

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR
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Good evening this is my third month as Chairman, and it was very busy. I attended 21 events and/or meetings in this timeframe. Here are the top five:

1. Met with the 89th St. Tenants Association, State Senator Jessica Ramos, Assemblywoman Rojas and Councilmember Shaker, AOC representatives, the Inspector for the 115 Precinct along with his staff and an attorney from New York City Police Department. In approximately 2 hours we got through 10 months of gridlock. Thank you to all the representatives and residents who participated in this process. It was very productive.
2. Second meeting was with Elmhurst Hospital, we discussed a wish list and we appreciate them being partners in the community. Thank you, Helen.
3. Third meeting was with the Queens Borough President Mr. Donovan Richards which included the new DOT Commissioner Rodriguez and we also got to meet the head of City Planning. It was very good to get some points in with him about development of our Board area.
4. We were able to do a walk-through of Roosevelt Avenue with Deputy Inspector Altaheri and one of his officers. We got to meet some of the restaurateurs and bar owners. This walk-through took place at approximately 1:00am in the morning.
5. I was also able to meet with the Jackson Heights Beautification group. It was a good meeting and I'm looking forward to meeting with other groups in our community.

I believe communication and visibility in our communities is paramount in building successful relationships in our Board area. To this point, I am appointing new committee Co-chairs as follows:

1. Health & Social Services – Co-Chair Fausto Rodriguez
2. Land Use - Co-Chair Muquith Choudhury, he has stepped down as Co-Chair of Environment & Sanitation committee
3. Airport – Co-Chair Nuala O’Doherty
4. Environment & Sanitation – Co-Chair Michael De Valera
5. Parks & Recreation + Cultural Affairs – Co-Chairs Dr. Laverne C. Nimmons and Kevin Hughes-Noboa
6. Business & Economic Development – Co-Chair Edwin Westley

I am also appointing 3 Special Advisors to the Chair that will represent each of our community areas:

Jackson Heights – Tammy Rose
East Elmhurst – Sonya Davis Roberts
North Corona – Margaret Dozier

Please join me in thanking and congratulating all of the above appointees for their continued dedication and commitment to serving our community.