved this plan and concurred with sending a letter of support to the Parks Department about this segment of the Queens Greenways.

*Chairperson Martha Taylor asked for a yes or no vote on the letter of support for the Destination Greenway Plan.*

*It was unanimously voted Yes.*

*Chairperson Martha Taylor signed off on the letter of support for the Destination Greenways and the FMCP Meadow Lake Creek Connections to the Greenways. The letter will go to the Parks Commissioner, Jackie Langsam.*

*DM Adam-Ovide will email all members a copy of the letter.*

### **District Manager's Report**

#### **Department of Design and Construction (DDC)**

DDC Project I.D: SEQ200558 – They are currently working on the sidewalks and curbs in Jamaica Estates a few weeks ago. They completed the sanitary and storm sewer installations. They are in the final stage of the water main installation on Hillside Avenue and Wexford Terrace. This will be followed by roadway restoration.

#### **Fire Department** [FDNY]

Lithium batteries are still a problem. With new federal rules, they hope to alleviate the issues.

#### **Police Department** [NYPD]

Burglaries and grand larceny auto are down. Felony assaults are up 64%. This happens during the after-school hours. When asked what is being done, we were informed that they stepped up enforcement, especially in areas near the schools. Grand larceny and robberies are flat.

They are working with the Sheriff to address the illegal vending of cannabis. They are requesting that we share known locations with them (in addition to filing complaints with OCM).

**Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**

The top complaints for our district are:

Air: smoke, vehicle, etc.	39
Hydrant leaking	27
Hydrant knocked over	25
Sewer Backup	23
Hydrant running	16
Leak	16

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOH & MH)**

They will send us information on mental health and Monkey Pox to share with our residents via email.

**Aging NYC**

They received 5,000 service need assessment surveys. They exceeded their goal of 3,000. The more surveys they receive, the better they will be able to address the needs of the aging population.

**NYC Commission on Human Rights (NYCCHR)**

The deadline to apply for the Youth for Equity and Solidarity Council is June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is for youth 14 to 18 years old who want to work to help human rights. Here is the link for more information:

[https://www.nyc.gov/site/cchr/community/youth\\_for\\_equity\\_and\\_solidarity.page](https://www.nyc.gov/site/cchr/community/youth_for_equity_and_solidarity.page)

**Department of Health & Mental Hygiene**

We were informed that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene monitors mosquito populations and applies pesticides during the summer to reduce the number of mosquitoes and lessens the risk of mosquito-borne diseases, such as West Nile virus. Residents can register to receive direct alerts about spray events by phone call, email, or text messaging through Notify NYC. Residents can sign up for Notify NYC, residents can download the Notify NYC Phone App, call 311, or visit the Notify NYC web page. Additionally, residents can also follow DOHMH’s social media account at @NYCHealthy on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

**Health Fair**

Most of the city agencies will be represented at our health fair. The elected officials will be participating as well. Everyone is welcome to attend our health fair this Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Cunningham Park – 196<sup>th</sup> Place and Union Turnpike.



*Happy Birthday to Board Members Alan Ong, John Gebhard, Elke Maerz and Mohammed Tohin*

*Marie Adam-Ovide*

**Health Minutes with Dr. Stern**

Men’s Health Month is observed each June to remind everyone of the health issues faced by men and boys, raise awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. Did you know that men, on average, die almost five years earlier than women. Part of the reason is that men are more reluctant to go to the doctor!

These are some of the tests and screenings that men should know about:

- Blood pressure testing
- Colorectal Cancer screening
- Cholesterol screening
- Dental exams
- Diabetes mellitus, type2 screening
- Eye exams
- Lung Cancer screening for current and former smokers
- Bone density testing – yes men can become osteoporotic, although it is not as common as among women.
- Prostate exams
- Skin Cancer Screening
- Testicular exams

It's important for men and those who care about them, to brush up on health facts and get regular checkups. Remember to listen to your bodies! Even if you don't feel sick, it is important to schedule annual exams. Not only will you live longer, but you'll also enhance your quality of life.

*Chairperson Martha Taylor – We have the document here that reflects what was discussed at our June 20<sup>th</sup> zoning committee meeting. Our new chairperson, Haresh Parekh, did a wonderful job chairing that meeting. Unfortunately, he won't be here tonight.*

### **Public Hearing**

**Presentation by Scott Solomon, Senior Borough Planner, Department of City Planning** (*hard copies were distributed to all members and extra copies left for the public*)

The NYC Department of City Planning is proposing a citywide zoning text amendment to the New York City Zoning Resolution (ZR) to enable more housing and wider variety of housing types in all neighborhoods citywide, from the lowest density to the highest, to address the housing shortage and high cost of housing in New York City.

### **Key goals to take away from the presentation:**

- Provide New Yorkers with more housing options and more housing types
- Reduce pressure on gentrifying areas
- Build more housing and affordable housing in high-demand area
- Provide flexibility for single and two-family homeowners
- Boost New York City's economy by creating new jobs and easing housing costs
- Create more climate-friendly, transit-adjacent housing

*Scott Solomon went through the presentation and those in attendance followed along.*

*Chairperson Martha Taylor – stated that we've heard all of this before.*

### **Scott Solomon**

I've never been here before. This is my first time presenting here. These proposals to CB's are not rubber stamped. There are comments and modifications made after every presentation. If you want me to stop, I will.

*Chairperson Martha Taylor – Yes, please stop and take questions.*

### **Questions/Comments:**

### **Heather Bennett-Idels**

I was in a private meeting at the mayor's office and heard the same presentation. Yes, there is a housing crisis. Unfortunately, the mayor and governor are trying to cover up some bad policy decisions. New York being a



sanctuary city is a bad policy. Now we have tons and tons of migrants here. There are vacant office buildings in Manhattan, use them for housing, do something else. Don't take away from our community the quaintness of Kew Gardens Hills. I was born here; I've lived here my entire life. My parents live here and my grandparents came here from worn torn Europe. Don't take our community from us. We will fight this. This is going to be an entire disaster. I say NO to the "City of Yes".

**Scott Solomon**

I hear your concerns and understand. I am just here to present the proposal to you to see if there is an appetite for it or not.

**Chairperson Martha Taylor**

I'm looking at Transit-oriented development. Your plan is to build 5 story buildings within ½ mile of the subway and rail stations. They will be located on wide streets such as Midland Parkway, Edgerton Boulevard and many others. It is absurd won't work. If this plan is passed, this is exactly what will happen. And don't tell me it won't! This plan is a bad idea.

**Scott Solomon**

I'm not saying it won't happen. You can look at the design and see that not all areas with wide streets will be affected. It says within a certain radius.

**Chairperson Martha Taylor**

One developer bought five large houses, at exorbitant prices, because the owners just couldn't say no. They ended up building St. John's University. The community didn't believe it would happen, but I told them it would. This is going to happen all over the place, and I don't think anyone here wants to hear it. I don't.

**Scott Solomon**

This is under the existing zoning?

**Chairperson Martha Taylor**

Yes, under the existing zoning. We asked those people to apply to change the zoning. As far as I can see, there won't be too much zoning left. I say NO to the "City of Yes".

**Kevin Forrestal**

Basically, this plan is designed to redo the entire zoning. To build on a bad foundation is not a good idea. There are so many things in this plan that people are not aware of and that's intentional. This plan is fundamentally going to fail. I encourage every civic group in New York to reject this plan. I say NO, NO, NO!

**Scott Solomon**

Since 1961, there have been many adjustments/changes in zoning. There are 8.1 million different households. More people require more housing.

**Chairperson Martha Taylor**

Many sections of Community Board 8 are where the population is not shrinking but growing. Families are expanding.

**Scott Solomon**

Between 2010-2013, the population has grown about 17K.

**Nicholas Michael**

I am very concerned about building on the current infrastructure.

**Scott Solomon**

He referred to the slide showing the background information of the city agencies that are engaged in the plan i.e. DOT, DEP, DOB.

**Jesse Rosenbaum**

Are you providing affordable housing and how are they being controlled?

**Scott Solomon**

Yes, a percentage will be market rate, income based and a lottery system.

**Chairperson Martha Taylor**

Scott, we don't want to hear any more of those statistics.

**Scott Solomon**

I was trying to answer his question.

**Chairperson Martha Taylor**

Jesse, was your question answered?

**Jesse Rosenbaum**

Yes.

**Mary Maggio**

We've closed how many hospitals in Queens? People I've spoken to moved out of Manhattan and Brooklyn to come to Queens because they couldn't afford Long Island. Queens had the suburban look and that is what we want to maintain.

**Scott Solomon**

City of Yes didn't plan for hospital cuts. It didn't trigger the closings. At the time, closing hospitals was city wide.

**Marie DeInnocentiis**

You have city centers and Union Turnpike is a city center. You already have a 5-story building going up on one block – no parking? How is that listening to the community? When the community says you want people not to park in my driveway.

**Scott Solomon**

We have one mandate for all. One size fit all. There will be ample parking on the wide streets.

**Howard Fried**

This plan is market rate. It is not affordable housing; select special housing it is market rate. Your plan is to put housing all over the city but where is the real plan, there is none. This yes plan, between various agencies: DEP, Con Ed, Sanitation, etc., are they all built in as a part of the coordination dealing with infrastructure?

**Scott Solomon**

Yes. The agencies need to be involved because the infrastructure is dealing with sewage and electricity, flooding etc.

**Chairperson Martha Taylor** – all this business with no parking and ½ mile to a subway station tells me the people with disabilities are screwed.

Heather Bennett-Idels made the motion to approve the City of Yes proposal and Maria DeInnocentiis seconded the motion.

*DM Adam-Ovide – Three board members voted NO before they left. They are - Dilafroz Ahmed, Joshua Glikman and Jacob Weinberg.*

0 Yes

39 No

1 Abstention (for cause)

**The motion failed.**

**Members who voted yes: none**

**Members who voted no:** Dilafroz Ahmed, Saaif Alam, Heather Bennett-Idels, Edward Chung, Maria DeInnocentiis, Marva Dudley, Allen Eisenstein, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, James Gallagher, Jr., John Gebhard, Wendy Gennaro, Joshua Glikman, Michael Hannibal, Ashan Habib, Neeta Jain, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Mary Maggio, Elke Maerz, Nikolas Michael, Caitlin Marziliano, David Mordukhaev, Dilip Nath, Alan Ong, Tammy Oshero, Tobias Paris, Frances Peterson, Israel Peskowitz, Mohammad Rahman, Jesse Rosenbaum, Aliyah Salim, Seymour Schwartz, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Martha Taylor, Mayer Waxman, Amy Tse, Steven Villaran, and Jacob Weinberg.

**Abstention: Nikolas Michael[for cause – works for City Planning.**

Paris Tobias made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Nettie V. Norris, CB8 Staff  
July 18, 2024*