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## PUBLIC HEARING

**Date:** *Thursday, September 23, 2021*

**Time:** *7:00 p.m.*

**Place:** *TELECONFERENCE*

Community Board #3 will hold a Public Hearing concerning the Capital and Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. A key responsibility of Community Boards is the preparation of the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities and Requests. The process allows the community to make its needs known to agency decision-makers and elected officials. It also assures that local neighborhood concerns are considered when the City allocates its resources and services.

Listed below are Community Board 3's priorities for last year. We invite you to participate and make recommendations for the new fiscal year. For further information, call the Community Board's District Office at (718) 458-2707.

*(FY2022 Capital & Expense Budget –Elba Buendia and Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)*

**Capital Budget Priorities FY 2022** **Adopted 10/2020**

### **FY2022 CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES**

**Priority**

**Description**

1. Construct new School facilities in CB3, especially Early Childhood Centers and a High School at Willits Point and the former DiBlasi Ford site.
2. Dredge Flushing Bay to reduce odor and improve water flow.
3. Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library.
4. Construct Affordable Housing for middle and low income seniors.
5. Construct Affordable Housing for middle and low income families.
6. Resurface Northern Blvd. from Junction Blvd. to 114<sup>th</sup> street. Junction Blvd. between Northern and Roosevelt Avenues, 37<sup>th</sup> Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114<sup>th</sup> Street, 82<sup>nd</sup> Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE, Roosevelt Ave from 114<sup>th</sup> to 69<sup>th</sup> Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69<sup>th</sup> to 114<sup>th</sup> Streets. **(Continued Support)**
7. Construct Library in Northwest Sector of CB3. The Lexington School for the Deaf should be considered for a possible site. Also, the south west sector.
8. Traffic Study of the Grand Central Parkway exit located at 114<sup>th</sup> Street and Northern Blvd.
9. Fund a traffic study at the entrance of 114<sup>th</sup> Street and Astoria Blvd.
10. Beautify the center mall on Astoria Blvd. Plant shrubs and trees to increase greenery.
11. Beautify the center mall on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 112<sup>th</sup> – 114<sup>th</sup> Streets. Plant shrubs and trees to expand greenery.
12. Develop unused property located near the 94<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the GCP for a dog park/sitting area.
13. Redesign Step Street at Butler/Ditmars Blvd. and 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.
14. Provide funding for curb only repair.
15. Expand Corona Library. **(Continued support)**
16. Install additional lights along Roosevelt Ave from 69<sup>th</sup> to 114<sup>th</sup> Streets.
17. Employ interim measures to control floatable waste going into the Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands.
18. Upgrade and Expand Veterans Memorial park (32<sup>nd</sup> Ave & 94<sup>th</sup> Street) sitting area to a recreational space for children and adults.

19. FDNY Station 307/154 - Upgrade kitchen
20. Add street lights for Junction Blvd. to Roosevelt Ave
21. FDNY – Purchase a back-up generator for 307.
22. District Wide Traffic Study
23. Re-evaluate traffic conditions along 75<sup>th</sup> to 78<sup>th</sup> Streets and 31<sup>st</sup> Ave.
24. Construct a performing arts center above the Jackson Heights Post Office (seating for 300). Or, any space that becomes available in Jackson Heights.
25. Upgrade Gorman Playground, Phase 2 (Multiple purpose area, basketball and volleyball courts). Maintenance is needed and a gate at the handball court.
26. Rehab ramp and railings underneath Marina.
27. Upgrade Northern Playground (Including play equipment, restrooms, sitting area) Make it more colorful.
28. MTA – Ensure system wide ADA compliant.
29. Repair/Replace Decorative Pavers at Flushing Bay Promenade (Trip Hazard).
30. Reinstate bathrooms located on the Flushing Bay Promenade.

## **FY2022 EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES      Adopted 10/2020**

### **Priority**

### **Description**

1. Install permanent air monitors in the neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst located near LaGuardia Airport.
2. Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm.
3. Restore litter basket collections to three times per day in our commercial strips – 37<sup>th</sup> Ave; Junction Blvd; Roosevelt Ave; Northern Blvd; 103<sup>rd</sup> Street; and 74<sup>th</sup> Street; Astoria Blvd., 73<sup>rd</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Streets in Jackson Heights. Hire additional personnel for 11am- 7pm shift in order to increase litter basket patrol truck service particularly during weekends.
4. Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst.
5. Increase sanitation residential collections to 3 times per week.
6. Increase funding to provide additional cleaning services to Roosevelt Ave. from 69<sup>th</sup> to 114<sup>th</sup> Streets.
7. Increase funding for sanitation MLP services (*New*)
8. Increase parks maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associate for PS 127 and Junction Blvd. assistant gardener.
9. Hire additional uniform personnel – NCO officers, administrative aides, custodial personnel and school safety guards.
10. Increase Graffiti removal programs.
11. Restore Day Care slots and After-School programs.
12. Improve access to government services and information by sharing 311 data with Community Boards.
13. Re-establish Neighborhood Business Development programs.
14. Hire additional DOT personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes, striping and studies.
15. Increase staffing levels for DOB Compliance Unit.

16. Increase inspectorial staffing levels for HPD (Housing Preservation and Development).
17. Purchase a wenger wagon
18. Install free Wi-Fi in CB3 parks and plazas.
  
19. Hire additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections.
20. Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to perform night inspections.
21. Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) programming in CB3.
22. Install cameras at the overpasses located at 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Drive on Ditmars Blvd.
23. Provide and increase funding for the STEAM program within CB3.
24. Increase DEP sewer and water unit personnel **(New)**
25. Purchase a Medical Services Vehicle – FDNY/EMS for the Borough of Queens (for 10 patients at a time can be attended to on this mobile vehicle) Existing vehicle is over 29 years old. **(New)**
26. Purchase for FDNY - Mutual aid Rapid Response Vehicle – For city wide use state of the art vehicle that will transport equipment and supplies in emergency situations. **(New)**