

**Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park  
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Queens Museum  
Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens  
Friday, July 28, 2017  
9:00 am

**Executive Committee Members in attendance:** Mitchell J. Silver, Chair, John Wang, Edwin Wong, Tom Finkelppearl, Carol Conslato, Patty Ornst, Melva Miller (representing Melinda Katz), Kenneth Cohen, Jim Haddad, Danny Zausner and Executive Director Janice Melnick.

**Board Members Absent:** CM Ferreras-Copeland, Raul Garcia, Carl Rodrigues, Javier Valdes, and Andrea Hirsch.

**Also in Attendance:** Anisia Ayon, Meira Berkower, David Strauss, Jean Silva, Thomas Cogan, Alan Sherman, and Catalina Cruz.

**Welcome**

Chair Silver asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 2, 2017 board meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. All Directors present voted in favor. The minutes were approved by the Board.

**Report from Community Advisory Board**

John Wang reported that the CAB met on June 21<sup>st</sup> and had presentations from the Eastern Queens Greenway Alliance and Riverkeepers. He said he is donating money to the Alliance and the CAB from the Night Market and, using that money, the CAB will be looking to hire a consultant for capacity building. The Queens Museum has offered to be the fiscal sponsor of the CAB. Janice went on a tour with some CAB members to look at improving entrances to the park. 2 sites were highlighted for quick improvements – Corona Ave and 111<sup>th</sup> Street/49<sup>th</sup> Aven. The group will be going on a second tours to look at scenic resting locations. The CAB/Alliance/Queens Museum hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 events at Playground for All Children on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The last event will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive Director Report**

Janice Melnick presented the Alliance’s website. Janice noted that the events schedule and fitness flyer, in English and Spanish, are posted on the website. She went through 2 of the most recent Capital Projects that can be viewed on the website. She also highlighted the new “donate” button and the Save the Date for the Evening Under the Sphere.

**Finance & Development Committee Report**

Edwin Wong reviewed the FY 17 budget. He then went over the proposed FY 18 budget. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the FY18 budget. All Directors present voted in favor.

Edwin asked everyone to Save the Date for the September 13<sup>th</sup> reception “Evening under the Sphere.” He noted that the event will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Chair Silver commented that there would be general ticket price of “\$50 for 50.” Patty Ornst announced that Delta would sponsor the event with a \$10,000 donation. The Queens Museum offered to host the event in case of rain.

**Governance Committee Report**

Carl Rodrigues was not able to attend the meeting so Janice Melnick gave a brief report. The Committee continues to work on PAAA compliance issues.

**New Business**

Chair Silver announced that Janice will be ordering polo shirts for the board members. He asked that the members email Janice her size.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.