

# Community Board 7 Monthly Meeting Report

January 15, 2025

## Before the Meeting

- Captain Bolue Hui from the 72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct introduced himself to the board members, gave an update on crime traffic and enforcement in the district, and answered questions from board
- Council Member Shahana Hanif discussed the status of the Arrow Linen Rezoning application and provided updates on topics such as a DOT of 21<sup>st</sup> St and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and a flood mitigation event.

## Opening of Meeting

## Roll Call

## Adoption of Agenda

- Moved to adopt – *Damien Andrade*  
Seconded – *Joan Botti*  
Passed by unanimous consent.

## Approval of November 20, 2024 Minutes

- Moved to adopt as amended – *Pat Ruiz*  
Seconded – *Cynthia Jeffers*  
Passed by unanimous consent.

## First Public Comment on topics covered on the agenda

- Jorge Muñiz spoke on the NY For All Act and said that it is good but should go further. Muñiz urged Board to support and lead on this issue.

## These Elected Officials Reported:

- NY State Senator Andrew Gounardes – *represented by Francesca Lando*
- US Representative Dan Goldman – *represented by John Blasco*
- Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso – *represented by Alicia Rey-Miller*
- NYC Councilmember Alexa Avilés – *represented by Edward Cerna*
- NY State Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes – *represented by Emmitt Mendoza-Gaspar*
- NY State Assemblymember Lester Chang – *represented by Serina Chiu*

## Committee Reports

### Transportation Committee – *John DeLooper*

DeLooper stated the meeting the previous week had to be held virtually due to the lack of heat in the building. Accordingly, the committee could not conduct any votes.

- Renaming 17<sup>th</sup> Street “Donna Maxil’s Way”

- o The committee’s virtual discussion included a proposal to rename 17<sup>th</sup> Street “Donna Maxil’s Way” which was presented by block residents and Maxil’s relatives. They discussed Donna Maxil’s work in the community and on her block, which included raising funds for cancer research and chairing the 72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Community Council for many years. Detective McGrath and many neighbors testified in support.
- o For this renaming application, the City Council had already voted to approve the co-naming, which is not typical, but the committee still determined to show their support.
- o John DeLooper introduced a motion to support the co-naming of 17<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues “Donna Maxil’s Way.” Cynthia Jeffers seconded.
- o There was discussion on the motion. Antoinette Martinez asked when the street renaming process changed. Chairperson Peña stated that after COVID, the Board worked with the local councilmembers to streamline and formalize the process.
- o The motion passed through unanimous consent.
- Three Dining Out applications were presented: Black Horse Pub, Syko, and Hamilton’s.
  - o Hamilton’s submitted applications for both a sidewalk and a roadway café, but due to the holidays and strict timeframes in the Dining Out legislation, the committee was only able to address the sidewalk café. They discussed their plans at the meeting, including 24 seats on the Ft. Hamilton side.
    - John DeLooper made a motion to support the Dining Out application for Hamilton’s. Joan Botti seconded. It passed unanimously.
  - o John DeLooper made a motion to approve the Dining Out application for Black Horse Pub. It was seconded by Damien Andrade. It passed unanimously.
  - o There was a discussion on the application from Syko Restaurant.
    - Representatives from Syko did not appear at the January 9 committee meeting and they did not respond to emails and phone calls from CB7 staff.
    - Board members discussed the application and what action to take on it.
    - Julio Peña III made a motion to take no action on the Syko Restaurant Dining Out application. The motion was seconded by Barbara Lee. A roll call vote was conducted: 26-Yes, 9-No, 1-Abstention.

Public Safety & Education, Health, and Human Services Committee – *Cynthia Jeffers and Jonathan Martinez*

- Jeffers reported that the Public Safety and the Education, Health and Human Services met immediately prior to the full Board meeting to discuss the NY for All legislation.
  - o The committees made a motion to provide a letter of support for the NY for All resolution.
  - o There was discussion on the motion. The motion to provide a letter of support for the NY for All resolution passed unanimously.

## **Chairperson's Report**

- Julio Peña III thanked the Sunset Park Lions Club for hosting their annual 3 Kings Day event.
- Peña stated that CB7 will continue to provide space to engage and dialogue with the public but will not tolerate harassment and threats.

## **District Manager's Report**

- Jeremy Laufer stated that the December toy drive was a success and thanked United Senior Citizens Center for their donations, Karen Rolnick for volunteering with the drive, and Natasha Cordero for their work organizing the drive
- The March Board meeting will be held in Windsor Terrace.
- The Parks & Environment Committee is collecting locations of areas in the district that need cleaning improvements.

## **Old Business**

- Cynthia Jeffers thanked CB7 staff for the donations that the Sunset Park Lions Club received for their 3 Kings Day event. Jeffers also announced a Public Safety Committee meeting on January 28 to discuss vendor activities and public safety on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridors.
- Damien Andrade asked for assistance with finding out who is the developer of the former gas station at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 40<sup>th</sup> Street. Andrade requested a letter to be sent to NYPD regarding the former interim library space.
- Jerry Chan asked that the MTA present data analytics on the impact of congestion pricing to the Board.

## **Public Comment**

- Jorge Muñoz stated that more advocacy should be done in supporting of using the former interim library space for community purposes.

## **Adjournment**