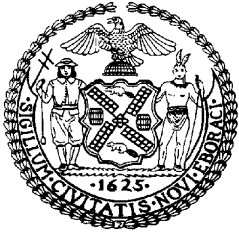


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District Manager, Marie Adam-Ovide

Minutes of Community Board 8 Meeting held on Wednesday, May 8, 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, James Gallagher, Jr., Joshua Glikman, Ashan Habib, Michael Hannibal, Neeta Jain, Mitch Lisker, Mary Maggio, Jennifer Martin, Nikolas Michael, David Mordukhaev, Dilip Nath, Alan Ong, Tammy Osheroov, Hersh Parekh, Paris Tobias, Simon Pelman, Frances Peterson, Israel Peskowitz, Mohammad Rahman, Jesse Rosenbaum, Aliyah Salim, Jenna Citron Schwab, Seymour Schwartz, Douglas Sherman, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Martha Taylor, Mohammad Tohin, Amy Tse, Steven Villaran, Mayer Waxman and Jacob Weinberg.

Board Members Absent

Kenneth Cohen II, John Gebhard, Wendy Gennaro, Elke Maerz, Mohammed “Delwar” Islam, Caitlin Marziliano and Deepti Sharma.

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

Saaif Alam

Acknowledged that the month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

James Gallagher

Last Friday New York City Water Board announced a rate increase of 8.5% starting July 1st. The Queens Public Library at Fresh Meadows has a few events coming up. Please visit the website at <https://www.queenslibrary.org> for more information.

Chairperson Martha Taylor clarified the location of the library.

Jennifer Martin – Sinai Chapel

We have a couple of events coming up.

- Wednesday, May 29th, at 6:30 p.m. – Professor/Journalist will speak on the history of Landmarks, specifically on Queens Boulevard.
- Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m. – We will have a guest speaker talking about decluttering and staying organized.

Flyers are on the table with more information. If anyone is interested in having a fun, educational hour at the chapel, please send us an email.

Eli Bursztyn, Environmental Science at Queens College

Spoke about the importance of lead poisoning, especially on college campuses, and the harm it does to the body. It causes permanent reproductive damage to the body. The college has silenced him from talking about it. He is asking if anyone can assist him with bringing awareness to this problem.

Chairperson Martha Taylor asked that anyone wanting to talk to Mr. Bursztyn can do it after the meeting.

David Kupferberg, Vice President, Bus Advocacy Passengers United

Reiterated his concerns regarding the bus re-design in Queens. 17% of riders use these local buses. The MTA Cutting out certain bus routes, will hurt riders. In particular, the Q17 & Q110 along with many other buses, must be preserved.

DM Adam-Ovide suggested Mr. Kupferberg submit his proposal to CB8, if he wishes.

Amish Doshi

He is an Attorney and CPA. He practices Commercial litigation and Bankruptcy. He is a member of the community for 25 years. He thanked CB8 and the Community for the work that's being done in the Community. He wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Elected Officials' Announcements

Clive Denasty - representing Senator Leroy Comrie

The Smoke Health Bill the senator worked on has passed. The budget also includes allowing for illegal smoke shops to be closed. To date, twenty have been shut down. There are 2200 illegal shops in the city altogether. The plan is to shut all of them down. Rolling out a plan to do multiple boroughs at once. The mayor is pushing to have this done within six months.

Chairperson Martha Taylor asked if there were any illegal smoke shops in our area.

Clive Denasty responded with a no. He hasn't seen any.

- Mobile Office will be popping up in different parts of the community soon. We will be at Wasserman's Supermarket in Kew Gardens – dates will be posted soon.
- Community Resource Fair to be held at 212-26b Jamaica Avenue on May 25th at 10:00 a.m.
- Community Health Fair will be held on May 25th at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

The resource fairs will be held to give residents the opportunity to come out and have access to representatives of the different city agencies (Department of Sanitation, Department of Transportation, Parks Department, Mental Health Professionals etc.) in case they have concerns and/or questions regarding them personally or the community.

Chairperson Martha Taylor reminded every speaker they only have 3 minutes to talk.

Norris Johns representing Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

Public Advocate Williams is holding a State of the People address on May 22, 2024 at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center at 153-10 Jamaica Avenue at 1:00 p.m. left flyers on the table.

Rokeya Akhtar – representing District Attorney Melinda Katz

No Squatting in Queens

Some of you may have seen recent news reports about a homeowner fighting to regain access to her property from an alleged squatter here in Queens. The DA wants to assure homeowners that criminal charges will be pursued when you unlawfully occupy someone else’s home. You cannot enter a home without permission, stay without consent and later claim vested rights simply because the legitimate homeowner was either unaware or was unable to remove the illegal squatter for a total of 30 days.

Property ownership is a fundamental right and the DA’s office will not allow anyone to exploit certain laws for their personal gain at the expense of legitimate property owners.

Joshua Simanowitz – representing Assembly Member Sam Berger

The assembly member in conjunction with the office of Senator Toby Stavisky will be hosting a shredding event on May 19th. Please call our office for more information. There were things we didn’t get in the budget that we wanted but we did secure funding for hate crimes and public schools.

Evelyn Li – representing Congresswoman Grace Meng

May 19th our office will be hosting a passport event (assisting people with getting a passport or renewing a passports) Congresswoman has secured funding for Life Camp. The funding will help in the expansion of their services in Queens.

Mo Tsang- NYPD

Captain Tsang announced the vigil that will be held in honor of Detective Dillard on May 14th.

Chairperson Martha Taylor led the salute to the flag.

Chairperson Martha Taylor asked for Roll Call.

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

Approval of Minutes: Michael Hannibal made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, April 10, 2024, seconded by Harbachan Singh.

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

41 Yes

0 No

0 Abstentions

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Chairperson Martha Taylor asked if anyone has anything to say about the minutes – any corrections, amendments?

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Martha Taylor - Now we're going to have our annual community board elections. Will our chair of the nominating committee, Kevin Forrestal please come and report on it.

Elections - Kevin Forrestal, Chair of Nominating Committee

This is part two of the nominations for elections. As per our by-laws, the nominations were put in place by the executive board. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were then closed.

The nominations to serve on the Community Board 8 Executive Committee are:

- Chairperson – Martha Taylor
- 1st Vice-Chair – Michael Hannibal
- 2nd Vice-Chair – Seymour Schwartz
- 3rd Vice-Chair – Mary Maggio
- Treasurer – Harbachan Singh
- Secretary – Bhitihara Fulton

At this time, I would ask for a nomination for the secretary Bhitihara. Is there a nomination from the floor for her?

Mary Maggio made the motion, seconded by Saaif Alam.

*All in favor, say aye.
The aye's have it.*

*Now that we have an elected secretary, I ask that she cast one vote for the entire slate of officers.
Bhitihara Fulton – Yes to the vote for the entire slate.*

Kevin Forrestal Congratulated the officers.

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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. If you want to talk to any member do so after the meeting.

Last month, one of our CB8 members questioned whether he was allowed to vote yes to approve the minutes of the meeting he did not attend. The answer is yes.

We have hired a new employee for the Community Service Aide position. Her name is **Monet Hicks**. She resides within the district. She will start on Monday, May 20, 2024. She will be introduced to the full Board at the June 26, 2024 meeting. I am confident she will do well. I must say we have one of the best staff at CB8. The best in the world!

I approved and signed the District Manager's Memo of Agreement at our last Executive Committee meeting. We will have our district manager serve for another year.

Congratulations to Wendy Gennaro. She has now been appointed Chair of the Human Services Committee. Congratulations to Hersh Parekh who has been appointed Chair of the Zoning Committee. Thanks to you both!

District Manager's Report

Department of Design and Construction (DDC)

DDC Project I.D.: SEQ200558 – They are finishing with the storm sewer work. Next, they will do water main work on Hillside Ave and Dalny Road. Once completed, they will start the restoration and tree plantings. They anticipate finishing the project in July, a whole year ahead of schedule. Community Construction Liaison (CCL) Gina Modoo has been keeping us abreast of the work as it proceeds. She can be reached at (917) 832-8935 or via email at etonstreetccl@gmail.com

DDC Project I.D.: HWPR21Q1 – The work has been completed for locations within CB8 under this project. They are moving to CB12.

DDC Project I.D.: RED392 – New water main is being installed on the east side of Midland Parkway between Croydon Road and Wexford Terrace. They are heading south.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Karen Ellis retired from DEP. Our other DEP contact Tommy Lin has been assigned to other boards. Our new contact person is Interim Director Andrew Sokolof-Diaz.

DEP has grants for businesses to address flooding issues. These grants can be used for the installation of backwater check valves, sump pump, etc. Business owners can visit nyc.gov/businessprep for more information.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

They have scheduled the maintenance of the center medians [*those that have grass and plantings*] within the district. This week they will be doing the Midland Parkway malls.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Speed bumps have been approved for Surrey Place between 80th Road and Midland Parkway. Left turn signals have been approved for Main Street and 73rd Road. Installation is expected within 90 days.

DOT is planning on installing daylighting at many intersections in Queens. I requested a list of locations for CB8. It will be shared with us once more information becomes available.

Our Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. The deadline to submit new items was Friday, May 3, 2024. All new requests will be reviewed at a subsequent meeting (TBD).

Department of City Planning

The City of Yes for Housing was released on April 30, 2024. The agency plans to present at both a committee meeting and a full board meeting during the months of May and/or June. A presentation and vote at the full board meeting on June 26, 2024. We are still in the process of scheduling the Zoning Committee meeting.

Mayor's Community Affairs Unit (CAU)

The mayor's office in conjunction with Workforce 1 held a job fair recently. They received over 500 applications. They are planning another event at the end of the month at Queens Borough Hall. There will be city jobs and jobs for Community Based Organizations (CBOs). There will be two new classes for NYPD, one in July and the other in October. We were also informed that the city will have Workforce Housing. This is for city employees and will be income base.

Queens Borough Cabinet

Borough President Donovan Richards had State Liquor Authority Chair Lily M. Fan at the Borough Cabinet meeting who shared invaluable information with the District Managers of Queens.

- There is a backlog with the issuance of liquor licenses since the pandemic. Applicants are filing for both temporary permits and regular licenses (each have a separate application fee).
- They SLA has no enforcement power on the temporary licenses. When they are issued, the SLA is counting on the CBs to share any issues or complaints. That can be used to prevent them from issuing regular licenses.
- The NYPD doesn't always share all the information about improper conduct with the SLA. They rely on the community members and Community Boards to alert them of issues.
- Please be specific when filing complaints (see examples below). This can be done on their website.
 - serving minors
 - serving intoxicated people
 - serving after hours
 - false statement on application
 - improper conduct.
- The Drink to Go has been extended to 5 additional years. There were very few complaints - only two in the state. One was against Door Dash that delivered drinks to a minor at home.
- There have been issues with liquor served to the outdoor restaurants/cafes. With the new DOT outdoor dining program starting in August, the SLA requires a permit from DOT and Liability Insurance before giving a permit for serving liquor outdoor. The focus should be on outdoor dining not outdoor drinking. NYC allows outdoor dining up until midnight. CBs may give a cut-off time for serving liquor (*i.e. 10 p.m. or 11:00 p.m.*), have applicant sign a stipulation.
- There are 32 SLA inspectors to service the whole NYS. We only have 6 inspectors assigned to address issues in Zone 1, which includes the 5 Boroughs of NYC, Long Island and Westchester - that is inadequate. Their budget is \$16M, which is only a 1% increase from the prior fiscal year. Several years ago, the budget used to be \$18M. They need advocacy for additional funding/staff.

Representatives from the Office of Cannabis Management also attended this meeting. They still did not have an answer to the January CB8 letter sent to their commissioner. It will be 4 months this Friday. Last year, when Ms. Pascale Bernard came to our meeting, we asked for OCM to provide a listing of locations licensed to sell Hemp/CBDs to be placed on their website. This information is now available. The permanent and temporary licenses are separate. See links below:

<https://cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/10/hemp-retail-license-list.pdf>

Happy Birthday to: Jacob Weinberg, Mitch Lisker, Edward Chung, Mary Maggio and Heather Bennett-Idels



Marie Adam-Ovide

Chairperson Martha Taylor expressed her concerns about people driving around our neighborhoods with no license plates or hidden plates. There is no way to identify the drivers of the cars. If you have a collision with them or vice versa, you will have no recourse. In addition, this means they don't have a license, no insurance and not registered. She spoke to someone in community affairs at the Department of Sanitation. If you see them, take a picture and send it to the police immediately and our CB8. We will have them towed. She is very serious about this and hope you all are as well.

Chairperson Martha Taylor asked anyone who has a question for Mr. Graziano to please write it down and give it to a board member.

Guest Speaker Paul Graziano – Urban Planner/City of Yes
Updates from last meeting: Hand outs were given out.

I want to start off by saying this proposal was rushed through. I know firsthand. I spoke with many council members and elected officials, and they all had the same sentiment.

The Economic/Financial & Commercial Zoning portion of this proposal is with the City Council now. Serious negotiations are going on. Two thirds of the community boards voted the proposal down with no conditions.

As of two weeks ago, at the state level, basements and cellar apartments for the entire New York City were on the table. It is not on the table anymore. They've created a pilot program because so many assembly members, from Queens in particular, were opposed to it.

There is one Community Board where there may be a pilot program and that would be Community Board 2 in Long Island City and Sunnyside. The other 13 boards in Queens are off the table. And that, in my opinion, is good news.

Basement and cellar apartments were key components of the accessory dwelling units which is a key portion of that proposal. The housing portion of The City of Yes was dropped last Monday.

The Department of City Planning is coming back to CB8 in June for the City of Yes Housing Opportunity. The boards will need to vote on this proposal by June 30th.

There are 15 main components expounded on. The main takeaways were:

The mayor's goal is to create 100,000 housing units in 15 years.

- 100,000 divided by 59 community boards = approximately 1700 units per board.
- Divide 1700 by 15 years = approximately 120 units per year per board.
- Their goal is to go from 52,800 units to 108,000 units. We don't have a problem with that. We are already doing that.

These are market rate rentals displacing owner occupied housing. We have been in a permanent housing crisis since 1948. This is nothing new. They want to get rid of the homeowners so they can get the land to build on. That is the entire thrust of this proposal.

A few specific goals: (see handout)

- To re-introduce buildings with ground floor commercial and two to four stories of housing above
- To build three-five story apartment buildings
- Permit accessory dwelling units such as backyard cottages, garage conversions and basement apartments.
- Allow buildings to add at least 20% more housing if the additional homes are permanent.
- Eliminate mandatory parking requirements for new buildings.
- Make it easier for underused nonresidential buildings, such as offices, to be converted into housing.
- Re-introduce housing with shared kitchens or other common facilities. Eliminate strict limits on studios and one-bedroom apartments.
- Make it easier to add new housing on large sites that have existing buildings on them and already have ample space to add more, (e.g., a church with an oversized parking lot).
- Allow narrow lots to achieve underlying Quality Housing heights in R7—R10 districts.
- Make it easier for landmarks to sell unused development rights by expanding transfer radius and simplifying procedure.

Public Hearing:

- BSA Calendar 2023-64-BZ – Block 9702 Lot 10 - AKA 144-08 87th Avenue - Application to convert an existing building within an R4-1 district containing single room occupancy (SRO) use to a five-family residential building contrary to the use requirements of ZR §22-12.

Kevin Forrestal, Executive Committee

Chairman Kevin Forrestal opened the Public Hearing.

Todd Dale - BSA – Application is being submitted for approval. He explained what the plan entails.

Questions:

CB8 Member - Are these affordable housing or Market?

Todd Dale – Market

CB8 Member - Is there parking?

Todd Dale - No

Maria DeInnocentiis – You have 12 SRO units but it's a R4 zone. Is that legal?

Todd Dale – Yes. It's grandfathered in.

CB8 Member - How long has the owner owned the building?

Todd Dale – I want to say 15-20 years.

CB8 Member - Is it available to renters as well?

Todd Dale – There are renters in there but that will fluctuate.

Chairperson Martha Taylor reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded. Please introduce yourself, speak loud and clear, take the microphone if you need to.

Jesse Rosenbaum - Will the plumbing infrastructure tolerate the changes you're looking to make?

Todd Dale – It should. This application is just for the zoning portion. In this conversion, if there are any plumbing changes, they would need a construction code. So this is just a first step. If this is granted by the BSA, they would not need to file for the altering code. They will be going from 12 units down to 5 units. Generally when you reduce the number of units, it should not affect the plumbing of the building.

Kevin Forrestal asked Sey to make a motion and then have the discussion. For the newcomers, if you make a motion, please make a positive one.

Seymour Schwartz made a motion to accept the variance request for 2023-64-BZ – Block 9702 Lot 10

Seconded by Howard Fried

Seymour Schwartz – *This home is within an R4 zone which only allows for one- and two-family homes. There is no record of authorization for the conversion of the earlier home to what is now a three-story building. What effect can we expect to have on this neighborhood on the one- and two-family nearby homes but: instability, turnover and undesirability. It creates open season on any property owner or a spectator to join in similar assault on our community. The value of our homes will shrink downward considerably. The potential negative factors of this application are self-evident and foreseeable. I, as Community Board 8 Committee Chair, and half of the residents of the Briarwood community, urge you to reject this application.*

Dilip Nath – *I am against the rejection of the application. I feel that this application is something that will help the community. For the sake of other reasons, Sey is rejecting this application. I am asking the community to vote yes on this application.*

Hersh Parekh – *Was this property ever legal as an SRO?*

Chairperson Martha Taylor stated that this property became what it is before the zoning code of 1961.

Kevin Forrestal – *We're not sure of that. There are no records with the buildings department of when it got there and how it got there. During the time repairs were being done, the building got converted from a two story to a three story. However, the applicant will legalize what was done illegally and give approval to what was done legally. Regardless, I urge everyone to vote no.*

Hersh Parekh – *We should be welcoming more families into our community. I would urge that we support this request. (echoing what Dilip said)*

Kevin forrestal – *I suggest we turn this down. Go back to BSA, have them turn it down as well. After the applicant realizes what they did, they can come back after paying fines, put things in place, legalize it and come back and make their argument stating that we want to convert legal establishments.*

CB8 member – *I am in favor of this. My concern is if you make things so tough for this owner, he can sell it and it can become a two-story building, for example.*

DM Adam-Ovide – asked that one person speak at a time as we are taking minutes.

DM Adam-Ovide took a roll call.

37 Yes

6 No

0 Abstentions

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No Votes: Edward Chung, Allen Eisenstein, Kevin Forrestal, Joshua Glikman, Seymour Schwartz and Howard A. Fried.

- BSA Calendar 179-02-BZ – Block 6831 Lot 1 - AKA 158-05 Union Turnpike – Special permit application pursuant to ZR73-243 to permit in a C1-3/R5D zoning district, a Use group 6, eating and drinking establishment (Starbucks) with an accessory drive-through facility

Martha Taylor, Chairperson

Chairperson Martha Taylor opened up the discussion on the permit request for Starbucks. Chairperson suggested a motion be made and then have a discussion. It was getting very late.

Motion made by Tobias Paris, seconded by Mary Maggio.

Maria DeInnocentiis – *At the prior KFC, you can only enter from Northbound traffic from Parsons. No left turn from Parsons into the lot. When exiting the establishment, you must make a right turn on Parsons going North.*

CB8 member – *When KFC was there, the traffic wasn't on Parsons. It was not only cars, but it was also buses causing traffic as well. Not that much of a difference.*

CB8 member - *Why not have an entrance into the property from Union Turnpike?*
Answer – It's best to have two side entrances/exits rather than have one from Union Turnpike.

Maria DeInnocentiis – *I would like to have the city put up a right turn only sign.*

Chairperson Martha Taylor – *You can have that request put in.*

Chairperson Martha Taylor – *Do we have any objections from the surrounding communities?*
DM Adam-Ovide – *No, we did not have any objections.*

BSA Representative - *There was a traffic study done based on other Starbuck location designs. DOT must sign off on it.*

Jim Gallagher – *When do you anticipate a grand opening?*
BSA Representative – *Sometime in the middle of 2025, approximately. We don't have the schedule as of yet.*

Edward Chung – *Just to comment on traffic entering on Parsons and causing congestion just as it is on 188th Street.*

Bhithara Fulton – *Why not have an entrance onto the property from Union Turnpike?*
BSA Representative – *When doing the study, we saw where it would cause major back-ups.*

Maria DeInnocentiis asked to move the question.
DM Adam-Ovide took the roll call. All in favor.

Tobias Paris made a motion.

38 Yes

0 No

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Shubbhra Datta - representing Borough President Donovan Richards

On behalf of the borough president, Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers. We have a few events coming up towards the end of the month.

- Wednesday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. - Memorial Day Observance Ceremony. The event will be held at the Veterans Memorial Garden outside of Queens Borough Hall.
 - Wednesday, May 29th at 12:00 p.m. Older Adult appreciation luncheon in the Helen Marshall Culture Center at Queens Borough Hall.
 - Thursday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m. - Asian American Pacific Heritage Month Celebration at Borough Hall.
- Please visit our website queensbp.org/rsvp to RSVP.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Nettie V. Norris, CB8 Staff
June 7, 2024*