



Community Advisory Board for Flushing Meadows Corona Park  
Quarterly Meeting, October 16<sup>th</sup> 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM  
Queens Museum, NYC Building,  
Flushing Meadows Corona Park,  
Corona, NY 11368

### **Call to Order**

Jean Silva began the meeting at 6:59 pm.

### **Officers in Attendance**

Jean Silva, Chair, Gregory Spock, Vice Chair, Jacqueline Colson, Secretary.

### **Guest Speakers**

Community Board 7, District Manager: Marilyn Mc Andrews.

Community Board 7, Parks Chair. Kim Ohanian

Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP), Sergeant Elizabeth Gallagher, Jonathan Hengber and Nicholas Letterese.

Marilyn Mc Andrews gave a brief history of the position she has filled as District Manager for Community Board 7. She also explained the functions and responsibilities of a Community Board member. Community Boards (CB) are the front line to all the agencies in the city. CB's ask for a 311 complaint number because agencies will not respond to you without a 311 complaint number. Once the complaint number is brought into the Community Board the contacts of that particular agency will be notified. Community Board 7 is the largest board throughout the city. There are 59 boards in the city, the board is comprised of 50 members, all volunteers. A District Manager serve at the pleasure of the board but answers to the Chairman. All Community Boards are liaisons between you, the constituent and the agencies.

The process to become a Board Members requires a call to your CB. An application will be sent to the interested party. They will then have a sit down with their council person. The information will then be forwarded to the Borough President, who makes the final decision. The decision is always made between the council and the Borough President.

Kim Ohanian explained that a lot of what happens in our parks start at the Community Boards. Kim being the Parks Chair, has to look at the budgets. There are projects in the budget that go back to the 1980s. She reviews these items every year to see if they can be moved up, or if anything has been done with the items. Some projects can take years depending on the different phases. She gave an example of one of the bathrooms in Queens taking 30 years to build. They are very diligent about keeping up with budgeted items and always look at what is important.

Sergeant Elizabeth Gallagher explained that the PEP officers are ambassadors of the park. They educate people and deal with quality of life issues. They write summonses, and arrest when necessary. They get their status through NYPD, they are considered peace officers. They are certified through the city and the state. They have their own set of training, it's a NY State recognised peace officer training. Sergeant Elizabeth Gallagher can be reached at 646-306-2274. Office number 718-760-6966. Email e.gallagher@parks.nyc.gov.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were distributed and approved from July 17th meeting with 2 corrections.

### **Reports**

The following committees will be listed and led by the assigned names below:

Arts in the Park grant committee: Jean C. Silva.

Set-up a Google Group: Lisa Darrigo.

Open House committee: Gary Miller.

Help setting up Mail Chimp/notices: Gregory Spock.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

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Jacqueline Colson/Secretary

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Date of Approval