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Chairperson, Martha Taylor

District Manager, Marie Adam-Ovide

Minutes of Community Board 8 Board Meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via [Zoom Webinar](#).

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Heather Bennett-Idels, Carolyn Brown, Edward Chung, Susan D. Cleary, Kenneth Cohen II, Solomon Davydov, Maria DeInnocentiis, Allen Eisenstein, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Paul S. Lazauskas, Elke Maerz, Mary Maggio, Jennifer Martin, David Mordukhaev, Dilip Nath, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov, Hersh Parekh, Simon Pelman, Wendy Phaff, Mohammad Rahman, Jesse Rosenbaum, Seymour Schwartz, Douglas Sherman, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Jacob Weinberg and Albert Willingham.

Board Members Absent:

Robert H. Block, Florence Fisher, Carolann Foley, Joshua Glikman, Robert Harris, Frank Magri, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Frances Peterson and Charlton Rhee.

Others Present:

Kevin Morris representing Mayor Bill de Blasio, Haris Khan representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, Susie Tanenbaum representing Acting Borough President Sharon Lee, Davinder Singh representing Honorable Council Member Barry Grodenchik, Akhar Patel representing Honorable State Senator John Liu, Anthony Lemma representing Honorable Assembly Member David Weprin, Honorable Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal, Daniel Blech representing Honorable Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal, Deputy Inspector Denis Mullaney, 107th Precinct, Muhammad Rahman representing Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, Scott Solomon, City Planning, Marie Adam-Ovide, CB8 District Manager and Jatnna Reyes, CB8 Staff Member.

Call to Order:

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

[Chairperson Taylor introduced our new Commanding Officer at the 107th Precinct, Deputy Inspector Denis Mullaney. She invited him to say a few words.](#)

Deputy Inspector (D.I) Denis Mullaney: D.I. Mullaney is happy to be with us. He is a 20-year veteran within the Department. He grew up in Queens. He is a St. John's University graduate. He is very happy to work with us and he looks forward to meeting everyone in person. He is available to everyone who needs his assistance.

Chairperson Taylor – She thanked him for being here tonight. She asked him about the event that occurred in Cunningham Park over the weekend with the large gathering. She asked him to give a report on it.

D.I Mullaney – Stated that late Saturday night into Sunday morning, the NYC Sherriff's Department received a call regarding Cunningham Park. There were about 100 individuals having a rave inside the wood at the park. They inspected the location and they confiscated alcohol, hookah and there was a DJ set up that was removed. They spoke to the Parks Department about this. Something similar happened a couple of weeks ago around Willow Lake where

individuals tried to set something up but were unsuccessful. Going forward, they will have patrol in the area monitoring and checking the woods frequently to avoid this from recurring. He doesn't think this will happen again. If anyone notices any unusual activity like this, he asked that they call 311 or reach out to him as well.

Marc Haken – Mr. Haken mentioned to D.I. Mullaney that he is the President of the Friends of Cunningham Park. He asked him what the fees are and if they are caught a second time what the consequence will be.

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – It depends when they go to court. It ranges from \$50-\$500. Sheriffs issued multiple summons, but the judge is the one that decides on it. The area will be monitored.

Susan Cleary – Ms. Cleary stated that she is an advisor for the Flushing Meadow Corona Park Conservancy. She is very interested in Willow Lake because it is right down the block from her. She is very concerned. She wants to know if there is anything he can do to help Willow Lake.

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – D.I. Mullaney stated that he has a good relationship with the Captain that covers the area for Willow Lake. He will speak to him and try to coordinate something with him.

Chairperson Taylor – Asked if the Flushing Meadow Corona Park is under the jurisdiction of the 110th Precinct.

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – Yes, it is.

Jesse Rosenbaum – to [D.I. Mullaney] – As Chairman of the Transportation Committee, I have seen more and more complaints coming in for cars that are hot rodding down the local streets (i.e. 75th Avenue, 81st Avenue, 188th Street, etc.). These are zooped up cars with heavy duty exhaust. It sounds like bullets coming out of the backfiring. Is there anything that we can do? We know we can't report it and they have to be caught in the act but is there anything we can do to try to correct the situation?

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – This is one of the concerns that I see we have here. Especially on Francis Lewis Boulevard. They will do an operation for speeding enforcement in those areas. If cars are found doing these actions, they will be confiscated. They are doing their best to address these conditions.

Do you know the general areas that are affected? Do you want us to give you a report on that?

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – 73rd Avenue, 75th Avenue and Francis Lewis Boulevard.

Maria DeInnocentiis – It is also Union Turnpike.

Mitch Lisker – Main Street.

Heather Bennet-Idels – Park Drive East is having it also. We hear it back and forth in the back of my house.

D.I. Mullaney – We will do an initiative and set up an operation to have this condition addressed. They are going to do the best they can (i.e. issue summonses, confiscate the car if warranted).

Mitch Lisker – To [D.I. Mullaney] – Thank you so much for joining us. Going back to the party [rave at Cunningham Park]. It happens to be that on Park Drive East there is a park there. Even though, it is locked at night, outside in the front area of the park there has been a lot of congregation of people around 11:00 p.m., Midnight, 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. playing music and having parties

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – Is this happening on the weekends?

Answer: [Mitch Lisker] – Yes.

Answer: [Susan Cleary] – No. All week long.

Howard Fried – To [D.I. Mullaney] – Thank you Deputy Inspector. Following up on what Jesse questioned about. The noise on these cars, it is not just the speeding, but the sound and we are having that all over the place. I remember back in the days you will be ticketed if you had worked mufflers. Do they give tickets out for that today?

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – We still do, yes.

David Murdokhaev – To [D.I. Mullaney] – I just wanted to add, that I witnessed it. It is almost as if a drag race is occurring. The route that I saw is 193rd Street turning on Union Turnpike going on Francis Lewis Boulevard

entering the Service Road of the Grand Central Parkway through the woods getting back off on 188th Street then going through P.S. 178Q and starting the route on 193rd Street.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – What time does this happen David?

Answer: [David Murdokhaev] – It was on a Friday and it was around 10:30 p.m./11:00 p.m.

Answer: [Susan Cleary] – Martha, 7:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. in Kew Gardens Hills.

Bhitihara Martha-Fulton – We have that problem over here on Jamaica Hill also. They go on 168th Street, 164th Street, Highland Avenue and the Grand Central Parkway. On top of that, we had a couple of stabbings in the area. Most recently, Friday night at Captain Tilly Park and at the MSK Deli. We need support out here.

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – Regarding the Captain Tilly Park stabbing, we are trying to speak to the complainant but they are not cooperating. It may be some type of retaliation from previous incident. We will send support out there. That is what we are here for.

Paul Lazauskas – To [D.I. Mullaney] – Welcome Deputy Inspector. I am an Associate Director for Community Relations at St. John’s University. I know there are some university officials that have probably already reached out to you. Just to let you know in our own office of community relations, we will be hosting a similar dialog meeting to this. Maybe, if Marie can share your contact information so that we can invite you.

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – Marie can send my contact information. I’ll be more than happy to attend.

Tammy Osherov – Ms. Osherov stated that she has gotten a few complaints from residents who live in the West Cunningham Park Civic Association area about parties taking place in the park. Is there going to be any extra patrol in Cunningham Park after this?

Answer: [D.I. Mullaney] – Hey Tammy, I know you came a little late with this. We have a dedicated park crew. They will be patrolling the park on the weekends to make sure things like this do not happen again.

Chairperson Taylor – Reminded Ms. Osherov that she always starts her meetings on time and doesn’t like to rehash things up. She asked that she be on time for the next meeting so that she does not miss any important information.

Answer: [Tammy Osherov] – I had technical difficulties before joining. I’m sorry.

Chairperson Taylor thanked D.I. Mullaney for attending our meeting. We are looking forward to having a great relationship with him.

Elected Officials’ Announcements:

Honorable Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal – AM Rosenthal welcomed Deputy Inspector Mullaney. He is looking forward to working with him. He informed us that Kew Gardens Hills Library is being converted into an emergency testing center for COVID-19 until November 1, 2020. It will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. everyday. Portions of his district and portions of Community Board 8 are in the yellow and red zones of hot spots for COVID. They are working hard to minimize the spread. His office has distributed over 35,000 masks. They will have several PPE distributions events. They will keep us posted.

Chairperson Taylor congratulated Assemblyman Rosenthal of the arrival of his first-born child. She wished him and his family the best.

Salute to the Flag

Chairperson Martha Taylor led the salute to the flag. She asked that everyone stand in their own way.

Approval of Minutes:

Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020 seconded by Mitch Lisker.

Count in favor: **40** Opposed: **0** Abstained: **0**

Chairperson Taylor called on Ms. Maroua Righi from the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) to say a few words. Seeing that Ms. Righi had been disconnected, she moved on with the agenda.

Chairperson’s Report – Martha Taylor:

- Community Board 8 is partnering with Borough President Sharon Lee in collecting new coats for the less fortunate. Feel free to drop-off new coats at the Community Board 8 office during business hours until November 13th.
- She and DM Adam-Ovide met with the new Deputy Inspector Denis Mullaney this morning to welcome him and discuss issues within the District. We are looking forward to a good working relationship, like we had with our previous commanding officers.
- As you know, we had had an increase in COVID-19 cases within the following zip codes within the District: 11366, 11367 and 11432. She encouraged everyone to continue wearing a mask and practice social distancing.
- Condolences to Board Member Edward Chung who lost his father due to the COVID-19. She wanted to attend the funeral but was unable to due to her son’s situation.

Elected Officials’ Announcements:

Kevin Morris representing Mayor Bill de Blasio – The Office of Mayor de Blasio is currently looking at the COVID-19 Hotspot zones in Queens, they are working very diligently with Test and Trace team to identify locations where they can put mobile testing sites. If anyone knows of any organization that has space or would like to assist in being a mobile testing site, he asked that they reach out to him to coordinate something.

Any organizations interested in doing outreach, getting masks and/or hand sanitizers, they are opening a distribution site at Townsed Harris High School. If anyone is interested or knows an organization that would like to participate, he asked that they reach out to him or DM Adam-Ovide to assist them. They are at Townsed Harris H.S., Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are trying to minimize the spread in any way possible that they can. He advised everyone to limit travel and if anyone is feeling any symptoms, to self-quarantine and get tested as soon as possible.

Susan Cleary – Ms. Cleary asked Mr. Morris about early voting at Queens College. She wanted to know what the Mayor’s Office will be doing. Mr. Morris stated, that is something that they are still exploring. He will speak with his Commissioner tomorrow morning and keep us posted.

Mitch Lisker – Mr. Lisker expressed his concern about congregations in the area. He understands that Kew Gardens Hills is on the red zone of COVID-19. There are people coming around the neighborhood making sure everyone abides by the law. He wanted to know why people are being allowed to congregate and play basketball on Park Drive East meanwhile Kew Gardens Hills is restricted for any gatherings and/or other outdoor activities. Mr. Morris stated that the enforcement about activities has been lapsed.

Answer: [Mitch Lisker] – to *Mr. Morris* – The crackdown has not been lapsed. There seems to be a little of a trend over here and it doesn’t look like it’s going towards the right areas.

Chairperson Martha Taylor – Chairperson Taylor stated that she is very upset about this COVID-19 situation. She doesn’t like seeing people saying don’t come to me go to them etc. She has a son who she almost lost due to COVID-19. He was hospitalized for a couple of weeks back in March. He recovered a little bit and now he is back at the hospital suffering from severe after effects. This virus is no joke. Everybody must appreciate the fact that this is serious. She asked that everyone pays attention and do what they must do. She wants everyone to take care of themselves, wear a mask, practice social distancing and avoid large gatherings.

She offered condolences to Board Member Edward Chung who lost his father due to the COVID-19. She wanted to attend the funeral but was unable to due to her son’s situation.

Answer: [*Edward Chung*] – Mr. Chung informed us that his mother is currently in rehab. She had a stroke. He can’t see her because of COVID-19.

Paul Lazauskas – Mr. Lazauskas stated that he would like to coordinate with Mr. Morris on having some sort of mobile testing and/or PPE distribution on campus [St. John’s University] for student’s safety. They will be in touch to coordinate something.

Heather Bennett-Idels – Ms. Bennet-Idels offered her condolences to Mr. Chung on the loss of his father. She wishes his mother a speedy recovery as well. She thanked Mr. Morris on his assistance and services offered to assist the community during the COVID-19 crisis. She stated that her organization has been giving out PPE to the neighborhood. They have given about 60,000 masks. She stated that she wanted to clarify what Mitch Lisker was saying earlier. There are rules for everyone and should be applied to everyone equally. It should be for the synagogues, schools, etc.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – I think we are all clear on that Heather. We all realized it, we all agreed on it. We are done with that. We are moving on.

Daniel Blech representing Honorable Assembly Member Rosenthal – If anyone has any questions/concerns, they can call their office at: 718-969-1508.

Akshar Patel representing Honorable State Senator John Liu – State Senator John Liu along with Assemblyman Edward Braunstein and Council Member Paul Vallone are having a Department of Finance Homeowner and Renter Benefit Presentation on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via WebEx. Anyone interested can register at: <http://bit.ly/benefits102120>.

Anthony Lemma representing Honorable Assembly Member David Weprin– Mr. Lemma stated that the office of Assembly Member Weprin is getting ready to have several giveaways on PPE for the community. Details to follow once ready. They are still working remotely. They can be reached at: 718-454-3027 [Fresh Meadows Location] and 718-805-2381 [Richmond Hill Office].

Haris Khan representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer – Mr. Khan introduced himself as the new Comptroller Liaison for Queens. He announced that NYC Comptroller Stringer released a proposal for FREE tuition at all CUNY Community Colleges and an overhaul of the New York City’s Workforce Development Strategy. It also includes a universal paid internship program for CUNY students, more career and technical education, early college high schools, expansion of certified apprenticeship, subsidized wage, bridge programs and more. Please visit: www.comptroller.nyc.gov. If anyone has any questions/concerns, he can be reached at: hkhan@comptroller.nyc.gov or (929) 512-1946. He looks forward to working with everyone.

Borough President’s Representative – Susie Tanenbaum

- Borough President Lee Census 2020 team is doing a last round of outreach activity tomorrow. There will be two shifts: from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue by the Duane Reade in Flushing and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Bus Terminal on 89th Avenue and Merrick Boulevard in Jamaica. If anyone would like to join, they will be there with the U.S. Census response representatives. They will be helping people fill out the Census. They want to make sure everyone gets counted!
- She announced to everyone that Queens now has a drive-in movie series. Borough President Lee co-sponsors this event. It takes place every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. set the parking lot at the New York Hall of Science. Everyone is socially distanced; they must be inside their cars. For more information, please visit: www.queensbp.org.
- Borough President Lee is having four upcoming virtual events:
 - 10th Job Recruitment Fair – Wednesday, October 28th from 2:00 p.m. to at 3:30 p.m. [previous events have received up to 400 attendees via zoom].
- Instructions on how to join the events can be found on the Borough President’s website at: www.queensbp.org.
- She reminded everyone of early voting. It will run from October 24th through November 1st. For more information, please visit: www.vote.nyc to find all participating locations in Queens. Queens Borough Hall is one the participating sites in Queens.
- Board Member Susan Cleary stated that Queens College is an early voting site as well.

District Manager’s Report – October 2020

Sanitation

The department sustained 63% effective cuts in service frequency. They reduced head count for the illegal dumping taskforce and lot cleaning was reduced by 30%. They eliminated the curbside e-waste which was very popular. The 9+ units e-waste is still being done. It is under state law that the manufacturers must fund these programs. They are looking to have the law expended so they can bring the same service to the rest of residential units.

Highway ramp cleaning has been eliminated. They used to have the assistance of the Job Training Participant (JTP) and Alternate to Sentence Worker (ASW) programs who use to assist with clean-up (i.e. Medians). That has also been eliminated. As stated last month, they have a reduction in litter basket service. Litter basket service associated with rat mitigation has been eliminated. On the upside, our district is faring better than most. We have five days a week pick-up for our sanitation bins which is being supplemented by two extra days a week by Councilman Rory Lancman. That is only for two thirds of the district (*west of 188th Street*). They are adequately funded to meet snow events.

The capital budget also took a hit. They are unable to replace their equipment on the regular schedule. They will have to keep them in use longer.

Department of Transportation

The agency is holding its annual Biketober events at select locations citywide. They give information, self-guided bike tours and free tune-ups. More information and a calendar of events may be found here:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/bicyclists/bike-events.shtml>

As you probably know, the Restaurants/Outdoor Dining Program has been made permanent. There are about 10,500 citywide, 2,200 in Queens and there are 57 restaurants participating in the program within Community Board 8.

Parks

They were unable to hire seasonal help due to the deep cuts sustained to their budgets. They won't be able to hire seasonal employees in the spring next year either. The parks have seen an increase in use due to Covid-19; unfortunately, they do not have the manpower.

There is usually \$3.5 M allocated for tree pruning. This year only \$500,000 have been allocated. There was no funding allocated for tree stump removal. There are some discussions between Parks, Department of Transportation and Department of Design and Construction to identify funds to address the trees that fell and sidewalks that were lifted by the storm. They might be able to use some FEMA dollars.

Department of City Planning

As you know, following Hurricane Sandy in 2012, the City adopted the *Flood Resiliency Zoning Text Amendment*. This made it possible to retrofit and build houses to withstand future flooding events. The DCP will have a new proposal that will go into public review in a few weeks - *Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency*. The agency will be in contact with us to schedule a date to present the proposal. I will keep you posted.



to **Susan Cleary** and **Howard Fried** who are celebrating their birthdays this month. ...and to Susie Tanenbaum.

Marie Adam-Ovide

The order of the agenda was changed. Chairperson Taylor asked Dr. Penny Stern to give her report.

Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair:

- Dr. Stern spoke about the Flu Vaccine and the importance of getting it this year more than ever. Some of the evidence they are accumulating suggest that because people are wearing masks and practicing social distancing to some extent as well as doing more handwashing, the flu this season may turn out to be relatively mild. This is just a guess based on what has been going on the southern hemisphere.

- They are advising everyone starting from 6 months of age and older to get a flu shot. She reminded everyone that it takes about two weeks for the vaccine’s protective effect to manifest. She suggests that everyone gets the flu shot before the end of October.
- She stated that many people have asked her about how one can tell the difference between the Flu and the COVID-19. Anyone who’s ever had the flu can tell you that the flu feels entirely different than a cold. The flu involves achiness, coughing, sore throat, fever, sinus congestion and a general level of misery that the common cold can’t match. For children, especially the little ones, the flu can also involve the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. They can experience diarrhea, vomiting. Ear infections are also common.
- Older adults may also suffer one of the most feared problems associated with the flu and that is pneumonia. This condition is characterized by shortness of breath and chest discomfort.
- COVID-19: The problem identifying COVID-19 is that it can have so many symptoms remarkably like the flu. This virus is manifested by high fever, extreme tiredness, a non-productive cough, chills etc. A key symptom that has been associated with COVID-19 which is a peculiar one is the loss of smell. It has affected a high percentage of symptomatic people.
- Another odd symptom that has been noted among COVID-19 patients is **COVID Toes**. This is described as purplish/reddish toes. It is like what you see on people who have been exposed repeatedly to the cold. As you know many people can be ill with the virus and not know until they need to seek emergency care at the hospital. If you are experiencing breathing difficulties of any kind don’t wait to see what happens. From a respiratory and/or cardiac standpoint, be on the side of safety. If you have chest pain or chest pressure, seek medical help as soon as possible. If you notice or somebody notices on you, a kind of bluish color around the lips that can indicate hypoxemia which is when you have a lack of oxygen.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. There are a lot of activities occurring this month (most of them virtually) to raise awareness of this condition impacting about 1 in 8 U.S. women. This condition may also affect men to a smaller extent. She encouraged everyone to get screened for this with a mammography to lower breast cancer rates.
- Mr. Rosenbaum informed Dr. Stern that he got the flu shot today. He understands that there are two versions. They did not have the stronger version, but he was told that since he is a senior, the one he received today should be adequate. Dr. Stern stated that there are many versions of the flu vaccine. The over age 65 flu situation. If you get any kind of flu vaccine, you are ahead of the game. Any flu vaccine is good. It is predicted that we have a twindemic (the Flu and continuance of COVID-19). We lose thousands as of people every year due to the flu. Last year, we lost over 19,000 who died due to flu.
- She also endorses the pneumonia and shingles shots. Shingles is the re-activation of the same virus that causes chicken pox. Unlike other diseases, when you have chicken pox as a child, instead of leaving your body, it stays in your nerve ending. A very high proportion of people over the age of 60 are likely to face shingles. There are two vaccines out there who are very effective.
- She asked that everyone takes care of themselves. She encouraged everyone to get the flu shot, wear a mask, practice social distance. Get tested and be alert!

Scott Solomon – City Planning:

- Mr. Solomon informed us that ULURP resumed on September 14th. There are currently no applications pending or under review for our Community Board.
- Regarding the zoning for coastal flood resiliency, it will be referred to the community down the road. They will present this action in the near future to the land use committee. This does not really affect Community Board 8 as it is for Districts and other areas at risk of coastal flooding.

Committee Reports:

Capital & Expense Budget Committee – FY2022 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities:

Marc A. Haken, Budget Director: The Committee met regarding Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. A Public Hearing was held, and no new items were received from the public. Packets of each budget was sent previously. He asked everyone to review them before a vote is taken to approve them.

Approval of the Expense Budget Priorities – A new item was included requesting additional funds for COVID-19.

Kevin Forrestal made a motion to accept the Community Board 8 Expense Budget Priorities, seconded by Howard A. Fried.

Budget Director, Marc A. Haken asked if there was any discussion on the motion, seeing none, a hand vote was taken.

A hand vote was taken.

Count in favor 39 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 0

Board Members Opposed: Susan Cleary

Approval of the Capital Budget Priorities – Capital budget items are almost the same as last year. Some items were completed or were underway and were taken off the list. Some items were moved to continued support.

Harbachan Singh made a motion to accept the Community Board 8 Capital Budget Priorities, seconded by Howard A. Fried.

Budget Director, Marc A. Haken asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Susan Cleary – Ms. Cleary wanted to know why Area 1 was not involved in any of these decisions on these items.

Answer: [Marc Haken] – Who is the area chair of Area 1?

Answer: [Susan Cleary] – God bless him, Dr. Bennett.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – Mitch Lisker is the interim chair.

We haven't had any meetings.

Answer: [Marc Haken] – That has nothing to do with me. That has to do with you and the area chair.

Who do I go to?

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – Go to Mitch.

Mitch Lisker – to [Susan Cleary] – We will have a meeting and we will have a Zoom meeting.

A hand vote was taken.

Count in favor 39 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 0

Board Members Opposed: Susan Cleary

Committee Reports:

Queens Complete Count Committee (QCCC) – Michael Hannibal/Kevin Forrestal

- **Census 2020** – They had a meeting Tuesday. They had several outreach events within the last two weeks before in-person events got cancelled due to the COVID-19. In one event that produced over 450 census completions. The statewide response rate is near 99.9% of households that the Census department has identified. This does not mean that 99.9% of the population has responded. We will know the exact number as soon as the Census count gets completed. They are working hard to try and get as many responses as they can to make our Boroughs get their fair shares despite of all challenges. He thanked everyone who some way somehow became part of the Census process. The decennial population is scheduled to conclude on October 16th depending on the court's decision. They will give a follow-up completion report once the Census reaches its completion.

Muhammed Rahman representing Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz – They will be having a Breast Cancer Education Awareness webinar on Monday, October 19th. You can sign up for this event at: queensda.org.

Adjournment

Mary Maggio made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:51 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jatnna Reyes, CB8 staff
October 22, 2020*