



Transcript – Queens Community Board 3

November 21, 2024

Transcript

Speaker 1

You survived. Yes, yes, yes, all right.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right, good afternoon. Or I should say good evening. If you have phone calls, please take them outside. Please respect the other speakers. That will come up. Open to the monthly meeting that we have, which is Thursday, November 21st, 2024. Good. All right, everybody, welcome to this meeting. This is a Community Board meeting which we have once a month. Earlier this month, on the 4th, we had a meeting. It was a committee meeting which was a public meeting which came out to 1 issue and that was dealing with the New York metropolitan baseball team today they are here today again. With the full board here.

Speaker 4

I'm going to say.

Speaker 5

This and I don't have to say this.

Speaker 6

Because for the.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Last three years that I've been sharing this board.

Speaker 7

It has been this way.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

We have to understand and I hope that the board has read my view from the chair. We have to at this time in this age. 2020. Four, we have to agree to be able to disagree. Now I'm gonna say that

again. So. Everybody understands what I'm saying. We have to agree to be able to disagree. Everything in this life is not personal. Stay with the issues. Stay with what is before us. That's what we can control. OK. We have rules to this meeting as we have to every meeting now, a lot of people signed up to speak and everyone's not going. To speak at this meeting. Because if everyone spoke, we'd be here until 1:00 in the morning. Plus, the board has other business with.

Speaker 5

Licenses and other.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Things of that nature which is on the agenda, we also have our state senator coming to speak to us. Oh, I see her now. OK, who's coming to speak to us? And that takes time, as everyone knows, our state senator takes our time, OK? We have others here that are from our community. That will speak also I saw a run and drum here earlier. I. Saw the elect. Mr. Brenda hooks. My favorite passed. I shouldn't say this. Pastor Pickens here, he's not. Oh, well, my two favorite pastor. Doctor Young and we have a bunch of people here who are dignitaries who are well respected in our community and they will.

Speaker 5

Be have a chance to see.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

They will. They will be a part of the program, will they'll be able to speak and you'll be able to speak, but they will take 2 minutes. You'll take one minute, some 30 seconds. I would hold. And we're going to get. In as much as we can. But we had. I want to stress this because this is going to take and this. Is on. Film we had a committee meeting. Which was a public meeting.

Speaker 8

Which was 3 and.

Speaker 5

1/2 hours and how do I know that? Because I killed that one too.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

OK guys, so your voices are being heard now. Rules when people come up here to.

Speaker 5

No.

Speaker 9

Week.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Say your name clearly and say where you from. That's it. Take your minute. God bless. All right. If there's any other questions, I I don't stand for disruptions, I don't stand for shouting down people. The Police Department is here. As everybody knows, I'm a retired police. So.

Speaker 5

Time questions. I believe in that I'm a.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Heavy police guy. OK, we never have to use it here because this is a respectful community. This is an educated community and it. Has a chance. We're a very loving and giving community too, so let's love and give. To each other tonight, please.

Speaker 3

91.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right, we're going to start with our public participation. We have a.

Speaker 10

This is.

Speaker 11

3 Morse. Morse, Morse.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Moss, can you please? Spell. OK, Isaac, Bronco, are you here? OK. Can you be ready to speak, please? And Miss Martha Leviton, can you please come over and be ready to speak?

Speaker 12

Thank you very much.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right, Miss Moss.

Speaker Ms. Moss, a resident of Jackson Heights

Good evening everyone. I didn't realize it was these. I know they turn out. And I'm glad that. It is this is my this is this is my first time participating in a Community Board meeting. I felt it necessary to come today. I've been living in Jackson Heights for the past almost 30.

Speaker 13

Who is it?

Speaker 14

Mr. mark.

Speaker Ms. Moss, a resident of Jackson Heights

Years and I've seen changes, drastic changes as. I'm sure most. Of you had not for the good. And so that's why I thought it was necessary to adjust some of these issues that I've been having. One is congested sidewalk states. I'm not sure who is allowing all of these vendors these. Two trucks to open up and put their trucks on our sidewalks. But because our neighborhood is becoming congested as it is, the sidewalk space is becoming limited. And also they are putting their chairs and tables out serving the people. I've seen a waiter come and go from the truck to serve to serve and I think that is I I just think it's incredible from it's gone from cute to being disgusting. The garbage in the streets. Alright, absolutely disgusting. So my suggestion is I'm not sure if we can do it, but since they are legal and they do have license to be there, get the trucks off of the sidewalks. If they have wheels, leave them in the street, they're they're to park their trucks in the street. Vendor the people can come up and buy from them if they want to buy food, but the trucks stay in the street. They need a permit. If they're parked illegally, tow them. If they don't have a permit, tow them. I think it's easier that way. Also measuring the limitation that measuring the space of the stores. On the sidewalk, I've noticed a lot of stores, especially the groceries, the fruit and vegetable store. They're they're putting more cards, more cards, more cards, where there's a small amount of space for. The people to. Walk and you have you're bumping into oranges and apples falling on the ground. So I don't know if there is a limitation for how much space they can use for their grocery stores, but I think it should be at here to if there is and if there isn't, we need to put a limitation there as well. Honking honking has become quite an issue for me. I live on 70 very. There's a lot of congestion there for two for many different reasons, and I'll get to that. But honking has become out of control and it's it's hard to actually measure it. I asked Krishna's office if they can put in some kind of sound device.

Speaker 1

Good.

Speaker 7

Did you hear?

Speaker Ms. Moss, a resident of Jackson Heights

It it's impossible. It goes on all night long. 4:00, two o'clock, 3:00 AM, ten AM, 10:00 PM. It doesn't matter what time people. They're just honking all over the place because people are double parked. They go in the shop, they're leaving their cars in the middle of the street. They're having a coffee. The taxi cabs are there, the food carts are there, stores are open 24 hours. Another thing with the stores that are open 24 hours and 73rd St. I think it's not fair. It's a half residential, half commercial. Area they should not be open 24 hours. There's more keys on 74th St. on 82nd Street, where it's completely commercial space.

Speaker 3

Right.

Speaker Ms. Moss, a resident of Jackson Heights

Place, but they close up shop at a decent hour. The restaurants close, everybody goes home and there's peace and quiet on 73rd St. it goes on all night. The grocery stores are there and the the restaurants are there 24 hours and people just get out of their cars at any time of the hour, leave their cars illegally parked in park in front of garages. And do their do their shopping. All right, so going back to the honking, I would like to put signs up if we could possibly put signs in the street saying honking permitted and that way people can actually take heed, take or notice it, and maybe want to do something about it.

Speaker 3

Alright. OK, thank you. Thank.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Mr. Blanco, Tyson, Bothell, you're next?

Speaker Isaac Wonko, a representative from Neighborhood Housing Services

Hello, my name is Isaac Wonko. I'm from Leeds. We're organization that supports neighborhood of Queens. We have a bunch of programs for housing tenant counseling, affordable housing. We also help with. Mortgage prevention we also help with solar panels, security bills. We have a bunch of information. We're a really good office. We have information. To back with our general brochure of our office info all our programs I. Think you should check. It. Out. We also have computer trainings, computer classes every Sundays. I think you can check on the website. That's any chances of clients.com. And we also offer job opportunities for if you're looking for jobs or you know somebody who needs jobs. We also offer jobs at the airport. That's also on the. Shore. Thank you. Have a good night.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

No, it's good like that, right? His. Mother love the song.

Speaker Martha Leviton, a Community Board member and former chair

My name is Martha Leverton. A Community Board member, I'm also the former chair of this board. I'm going to talk about something totally different. So the flushing Metal soapbox Derby. Is an organization that helps her youth, and there are three cars in the slushy Metal Soapbox Derby that are Community Board 3 Queens cars. Those cars race. Every year number of times a year and we have made it a mission. Support them so we do the maintenance of each car, which is 250 per year and we do some additional fundraising for it. So this year for 2024, we have donated to the Flushing Meadow Soap Box Derby \$2000.

Speaker 18

Wait.

Speaker Martha Leviton, a Community Board member and former chair

And it all started because I found out about this organization and the young lady that drove our first car and Ronnie Robinson has since passed away. It gave her. A total transformation and outlook. I met her sister this year and I met. Our other driver, our third driver, was sick, but we're gonna hope to have all three back out there next year. So starting next February, we will, I will come back out to start collecting money from board members or anybody in the community who wants to donate. And I have people who are already set. For our donation for next year, so next year's maintenance is already covered, which is 750. Dollars. But we like to raise more to make sure that they get what they need and that the kids are able to pay the fee and go through the programs and teaches them steam. So science, technology, engineering, math and art, which is. A good thing? And so thank you very much. I appreciate it. Greg Coles. Runs his vice president and the soap box. He can provide you more information can keep this going. So thank you very much.

Speaker 3

You.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Before you leave, I I want to tell you. Guys, the truth. This one right here is is a tough like. OK, she twist our arms. She makes sure.

Speaker 12

Not kidding.

Speaker 5

We empty our pockets.

Speaker 3

Sure.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And she also makes sure that we're seeing Mr. Cole on a Saturday afternoon on 23rd Ave. So I want to thank you for everything that you've done and everything that you do and everything that you continue. You've raised the awareness of this board. So thank you.

Speaker 19

Yeah.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And Craig, that goes for you too, brother. Appreciate everything you do with these kids, man. It's a. It's a wonderful trip. These stand up. Right. Let people see you. That's the child's place right there.

Speaker

So.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right. At this time, we'll end that session. We will start our new session, which is public information and we're trying to have our state Senate and it's just Ramos here. Please give her a hand.

Speaker 20

Well.

Speaker 9

All right. Good evening.

Speaker New York State Senator Jessica Ramos

Everyone. I'm New York State Senator Jessica Ramos. It's good to be here tonight and I see some other former elected officials in the room. So shout out to former council member Costa Constantinides, former council member Danny Drum. It's good to see you both here and good to see the board. It's always nice to come back home to my. Old board since I'm an old board member myself. I am here to actually give my legislative report. Today. I wanted to tell you all about what we

have been working up in Albany for the past year, past session and. Some of my. Priorities, once I have to go back to. Albany come January. So of the bills that I passed. The governor has already signed the two year restriction on temporary liquor license permits subject to the 500 foot law, of course. And my retail worker safety bill that requires retail workers retail worker employers to develop and implement programs like a panic button and have preventive measures. You might recall that the governor already signed increased penalties for retail theft. So on the preventive side, now we're requiring. Large scale employers to have panic. I'm waiting for the governor's signature on 123-4567. Other of my bills that I passed this year, I passed the bill that allows workers comp claimants to obtain medication from the pharmacy of their choice, which seems pretty common sense to.

Speaker 22

Me.

Speaker New York State Senator Jessica Ramos

Requiring training to reduce abusive conduct and bullying in the workplace. You'll remember that I'm the chair of the Senate Labor Committee, AB bill that prohibits requiring parents or caretakers to have to. Earn the minimum. Wage in order to qualify for child care. So our household income in the district is about \$30,000 a year and so many people don't know that in New York State, you have to at least make minimum wage in order to qualify for childcare subsidies. So this would be doing away with that in order to break down that barrier and allow more people. Think of the of the moms with the kids selling the candy on the subway for them to be able to qualify for childcare. I I'm establishing a warehouse worker Injury Reduction Act which would apply to Amazon and UPS type warehouses. I expanded workers compensation to cover PTSD and another bill to protect workers in the film and television industry from having AI replicate their image or the likeness of their voice without their consent. And a bill that provides certain exemptions for individuals. That have entered into contact into contract with playing baseball at the minor league.

Speaker 23

Level, so this would.

Speaker New York State Senator Jessica Ramos

Be actually good requirements for night minor League Baseball.

Speaker 24

Players.

Speaker New York State Senator Jessica Ramos

In two thousand 2025 legislative session, I will be focusing on jobs and housing. I have a bill that would establish a pilot program that develops and retrofits housing using using Union pension funds and taxpayer dollars. We're asking for a \$1 billion appropriation from the state. That would go together with Union pension dollars to match, to develop new limited equity co-ops and affordable multi multifamily housing. Including the rehabbing of existing co-ops in order to comply with Global 197, which is an issue for us here in this district, I have a bill to expand mental health court, but we still need to build more mental health facilities. The MTA can't be our de facto. Mental health facility.

Speaker 9

We need to pass.

Speaker New York State Senator Jessica Ramos

The temp act in order to protect workers from extreme temperatures, and I'm still negotiating with the governor and the Assembly in order to update our temporary disability insurance in New York State to include stillbirths to include. Other maladies and illnesses, like Ms. and cancers I have the bill to establish our universal childcare program, which is the early Learning Childcare Act and the unemployment bridge program. Many of you know that during the pandemic I won \$2.1 billion in the New York State. Budget in order for undocumented workers to be able to access unemployment insurance as long as they. Through their residency in New York State and their loss of income overtime, we want to establish a permanent fund that will actually allow workers, including gig workers, who now don't have pandemic unemployment assistance. They too need help and we are proposing. Pay for this? With a digital ad tax that doesn't. Exist in New York State. Which is carried by my colleague. Mike Generis over in a store. Area that would be about \$500 million and my scramble crosswalks built in order to make arriving and leaving school safer for our children. You know that our district, unfortunately, is often Ground Zero for child pedestrian deaths. I I always like to remind my neighbors. Please if you drive yield to pedestrians when they're crossing the street. You, the driver or the one who has to stop. We often teach our kids, and I say this as a mother. I we teach our kids exactly how to cross the street. And even when they do, exactly like we teach them and they do the right thing. There are some folks who are just in a hurry, aren't looking very well and end up. Striking our children, or even our seniors, especially off of Northern Blvd. where we're located right now, so please. Keep that in mind. I also want some funding and wanted to report on that I allocated this year a record \$7,000,000 for pre apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs for our construction unions, \$20,000 for Per Scholas, which is a work workplace. Workforce development and educational program that is in the tech industry and largely runs at Queens Community House. If you want to access that, we won \$12,500 extra for the Lefrak City branch of the Queensborough Public Library. 30,000 to the Midtown Management group Educational program, which gives students and Senate District 13 and inside view of creative careers \$50,000 to make the road for immigrant legal services \$55,000 to make the road for tenant services and for housing. 35,000 which will go for tenant services for low income and immigrant New Yorkers that

live in our Senate district, \$65,000 to neighborhood housing services who you heard from before? Who do excellent work helping homeowners and \$20,000 for our appacha Community Health Center. That is my report from our legislative session last year or earlier this year and the one that's going to begin now in 2025. I know that this board has a big question for them. Right now. And I want to say that while I remain in the same position and do not have plans to introduce. Legislation to alienate Parkland for the purposes of a casino. Having reflective of the conversations and the data that my office has collected overtime that has expressed that 3/4 of this Community Senate district, that's what I told. Have qualms. Concerns over the placement of a casino, particularly on Roosevelt Ave. considering its condition. And I think there are many other issues that should be heard. I would have liked. To at least. See affordable housing components off site composed.

Speaker 24

As part of the process.

Speaker New York State Senator Jessica Ramos

And I leave this board to deliberate in the best of faith, and hopefully you keep in mind what is really at the top of mind of the neighbors that you represent on this board. Which is so illustrious, which has been able to serve for so long in a great capacity. So please do what's right by your neighbors. Thank.

Speaker 25

You.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Senator, I just want to hand you something. This is correct.

Speaker 26

I'm not going to.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

That's why I wanted you to read that this is part of what we have. Of course with our.

Speaker 27

Hey.

Speaker 3

You know, have negotiated so far.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And if you could take the time to read that.

Speaker 20

I will. I don't see affordable housing all right.

Speaker 28

All right, well.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

We just heard from our state. Senator, thank you for being here and a former board member. Thank you, Mr.

Speaker 19

Good.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right, we're going to go into straight into our public hearings at. This. Time, which is our land use, which is our coach, is Mr. Hamlin Wallace. And Mr. Leoncio Romero. Thank you. You can welcome him also.

Speaker 3

Why is he showing?

Speaker

Good evening.

Speaker 25

Please make me.

Speaker 13

Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

The land use. Committee. However, our last meeting we had. That included two other committees, presentation and some parks. And tonight we have the Queen's future map change amendment. So you have number 250047 and then Q and 11 number 250049467. I'm sorry, what's 6Z NQ. This is a city map amendment. The zoning method. A city building property to facilitate .7. Million gross

square. Mixed-use development. The gaming facility, Music Hall, hotel convention, space parking and other amenities pushing that.

Speaker 18

Oh.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Just time I'd like to invite representatives of the team being responsible for this project come forth. This is a project which we're talking about, which Jason was also talking about. But, you know, Hamlet is A is a monotone at times. So I'd like to introduce the National League East Championship Queens Team 1962. Now the New York Mets, Frankie King here. Also, I would be remiss if I did not introduce and I've I've said this 100 times the the best, the best that we've ever had. Do that at the City Council and she ran that council. She ran the budget. Sofia.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Good evening. My name is Mike Sullivan. I go by Sully. I'm the chief of staff for Steve Cohen, the owner of the New York Mets. I really appreciate the time and attention this group is given to this project. We had all three of your subcommittees spend hours and hours and hours, and let me just.

Speaker 28

Alright.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Echo what Frank said earlier. The courtesy of the Deliberateness, the politeness of the comments on both sides was incredible. I thought it was a great demonstration of excellence in civics, and we really appreciate the time and thoughtfulness that everybody's given on both sides to this issue.

Speaker 3

No.

Speaker 14

What?

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

So thank you and I hope we see that here again tonight. We go to the next slide. I'm going to give you a quick overview of the site, the history of. The site because. It's important to the public policy questions before you here tonight. Julisa is going to give you a quick overview of the community engagement, what we heard from the community. We're going to call up our lead architect, Greg

Pascarelli, to show you. In renderings, how he's taken that community input and transformed it into a beautiful new project, and then I'm going to close by taking you through the community benefits that we've committed to up to this.

Speaker 14

The.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

When my boss bought the New York Mets, he made it clear at his opening gate press conference that owning the Mets was about more than just the players on the field. It was also about the communities around us. And from that very first day of his opening day press conference, he heard from our neighbors around us a lot of things that they wanted to see happen at City Field. Some of those things were things that we could do near term celebrating Mets history, retiring the numbers of some of our Mets greats, bringing back to black jerseys on Friday nights. But there's one thing that we heard over and over again that is not something that was easy to do or easy to fix in that first season, and that was the comment from our fans. That they called Uncle Steve, Uncle Steve. The area around City Field is not like what we see when we get to go see them. That's play in other cities. When we go to Baltimore, when we go to Saint Louis, when we go to the battery in Atlanta, they have these incredible ballpark villages. They have green open space park space, they have bars, they have restaurants, they have outdoor live music, they have fun things for kids to do. And so going back four years ago, Steve asked me to lead a project to engage the community, engage the neighbors around us, engage our best fans, and ask a very simple question. If you were going to try to transform the area around City Field, what would you want to see here? I've now done over 1000 meetings in the local community. We continue to do them. We had several today. We had some on Sunday. We continue to engage and listen and what we're going to see tonight is the result of thousands of meetings listening sessions throughout the neighborhoods around us. The bottom line of what we're going to present to you tonight. Is a proposal to take the 50 acres of asphalt parking lots around City Field that we have a long term lease on that continues to the year 2105. And take those asphalt parking lots. Take half of the land, 25 acres and transform it into a brand new New York City Public Park. It's a New York City public park. It's a New York City public park that we're offering to build pay for the construction pay for the long term maintenance to Parks Department specifications, and provide the public safe. And we're proposing to take the other half of the land, 25 acres of asphalt parking lots and build an entertainment destination to tie together the baseball, the soccer stadium coming in across the street, the tennis and all the great activities around us. We're going to show you what that looks like. We're going to show you how we've been able to transform all this input. Into incredible project. We're going to use a gaming license to pay for this. The gaming piece of this is less than 10% of the square footage of the buildings. It's about 3% of the square footage of the overall project. But the gaming does two things. It pays for the whole thing. It's an incredibly expensive site to build on to make the entire site climate resilient. Couple

billion dollars of infrastructure to make it climate resilient, to be able to build on. And the gaming piece also allows us to draw people to the area year round so that we can support the bars and the restaurants and the entertainment. Those of you who drive by city field this time of year know it's desolate. You know, people have called told me they they would refer to as a black hole in the middle of the neighborhood when the.

Speaker 6

Mets are planned.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

These three licenses were authorized by the people of the state of New York and the statewide referendum in 2013. Our residents here in Queens approved these licenses by a rate of 64% to 36%, and these licenses will now be handed out at the end of next year. You're being asked tonight to vote on zoning and mapping related actions, mapping and demapping actions, and the establishment of a zoning district that Greg will take you through. And that's here. What we're here to discuss tonight. This is the beginning of a longer process. Next summer, we're going to have to submit an RFA application of the state with all of the details of our project. With the Community benefit agreement that will be enforceable by the Gaming Commission, all the elements of the project that will be enforceable by the Gaming Commission if we don't build and deliver on what we promised, we will not get the license to open the doors. This isn't a typical development project where the developer can just ignore the community benefit commitments. We have enforcement here from the Gaming Commission, whatever we are committing to building in that RFA, we have to deliver before we can get the license to open the doors. Next summer, after we submit that proposal, we're going to have CAC Community Advisory Committee hearings and ultimately a vote. Then it goes to the statewide location sitting board and ultimately the Gaming Commission will render judgment on Who Will Win those 3 licenses at the end of next year. I've been very transparent, very clear throughout these public meetings, town halls. Listening sessions that a gaming license is integral to this project, and as that we don't win one, it's going to remain a parking lot. We can't afford the infrastructure. We can't afford to do the things we need to do to free up the site and draw people to the area to support businesses, live music, Queens, Food Hall without the license. When I talk about the problem I'm talking about the 50 acres of asphalt around city field. The area inside the yellow dotted lines. For those of you who are familiar across the street from us, they're also building a new soccer stadium and 2500 units of affordable housing. That is not our project, but we did cooperate with them to allow that project to move forward. By making our parking available, you can't have a baseball game and a soccer game at the same time. We've deconflicted the schedules, but in that way, we've allowed this. Project to move. Forward because they didn't have the space of. The room to be able to build the park. We partnered with Hard Rock Entertainment to help us build and operate this building. We had our choice of partners. Hard Rock does live music better than anybody when we've studied these entertainment districts around ballparks around the



country. Live music is one of the most important pieces. Hard Rock does over 30,000 live music events around the world every year, Jim Allen, their CEO, has been delivering projects like this on time and on budget all over the world. They are great company. They do great work in the communities around them. We're proud to. We're also partnered with Cheryl Mckissick, owner of the largest black-owned black founded Architectural and construction management firm, Who's going to help us with the MWBE and local hiring build tops and our former controller is also an equity partner and his partner, Henry Cisneros. This is an all New York design and development. Dean Greg who I'm going to call up in a minute. Our lead architect was born here in Queens, a New York based firm. Was really important to us that whatever we built next to Citi Field looked like it belonged in New York. Looked like it belonged in Queens. Field OPS are landscape. Architects have done the Highline Domino Sugar Park. A lot of the iconic New York City public parks. They built beautiful, beautiful New York City. Public parks. We put out this rendering about 8 months ago now. This is an overview, kind of a bird's eye view of the project. The signature element of it is this new 25 acre, New York City Public Park, which again we're going to build and maintain and provide the public safety in of those 25 acres of Parkland, 5 acres of ball fields, ball courts and playgrounds. Including a sensory playground for kids with autism. We've workshopped these different ball fields and ball courts with our neighbors around us to make sure we're having the right mix and hitting the mark. We've got bars and restaurants, we've got a sports bar, sports book, we've got a 5000 seat, indoor live music venue so that we can do live music and concerts year round without the sound bothering our neighbors. All of the roofs are either green roofs or solar panels. We're making this entire site climate resilient. We've got hotel rooms. We have all these people that come from all over the world to see baseball, tennis in the summertime and soccer. We want all those visiting teams. We want all those fans to come out of town from out of town and flying to LaGuardia and take the black car. To the Manhattan today and stay in Manhattan and spend all their money in Manhattan. Take a car, black car and the Queens and cause us a bunch of traffic and then take the car back after the event. We want those fans, we want those visiting teams, we want those tennis patrons to be able to stay here on our site, take a free shuttle from LaGuardia and have those people coming from all over the world. Be able to give back to Queens and economically support us. Again, gaming facility is part of the project. Less than 10% of the overall square footage, less than 3% of the overall site square footage integral to the project, we've got a tailgate park area. We have over 100,000 square feet of conference and meeting space. We've got a Queens food hall. This is an idea that came out of these listening sessions that you, Lisa, will. Tell. You about the. Idea is to celebrate all the great ethnic cuisines from all over Queens. You gotta be from Queens to get it installed in the building, probably around 20 to 25 food vendors. We're going to subsidize the building to make the food options afford. So people can come and enjoy great food before and after games. For the people that are moving into the affordable housing across the street from us today, there's no park space. You'd be planning a chain link fence. Polluted lot. We're building a brand new park that the kids can enjoy and we're building affordable food options for the new community coming in across the street.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

And obviously our Mets fans and others come into the area. We're offering to completely transform our MTA station. Greg will show you what that looks like and make it ADA. Accessible, which means. Which means for families with strollers you can also get from the train track down to the field, down to the new project, down to the new neighborhood, and all the way through. The waterfront in. The completely accessible manner we've got bike paths we've taken all the cars out of the center of the site. So it's all pedestrian friendly and all accessible. Let me take you through a very brief history of the site. It's really important to the public policy issues relating to the land you go all the way back in history. This is a map from 1852. The red outline is our 63 acres. You can see the area was a swamp. You see, there's a little island across the street from where City Field is today Yonkers Island. That island was a stop stopping point for slaves coming N as part of the Underground Railroad when the tide came in it. Was a place to hide. Yes, ma'am. Enslaved people. Later, those slave people were housed at the bomb House by the Quakers of downtown Flushing. So incredible history, literally right on our site, literally right across from where city Field is today. I'm fast forwarding to the early teens and a local developer bought the swamp. He noticed at that time there was coal-fired furnaces all over the city in New York. They need a place to dump the ash, and he created an ash dump on our site and this is what it. Looked like. You can see the bulldozers are pushing the ash out of the swamp. They're filling in the swamplands as those bulldozers are pushing the ash out of the swamp. The breeze is coming off the Flushing Bay. It's blowing the ash up into the air. The young mother was driving through the area. And notice that. And that's the great line from The Great Gatsby, where he's referring to the valley of Ashes. He's talking about our site. So literally incredible history, right?

Speaker

On our land.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

This is now August the 26, and the construction has begun for the trellis for the Corona Line, which we of course have affectionately. Now I'll call our seven line. You can see a lot of the area around us has been filled in. Now. By the ash dump, there's some swampy areas left, but mostly it's been filled. And this is the most important moment. If I can leave you with one thought, this is it. This is the history of why our our our land is mapped and zoned the way it is. Robert Moses, who was famous for redlining. This is the residential security map. He used. Red areas are black and immigrant neighborhoods. Those are the neighborhoods. Always chose to bring in highways. Segregating off the neighborhoods around it to help the borrowing capacity of white neighborhoods,

this is now July 27th of 1936. Robert Moses, his parks commissioner. He's writing a letter to the World's Fair committee. He's telling the world's Fair committee he's located the place that he wants to put the first world's fair. And the land just South of us in the Flushing Meadows Corona Park. And now he needs to find a place to. Park the cars. And he identifies our land where city Field sits today as the area he wants to buy. He asked for \$673,000 to buy the ash.

Speaker 30

Done.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

He gets the funding. He asked for another \$500,000 to grade and fill the land. He gets it. This is now July 8th of 37th. An aerial photo and you can see our land has been completely graded and filled. The swamp is gone. Be successful in building this parking lot and this is what it looked like. Incredible photo you can see Roosevelt Ave. is in the seven lines in passerelle been back bill going back to Long Island Railroad. You see all the world's fair buildings on the top of the screen and you see our 63 acres is a giant parking lot. Post World's Fair our land became a dump again. They dumped all the temporary buildings from the world's fair on the site a year or two later, they cleaned it up and they created a free parking lot, commuter parking lot from the people of Queens, a free parking ride for people to be able to go into Manhattan. So for the next two decades, our site was once again a parking. And that's what it looked like. I'm now fast forwarding. To late 50s, early 60s, we've got a new baseball team coming in. Robert Moses is looking for a place to build a stadium that would accommodate both The Jets and the New York Mets, and he goes to the legislature to ask them to pass a bill to alienate the Parkland. Why was it Parkland? It was a parking lot. It's a parking. It's Parkland because Robert Moses Moses used his authority as Parks commissioner to buy the land to build the parking. Fields. The legislature alienates the land to create a commercial enclave that allowed for the construction of Shea Stadium, and this is what it looked like. And then in 07 and 08, you just flip flop the locations of shade which was on the left and city. Why do I take you through all that history? Well, to this day, our land is mapped and zoned as Parkland. There has never been an actual. Park on our side. But with this project, for the first time in history, we have the opportunity to take what today is asphalt and actually build a real New York City public park that we're offering to build, maintain and provide. With that, if I could call to Lisa to quickly take you through the community feedback and then I'm going. To have Greg. Show you the project.

Speaker 20

Everyone.

Speaker Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, former City Council member

Hello everyone, it's nice to be back home and thank you for all you those that are land use committee members. You're seeing this presentation for the second time. So thank you for your

patience. Again, I am so humbled and proud to be standing here. It was my greatest honor to be able to serve this amazing community as your City Council member. As many of you know, I grew up in Corona. We moved on up to Jackson Heights and then we moved on up to East Elmhurst and had the pleasure of going to John Bond High School. So Flushing and I'd like to say that I probably have been a part of every every inch of the community surrounding city field. So when Sully reached out to me to ask for me to join this team, we I was very moved by the fact that they understood that they wanted to do a different type of approach and that was building something from the community up understanding that this was not going to be a normal proposal that has usually. Done by developers. And building from the ground up was very important. Part of that was having the community engagement focused on the community surrounding the city field. We focused on Corona, East Elmhurst, Flushing in Jackson Heights, understanding that we needed to be diverse in our approach, diverse in how we engage community and diverse in all the languages that we needed to have included. To make sure that our engagement was inclusive. Part of that inclusivity was also understanding that we're going to have, you know, very small meetings of about 40 people. And Pastor Young's church, for example, or the Hall of Science or the Queens Museum, but also have bigger meetings with several 100 people at city field that so that we can collect even more information. Part of this was also how we collected information so people, you know, wanted to use dots and people wanted to use posters. Some people wanted to share or just really talk directly to all of our partners. This has been an open and public process that we're really proud of and public in the sense that we always promoted what we were doing from the from that perspective. This community engagement has now taken four years of input over 1000 meetings of studies said. Many of you have studies, personal cell phone number. After these meetings, 16 community workshops, which totaled about 1800 engagements with local residents. Understanding that this was going to be community first, it wasn't just about the outward facing engagement. Our vertical teams from the architects team and the legal team and the community engagement team government relations team was always focused with community first. So when we went and expressed concerns or when we went and expressed opportunities that we saw and. Heard the commute the the teams understood that the community's. Voice was very, very important. And it's evident as you see here with Steve Cohen's engagement and the chairman of Hard Rock International of Jim Allen. So we did a lot of listening and a lot of visioning and what we heard was the top two things that people want from our community is open, expanded space and creating. Good paying union jobs.

Speaker 1

We also need to make sure.

Speaker Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, former City Council member

That the area is prepared for climate readiness, that we support local MWBE and small local businesses, understanding that people want to be able to benefit from every aspect of this from not



just the construction, but also. So the site would be ready. And open 365 day use came up in every session. People really were concerned that when there isn't a Mets game, the area around city field is dark and desolate and for all of us who grew up in this neighborhood, we know. I mean I. Personally used Shay Stadium to learn how to drive. Because that's the only thing. You can do with that lot, so there's definitely room for improvement. And room for growth and hearing this from the community really was import. We also heard that the Community just doesn't want to be heard. They also want to continue to be engaged, so every part of this project is looking for other opportunities to continue to hear the Community throughout the process until if you know if we do earn this gaming license, we're able to open the doors. Athletic fields and bike paths. Why we separate athletic fields and bike paths from the rest of the open space is many families in the community setting. We just don't want green grass. We want somewhere where the kids can come and burn energy. We heard a lot of pickleball in the community, in the Community engagements, we heard about basketball and of course we're in Queens, so there has to be a handball court and also track, amongst other things, access to the waterfront was very important. Right now, today, if you are walking from the unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, you cannot connect to the waterfront. You have to kind of go up a ramp down some. Steps, then down to Roosevelt Ave. then back of some other steps across the street and then walk around the entire part of parking, lot of city field to be able to access the waterfront. This, as you will see from our wonderful architect, is what was is also answered in the in the plans we heard about hotel with a hotel and casino. A live music venue many families would love the opportunity to be able to enjoy entertainment here in Queens so that they do not have to go into Manhattan so they don't have to pay the parking in Manhattan is what we heard and bars and restaurants, especially from the fans. People wanted something to do before and after games. In the immediate area. This is just an example, this this board we called the choice. This particular board was up at city Field when we did some engagement and I just want to focus in on that one dot in the middle in between. So on one side it's, you know people that were supportive of what we were looking to build or keeping it 50 acres of asphalt. So right in the middle there was this woman. I had to be walking by and asked her, you know, why would you put your dot right in the middle? She said. I like all these. Things to the right. However, tailgating is very important and you guys are going to take, you know, the parking. Where will I tailgate? So why bring this up? Is we immediately brought this to to sully Sully. That brings us to the architects, and then the architects immediately found a place to find the tailgating. Why do I say this? Because this one woman's voice we understood, represented many voices, and this is the kind of flexibility that this project had, including people in communities voice. Once we heard every what we heard, this was the framework that we immediately this was our our pillars on how we were going to build this project. We started our door to door petitions in East Elmhurst, left our city Corona Flushing in Jackson Heights. We knocked on over 40,000 doors, collected over 20,000 signatures. Which 87% of the residents that we knocked on were assigned their petitions. This is an example. I don't know how many of you get dark knocked on the door and you give them their home address and your e-mail and your phone number. But in our community, people were really

interested in staying connected, learning more. They wanted to have more information about when these jobs were going to be made available, but also when the park was going to be built and just wanted to stay connected to the. Project. These were the community voices and various community leaders that we all know that joined in in support of our project.

Speaker 32

Right.

Speaker Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, former City Council member

And I wanted to just say that all of this information that was collected through the four years of dedicated community engagement has been translated by the wonderful architects that I've had. You know, we've had the privilege of working with as a team that studied put together. And now I'm going to bring up Greg. Pastor ready. Thank you so much, family.

Speaker 32

This subject.

Speaker 33

Correct.

Speaker 6

Very much. My name is Gregg Pasquarelli. I'm a founding principal of SHOP architects here in New York. We're working hand in hand with James Corner field operations, the landscape architect. We've done projects together such as Pier 17 and South St. Seaport. The East River Waterfront, Domino Park, Barkley Center, many affordable housing. And it's a wide variety of work we build in New York, we build around the country, we build around the. Well, but Billy in New York is the most important thing to me. Like Sally said, I was born in Queens. I grew up playing in Flushing Meadow Corona Park, and when he came to us and they talked about how they wanted to go about this, connecting to the community and thinking about how to stitch together these neighborhoods, it was an incredible. Challenge something I'm honored to work on and very happy to share what we're trying to do. So. This is again on the left. The original vision of Flushing Meadows Corona Park and as you can see, it always had the idea of having a northward connection to get to the waterfront in the middle you could see the 39 World's fair plan and you can see the parking lots right there at the top that were built and you could also see how Robert Moses. Jammed the highways through through was Parkland and by 1964 had succeeded in cutting off the part from all the surrounding neighborhood. Really creating a divide, something that he did for decades and decades and we're still living with the outfall of that today. So when we first started to think about the design, we said, well, there's this incredible sort of architectural history, legacy projects, there's beautiful, natural places, there's great communities. But Moses really severed this piece apart. So the way we

thought about it. Was taking the part. And driving the park right through the parking lots and reestablishing a connection. To the waterfront. And reestablishing the cross connections between the neighborhoods, between between Flushing and Corona and East Elmhurst and College Point and to us, we looked at ourselves and said. How many times do you have the opportunity to right the wrongs of Robert? And when we heard that, we said we need to do this, we need to work on this. So the design, the best way to talk about it, you know, Sully and Julisa already talked about the, the, the main parts. But we just. Thought we would show a series of befores and afters so you get a sense of what this might be like so you could see. The asphalt parking lots in front of you. City Field to the right. And now here you see the 25 acre park going right up the middle. This would be basically from coming off the seven train and city field to the right, the entertainment complex to the. Left. And the hotel towers in the background. Now what we tried to do again, as Sully said this couldn't feel like a building that was kind of. Pulled off from Singapore or Las Vegas or wherever. And dropped into new. So we really felt that the base of the building, which is only 60 something feet tall, was a kind of civic gesture. It's it's more like a Lincoln Center. It's a civic building that makes people feel welcome and connects. To the park. Has accessibility, has ramps, has outdoor play spaces and that. It it's lined with the food and beverage so that it's something that's alive and connected and connected to the complex as a whole. We then placed the hotels in a place. That would not cast shadows on the surrounding neighborhood or on the park. And instead of making a single big building like you've seen a lot of projects like this, we varied the heights of the buildings to make it feel like a skyline and took the architectural sort of cues from places that New Yorkers love. Like Rockefeller Center or or the Chrysler Building or Lincoln Center and try to bring it together as a modern interpretation of what New York is and what New York can be here, you see, standing in the parking lot in the 50 acres of asphalt, you're past the left field side of city field. And then this is the after. When it gets done. So you can you can see the pathways, the playgrounds, the areas for for children to be areas to have music, areas to sit and have lunch or have picnics. And then we talked about the the seven train station, which is kind of kind of a mess and you know, we really you go up and down, it's got low ceilings, there's columns blocking you. This is sort of standing when you get off the platform. And then looking out towards towards city field, if you don't see anything. So this is what that from that same exact spot what it will look like. There will be a open accessible connection from the passerelle through the station and to the park that is beyond the fair zone. So you don't need to. Swipe your metro card to get in there. You could just walk and it's all accessible. There's ramps, there's elevators, and it opens up the view directly to the park and to the water to city field and and to the entertainment. Now this is looking to the east and you can see that's sort of what it looks like now. Those are the stairs coming down from the seven train. And what we're proposing is a large Plaza, as you get off the seven train and this is the taste of Queens Food Hall, which we really see is this kind of neighborhood amenity. It will be certainly used on a 365 days out of.

Speaker 8

The year the.

Speaker 6

Upper level has. A community space. There's a community garden.

Speaker 34

Looking back.

Speaker 6

At the station this is now, city Field is behind you. Looking back at the staircase. And this is now. You can see a brand new station, fully ADA, accessible, fully accessible to walk through and connect back to Flushing. Meadow Corona Park. Really improving the lighting, the safety and the quality of it and really making a great welcoming front. This is now looking down the the right field sort of side of city field and looking back towards the seven train and so the taste of Queens Food Hall is on the. Left. You can see how the the park has burns and small hills and ramps that get you up and down. And you can see the entertainment complex in the distance towards the West. And then along Roosevelt Ave. we felt it was really important to connect to, to sort of reestablish those East West connections and make it a place that pedestrians and bikes and people would like to go and move across. Because if you want to access this park, it has to feel very connected to the neighborhood. So we pushed all the buildings back. We widened. That you planted it. They're separated bike lanes, there's batting cages, there's other. There's playing fields, there's ports. You have the right, there's playgrounds and really rebuild the sidewalks and get that bike lane through. Again, separated from the traffic and really making it safe. Feel safe and fun and connected to the neighborhood. We put most of the playing fields as close as we could to the neighborhood, and then the sort of more open mix space is between city field. And the energy. And then there are some spots where. We grab some. Pavement areas and some median areas. Again listening to the community we heard, there was a need for a sensory playground for children with autism. It has that in it. It's also for all kids. Again in a location that's as close to the community as possible. The 50 acres of asphalt is a huge problem. It really causes problems with the with the temperature, with the climate, with flooding, it's really these are. Actual heat maps. Which talk about the increase in the. Temperature in that area. It really creates this. Heat Island, where when it's 88° in a in a green space, it's it's. 100°. On the asphalt and. What's even more? Remarkable is at night the difference is 22°. It's the the asphalt captures the heat and it sits in there, and baits and then all night lets the heat off and the temperature difference is almost. Is over 22°. So it's a huge thing to try and make this sustainable and climate ready. We talked about all of the buildings have either solar panels or green roofs. We're really making a huge investment into the public transportation. It's all local, you know, plantings. There's stormwater retention tanks that will capture the stormwater instead of it going into the sewers or into the Bay, and then we'll use that to irrigate.

Speaker 35

The park itself.

Speaker 6

So it's really quite, quite an investment to do all of this. It's it's over \$2 billion just to get to the ground. Floor if you will. And and it's incredible and working with Hard Rock and and Matt has been amazing. Every time we talk about design ideas or things that people said. And we're like, this is the part this is better. For the city.

Speaker

Our.

Speaker 6

Clients have said absolutely. Go for it. Let's do it. Just to give you a sense of the scale of 25 acres, so Domino Park that we designed in on the Brooklyn waterfront is five acres of wildly successful park. The highline is 7 acres, Bryant Park and Washington Square Park are about 10 acres. This is 25 acres or 2 1/2 times the size of those.

Speaker 13

Alright.

Speaker 18

That's right.

Speaker 3

So.

Speaker 6

What as Sully very clearly stated, this was only mapped as Parkland because Moses was the Commissioner of Parks and therefore he could manipulate. And control the. Land to do what he wanted to do. So what we're talking about is it never function as a public park. And the two things that you are voting for the community. For tonight are voting to propose the changes to the city map and changes to the zoning map, and those two allow the possibility to compete for the license as we move forward. So currently you can see those 50 acres of asphalt right in the blue spot, but all those areas that are blue are mapped as Parkland. What we are asking is that the area under the entertainment complex be D mat. You could see there's also a new slip ramp. That comes off the parking and gets you onto the Grand Central. So there's a few changes that need to be made. Are taking streets the deep mapping streets and mapping streets. There's actually some additional

Parkland that will map, and there's some deep mapping of of streets as well that cleans all this up and leaves the rest of it as it's currently zoned. The second thing that needs to be done is the city has proposed a C-84 district for the entire city, and that's the one that allows gaming to take place. So the idea is that it then gets the CA-4 designation, and if for some reason the gaming is not built here and the project does not. With license it reverts back to the existing zoning that it is today. And now I'll turn it back over. To seller, thank you.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

All right, we're almost done. I know everybody wants to get out of here a reasonable hour. This is a wall to Wall Union project of our brothers and sisters. And wait and wait for.

Speaker 36

15,000 million times.

Speaker 3

Thank you.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

23,000 union jobs once the building is open, we'll need 6000 union employees to fully staff this building. This will be one of the largest union projects in this area for decades to come. We appreciate you guys. Thank you. We're also putting in place a program. This is a new program for.

Speaker 7

Rock.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Do you have a frequent guest or frequent flyer cards for airlines and hotels? Hard Rock has a unity program card. Every dollar you spend at one of their properties or at this new property, you're going to be able to use those points and go spend them at. Local restaurants in Queens. We signed up over 100 local restaurants. We'd like to make it 2. Or 300. So if you have good ideas of restaurants for us, we want to know. No, the restaurant owners will get cash from us. We deduct the points off your card. We're also partnering with cultural institutions. So all those people that today are flying them, we've already and staying in Manhattan, they can stay on our on our hotel, we can advertise all these great Queens, cultural institutions and restaurants and ask our guests to come and enjoy.

Speaker 3

So.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

A great meal or visit to one of our museums or theaters and have our community here be able to benefit from all these great sports. Did MWBE project minimum of 30%? But we've gone beyond that to put in place a Queens hiring priority. A lot of our brothers and sisters in labor live here in Queens. They would rather work in a project that's 5 or 10 minutes from home. Not having to go 45 minutes or an hour up to Long Island or Manhattan. A tremendous opportunity for them.

Speaker 36

Thanks.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

We have made a \$1 billion community benefit commitment. Again, this will be submitted as part of our gaming and application and enforceable by the Gaming Commission \$320 million for a brand new New York City Public Park.

Speaker 27

It is different.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Acres ball fields, ball courts and playgrounds, \$480 million to completely transform the MTA station and make the entire site climate resilient. As Greg showed you, \$163 million community benefit fund dollars to go back to Queens every year over the life of the. Project under \$50 million for the Taste of Queens Food Hall that you installed and the community space in that building and \$25 million in neighborhood. Projects. This will be an \$8 billion private investment between Steve and Hard Rock Entertainment. To create all these benefits to create all these benefits, all of this land remains New York City public land. We have a long term lease. If we do nothing, it will remain a parking lot, at least for the next 81. Years is going to remain New York City public land under our lease. Whether the project moves forward or not, what we're proposing to do is try to take this license and use it as the pay for to transform this area around us. In closing, I just want to say we really view this as a once in a generation opportunity to transform the area around city Field, looking out at the room, so many of you spend so much time and effort and energy with us through these listening sessions, telling us what you wanted to see here, what was important to you to have on this. New York City public land in your neighborhood. We appreciate it and couldn't have done it without you. The best ideas in this project came from you. So thank you to you all. And I look forward to your questions. Thanks.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Can we have the lights? Please.

Speaker 12

Thank you.

Speaker 3

Because if things.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right, we're going to take 10 questions on this, alright, please make them questions.

Speaker 3

Please. Sure please.

Speaker 37

Probably bad blood.

Speaker 38

I thank you so much for this beautiful presentation. It sounds like an offer paradise.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

Go to the mic.

Speaker 20

Microphone.

Speaker 4

The microphone microphone is.

Speaker 34

You move from here.

Speaker 12

Yeah, please.

Speaker 3

I.

Speaker 35

Can hear you.

Speaker 38

You can hear me. Such a beautiful presentation, it sounds like paradise. Beautiful. Except when Paradise was offered to mankind, there was one tree. And Lucy, that's his name. Don't eat the tree. But then he said God said don't eat the tree. But Lucy said eat the tree because the truth is much better than paradise. That will give you give another tree. And what happened next? So that is the casino. If we can just give us the paradise, which is your offer and this one number two is the RF thing that you're saying is that is the funding from the state? It is said that. This is like. Soy I love what you offer, really. It's uplifting. My mental health and of course the community, but to see the hook of, like, eat the fruit of the tree at the casino, just remember what happened to the areas at this casino visit. Possessing of our state, the reservation of the Mohawk nation, and visit other casino. Thank you so much. The question is, is the RF?

Speaker 40

Thank you.

Speaker 38

The money from the state #2 is the casino. Can we have? That's the part. That's the promise. Paradise without the casino.

Speaker 3

Function.

Speaker 18

Point of water, point of water. Point of water. Please, this is a meeting.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Thank you very much for the question. I appreciate it. I've been very transparent from the beginning that in order to build a park here in order to redevelop this area in order to recreate the parking that we need to have to accommodate the mess soccer and USDA and. Your parking and. Department employees. It's a couple of billion dollars of infrastructure. I've looked at the different elements of the project that we try to just build the music thing we just built the taste of Queens Food Hall because of the extraordinary cost of building on the site used to be the swamp, everything has to be built on. Piles. We have to get up out of the flood zone. Post sandy. We have a 14 foot flood zone out on the site. It's an extraordinarily expensive site to build on. It's a couple of billion dollars. And so I've been transparent from day one that we really need this license as the pay for. The gaming is less than 10% of the square footage, but it's what allows us to bring people for the year, year round and pay for all the different things that we need to accomplish to make the entire site climate resilient. To get up out of the floodplain, to build the brand new 25 Acre Park and make the whole Project 5.

The one restaurant that we have on Seaver. Right. It's a brew pub. We can't keep open outside of. That's game days. The gaming piece, the conference and meeting space is what's allows us to bring people to the. Area year round. So that we can sustain all these fun bars, restaurants, live music. Thank you very much for your question. Appreciate.

Speaker 18

It. Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

OK. Next question. One second. You have the mic right there. Next question please. And please, Sir, I'm making a question. Thank you, Sir.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker Marty Dolan, a member of the public

OK. Thanks a lot. My name is Marty Dolan. And the question you you've explained pretty well all the benefits. Where does the parking go? And then where will the tailgate parties be held?

Speaker Martha Leviton, a Community Board member and former chair

Yes.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

OK, Marty, before I get to your question, I didn't answer the the money for the project is not coming from the state. This is a private investment between Steve and Hard Rock, entertaining our partner. So I'm sorry I didn't get to that part of your question on the parking. So if you look at the letter E. To the West, to the north, and to the South, we're building structured parking garages. Those parking garages are designed and sized based on where people are coming from. When we sell you a baseball ticket, when we sell you a concert ticket, we know where you live we have. Your contact information. And what we want to do to optimize the parking and especially the egress after an event is to have people park in the right place. Based on where they're coming from, so that after an event we can get you back up onto the highway without having to go on local streets, the letter E to the north, the Northfield garage is designed for people coming from Connecticut, Westchester. We've talked to ways we've talked to Google Maps, what we want to do is name that, the Connecticut Westchester garage. We sell you a ticket. If you're from Connecticut, Westchester, we're going to sell you a parking with it in that garage. So that after an event, you can get back up on the Whitestone and out without coming on to a local Rd. We're also building a pedestrian bridge over shade. Road, one of the biggest problems we have today is that the police are stopping the traffic on Shea Road after a baseball game. Many of you have been out there and you see it and

what happens. They let everybody cross the street going out to the marine and stadium view lots and it backs up traffic in both directions depending on the attendance of the game. Some days we need to stop traffic for 20. And 30 minutes. By getting people over Shay Rd. That allows people to get out to those parking lots safely, it allows the traffic to fleet free flow back into the highway. Marty, the entire building also has two layers of parking under it. The reason we're doing that is twofold. 1 I mentioned we have to get 14 feet up out of the floodplain city field could not be built at the elevation it is today. Post Sandy, we have new floodplains that are plus 14 in most areas higher than some others. And so we're building 2. Layers of parking under the whole building. It's an elegant solution because it gets us out of a floodplain you can park under the building. So in the winter time when it's raining, you're indoors. You can take an escalator up and you're in the building. We've sized the parking to make sure we have plenty of parking because we've heard loud and clear from our neighbors. They don't like the fact that people Park on the Flushing Meadows Corona Park and the grass. During tennis. And they also don't like the people parking on the curves in their neighborhoods. And so we've sized the parking to make sure we meet all the demands of soccer, baseball, the new project. Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Next question, Mr. Chaudry.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

Thank you. My name is Mukesh Choudhary. I'm a board member. We had a project going on on 114th St. we could tell subjects and also we rejected it. But then you're going. I am concerned for the area the parking traffic flow. Traffic flow in this area is now a disaster, and if it more conditions come, then our neighborhood will have difficulties. And as you say, very interestingly, parking 14, the parking garage and all this stuff, these are all located to here. But. Practical field, practically the neighbor. That I want to bring your notice because and moreover, the casino, the casino. You are very nice to hear that we'll have 20,000 or 66000 jobs, but will they be from our locality or will they be from outside? Who guarantees that? That is my concern.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

It's a great question. Unfortunately, against my better wishes, my boss Steve got on Twitter and when somebody sits in one of our parking lots after the game. And they can't get out. They tweet at him, and then he calls me and yells. At me. So he's. Been clear to me from day one that if we're going to pursue this project, we have to make the current parking. And traffic situation better. We experience the same thing you do day after day, coming with games. So there's a lot of things I could spend an hour on traffic and parking. I have a a whole presentation I could give you on that, but I'll try to give you a very abbreviated version of it. The most important thing we can do is smash down the peaks that we see before and after a game. Everybody comes and goes at the same time because there's nothing to do before or after a game, especially after a game. After last week's

pitch, she could see this huge spike in parking. And people trying to leave. You don't see this in other cities. You don't see this at the battery in Atlanta. You don't see it at other ballparks where there's things to do before and after games because the day at the ballpark is actually day at the ballpark. It's not 2 hours and 42 minutes at the ball. People come early, they have lunch, they hang out, they throw a Frisbee, they play *****, they listen to live music. After the game, they have a beer. Hopefully we've won and celebrate. So 1 of. The most important things we can do is smash. Down those. Peaks we've been working on driving more mass transit adoption. We've seen huge uplift. We've seen a huge uplift this season. The people using mass transit. By focusing on this issue this year, this season, we've knocked 1000 cars off the number of people driving to an average Mets game, 1000. We've we've gotten a great gift with the new Grand Central terminal. We're seeing a modal shift off the seven line. People are walking across the pastoral and going off onto the Long Island Railroad. It's 18 minutes to Manhattan. The center track has been closed on the center. The center track has been closed on the seven line because of construction of Woodside and to other stations. It's reopening in April takes pressure off of local trains, allows us to get people in and out quickly. We have been supporting applaud the efforts of Donovan Richards and Councilman Moya to bring back the ferry service. We used to have a ferry service out here. Well, it's point the dock was damaged during and people love to come to baseball games. Love to come to sporting again, events and concerts. That fairy, the ferry service could be also used for people to means to commute. Sandy. Back to Manhattan, out to Long Island and other locations. We'd love to see it. Also stop at LaGuardia is again a way to take cars off the road. I got about 25 more things I could go over. I don't want to take all your time. If you want me to follow up with you, I'm happy to. We're seeing a huge. Uplift. In likes, city bike is now at city Field. We have two bike racks we've been working with local groups to help us understand what the bottlenecks are. What are the curb cuts? The sight lines? Things that need to be fixed and get more people on the site by bike. We want to employ as many people as the site as we can.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

That are from the local neighborhood. Again, it's a Queens hiring.

Speaker 36

Preference. Thank you Sir.

Speaker 9

For sale.

Speaker 10

No, no, no. No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. No, no, no.

Speaker 42

Hey.

Speaker 10

No, no, no, it's not, no.

Speaker 28

Give.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker 24

If they can talk, we can say something to you. I'll follow that they stay in.

Speaker 18

We will. OK. Go ahead. Go ahead.

Speaker 40

Go ahead.

Speaker 18

OK. Excuse me. You're not going to stop this meeting, OK?

Speaker 14

Frank.

Speaker 40

Exactly.

Speaker 18

Speaking with the rules, there are rules to follow.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

You cannot follow them. You must leave.

Speaker 14

OK.

Speaker 40

Hi. OK.

Speaker 43

I'm Michelle laubert. I live.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

In Jackson Heights and my family, two children. I've been here for five years.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Point of order point of order. Please be respectful. Your question, ma'am?

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

So I lived in Jackson Heights for five years and thank you silly and everyone, this is the first time I'm really hearing about the details of the project and this is actually really personal issue for me. It's very concerning this casino plan. I grew up in Sacramento, CA and my daughter of immigrants. When I went away to college, my there were several large casinos that were built here at the home where I grew. Up. And you know, I was away in college, but very close family of members of mine developed gambling addictions. They. You know, like they they would spend hours at the casino and they would not answer calls, the loved ones and.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Point of order. We're going to get a question here.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

There were none. Calls from like one. Sometimes they would spend the whole night in the casino and I think that this is this, you know, when you say that this is the the license that's going to pay for it, it's with the people's money, the vulnerable people, like people who maybe.

Speaker 10

Yes.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

Hello. Experiences in the country where they left their immigrants they you know. They, you know, suffered from depression. You know, there's also mental health concerns, and I think you're not

painting a full picture about the impacts of gambling, especially among marginalized communities, low income community.

Speaker 45

Mr.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

Friends are many of them.

Speaker 3

The.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

They're not. They they're they live in poverty and they're going to be going to the casino because it's that much closer. And I think that's something that needs to be talked about. I don't think it's just this glorious new park space. And you say it's not going to be. It's a scene in a quandon, right? It's a you have to have the casino in order to have the. Workspace and I don't accept that I.

Speaker 18

Next question.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

You paid for what?

Speaker 18

Any questions? Thank you.

Speaker 10

No, no.

Speaker 46

No.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Thank you. Thank you for your question. I'd love to call up I have. The head of responsible gaming globally here for Hard Rock International partner and deals with this issue every day, trains and staff around the world on this issue, so I'd love to have Paul. Address the question and it's a good one.

Speaker 38

Hey.

Speaker 40

Poaching.

Speaker 7

Problem gambling is very serious to those are effects. People who experience the addiction, their families, their loved.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker 7

Ones. It's a very serious issue. Something to speak to. What is we can do, but I'm going to start with some context. Rates of problem gambling where there is an existing form of gambling are between 1 and 3% of the adult population. This is true in the US. This is true around the world.

Speaker 47

When a little bit louder.

Speaker 7

Please, this is important. Casino Gaming has been available to this region for decades. People in this region who want to find casino gaming go to Connecticut, Pennsylvania, in Atlantic City. There are two local properties. So why is that important? Because.

Speaker 14

That.

Speaker 33

Different.

Speaker 3

In the near.

Speaker 7

Research shows that the population adapts to a form. Of. Cancer. So it is it is so that's that's important context because we're not introducing something that doesn't already exist. There are also going to. Be 3 licenses. So the question then becomes, what do you do? The industry, believe it

or not, our business is not premised on addiction and it's not good for our business. People who lose their money lose their homes, lose their relationships, are not long term.

Speaker 11

Yes.

Speaker

Customers.

Speaker 7

It's not good. For the. Health community it's not good. For our team members. So the question becomes, what is it that we do about it? We train all of our guests facing team members, whether you're slot attendance or drink server, people who work.

Speaker 34

Sounds.

Speaker 7

In the restaurants. To look for signs of problem gambling if they see someone that's been there for an. Period. Someone who's making trips to the ATM, someone who's making comments. We train them on how to interact with those people. There are two things we can do for someone who's experiencing a problem. Refer them to services in the community and ask offer a self exclusion program where people can ban themselves from this. We have 3 training programs I personally working with.

Speaker 10

No.

Speaker 33

OK.

Speaker 7

Conditions treatment specialists in every region where we operate within two to three hour training for our supervisors on how to.

Speaker 3

You don't have the same.

Speaker 7

Have these interactions. We have already been working with local community groups here, including Encore, including Hamilton Madison House, including Korean Family Services who already have addictions programs we signed up with use from those at least of the concern around 1G for particular communities. You need to understand how to support those.

Speaker 28

Thank you.

Speaker 47

Things.

Speaker 7

That we Co create. Programs with those specialized services that that cater to, particularly so in our MU first thing we're going.

Speaker 1

Frank.

Speaker 3

Frank.

Speaker 19

Only three more questions, David.

Speaker 7

To do before. You know, we can open is do research on what is the prevalence of gaming activity and what's the prevalence of problem gambling in this community because that data doesn't exist, doesn't exist at the Queen's level. You need to understand what that is. So we can then build education programming to educate the the community on what are, what are the risk signs look like. What do you do for need? Help. How do? You keep gambling safe. We're going to Co develop those. Deliver them to the community working with those localized. Agencies, we're also going. To use their expertise and and team members to help train our staff. So if we have particular community groups, our team members are going to represent them and they're going to be trained in linguistic and cultural competency from those local organizations. So the other things we're going to do, but that is what you can do, casino.

Speaker 3

So.

Speaker 7

Gaming is here. It's going to be here. The question becomes how do you deliver it the best way?

Speaker 27

Please baby.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

There will be a time in this program where you can't speak for one minute, but please give me questions so they can, you know. Three questions left.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

I know all of them.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

We're we're going to pay for them and we're going to support our.

Speaker 28

Local partners so.

Speaker 19

No, no, no, go ahead.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Excuse me. Excuse me. Point of order you have.

Speaker 48

That's.

Speaker 49

The floor. Thank you. They'll bring a candy. Mr. Sullivan, you have made a key point of arguing that they're seeing us financially indispensable. I think you even rebuffed a counter offer from Jessica Ramos to support alienation for a proposal that didn't have casino. Given that, it's easily the most controversial and potentially harmful part of this. When we present prevent present substantiation of this, I'm the best of my knowledge. I've not seen any documentation and I've been all the Community Board meetings I've been interested for all for way presentation I've been to town halls,

documentation supporting your point that financially you can't do this stuff this year. So I think that would be useful for us to know.

Speaker 28

OK.

Speaker 3

Thank you.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

I just took you through Bill. A couple billion dollars of infrastructure that's required to build on this site to recreate the parking that we were required by the City of New York to maintain on this site for the Mets, for for commuter parking, parks, department for tennis.

Speaker 20

Tucker.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

From there in. Town. It's a couple of billion dollars of infrastructure. If you go tonight to Zebra way and you visit our group hub, it's closed. Why is it closed? We need a steady flow of people to come to the site year round if we want to support bars, restaurants and entertainment. Great live music. And to be able to afford the billions of dollars of infrastructure it's going to cost to get up out of the floodplain, make this entire site climate resilient to deliver the 25 acres of New York City public parks. And our neighbors have told us they. I've been transparent.

Speaker 40

Well, so not going to book it.

Speaker 49

When the answer is, you're not going to provide any actual. Documentation which is fine but.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Without the casino itself.

Speaker 14

OK.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Next question.

Speaker 12

Please.

Speaker Nulo Darina Randall, a member of the board

Could evening my name is Nulo Darina Randall, a member of the board 3 I'd like to clear explanation of the key benefits. Look one. But how do we make sure you as a big developer and a billionaire or millionaire, how do you make sure you do them? How do we make sure that when the casino opens, we already have those three benefits and what checks are there for that? Because the little clear Board member, it's really hard for me. To say hey you. Didn't build that, So what other systems? Farther to make sure. That gets done.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

It's a great question and it's an important one and I know a lot of people have brought to our attention their disappointment with other projects where the commitments were not fulfilled. The way this process works with the state of New York next June, we have to submit an RFA request for application proposal to the state of New York. What we commit to build what we commit to fund the taste of Queens Food Hall, the park. The live music venue, the Taste of Queens Food Hall, the community space, the Community Benefit fund. They're all part of that application. We cannot open the doors to the project, we will not get the license to open the doors until we deliver all those elements. The Gaming Commission has been very clear. There are no temporary licenses. You can't build the gaming piece of it. The five to 3% or 700% depending how you want to look at it and open that up. And then take your time about building the other things. They don't allow it. They've explicitly said it in the legislation. There are no temporaries. We have to deliver all of these elements. But we don't get a license to operate and we also have to pay for and deliver a completion bond to the state. So whatever we propose to build, we'll have a massive bond that we're liable for paying if we don't deliver the project.

Speaker 23

Stop.

Speaker Nulo Darina Randall, a member of the board

So.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

So there's no revenue, there's no license to operate. We can't open the doors unless we deliver everything that we're committed to. We've provided to you all and Rite Aid and it's going to be part.

Speaker Nulo Darina Randall, a member of the board

Of our application not really clear though, so you're asking us today to vote for this. Yeah. How do we know what you're telling us today is? What's?

Speaker 25

Come on.

Speaker 38

Going to be.

Speaker Nulo Darina Randall, a member of the board

In that proposal.

Speaker 51

Brexit.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

What what I am proposing today is is a minimum. I suspect based on the meetings that I have on almost a daily basis, there'll be other things as we work through the process. So what we are proposing today and have given to all of you. In. Writing is the bare minimum, and there may be more to come. We're doing a lot of thing weapon.

Speaker 28

OK.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

We got two more, one more.

Speaker 42

Hello everyone I'm so so I'm a member in the community for more than 20 years. No translators here for the commute. Or other languages. So my question is, the team has enjoyed you said the keyword bond, right? The team has joined greater tax relief than the Yankees last year, received exceptions. Told you 146,000,000 while making bonds payments of 44 million, providing a net. Benefit \$102,000,000 a year from taxpayers. Money how much money would they get now in tax breaks? And if they have more than 100 years, why they never build anything on that land? And three, are you going to clean Flushing Bay?

Speaker

Let's. See.

Speaker 28

Right.

Speaker 42

That dumped billions of sludge water from people's pipes that the city Water Department has not been able to fix. And last month, how many of you live in the community and have experienced? All the changes.

Speaker 3

Right. And we have to repeat.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Mr. Sullivan is going to answer that question in one minute, but I do want to jump in here. Thank you for your questions. That's going to. Be it for. Questions. OK, I don't know how many of you guys know this thing here or you don't know this, but these are new owners.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

Yeah.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Of the New York Mets. This is not the Wilpon. Please point of order. This is not anarchy and this is not chaos. This is uncontrolled meeting of our community.

Speaker 1

I hope.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Frank stole my Thunder. We the the arrangements that The Woodlands made in terms of how they bonded city feel when they.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Built it all of that created us. I can tell you we do not make money on. The New York. Mets. Steve is OK with that. You knew that coming in. Review zoning this team as a civic responsibility, he wants to win the World Series. He wants to win championships for New York. We're all in.

Speaker 32

I'm a I'm a lifelong resident. I'm a life long resident and I also own a business and and I think that this seems like gentrification at its best.

Speaker 1

How many people?

Speaker 32

So my question is.

Speaker 10

Are.

Speaker 32

You building this project for the current residents or for the residents that are going to replace the the displaced residents?

Speaker 1

It's good.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

It's a great it's a great question. Obviously we're not displacing any housing as part of the project. In fact, we're enabling the project across the street to move forward.

Speaker 36

Great.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

It's not our project. I want to be clear about that, but it includes 2500 units of affordable housing. It's our hope. That is, many of the people moving into the new neighborhood across the street from us, they want a job, can walk across the street to have a good paying job, a job with benefits, a job with childcare, who need for people who need it.

Speaker 26

Whoa.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

And the job was upward. When we've done these listening sessions, when we've talked to our neighbor, they've told us over and over and over again that a growing share of their take home income is going to rent food and that the inflation is hurting and they want good paying jobs. We're going to provide a lot of jobs. We're going to provide a lot of opportunities.

Speaker 3

It's not a problem.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

Going to provide a lot of lot of job. And we've opened up a local hiring center one block South of Corona Plaza, so that we can be on the ground in the neighborhoods around us, educating people about the job opportunities, the job training opportunities and encouraging them to come work here. We're also going to open up a center right at city Field that's at local hiring center. We've partnered with over a dozen local workforce development partners. Many of them are here. The room to make sure that we're on the ground and the communities around us here educating people about these job opportunities. I mentioned earlier, we have a Queens hiring preference. We want as many people from the neighborhoods around us to work here as possible. It's the most diverse neighborhood on.

Speaker 20

Earth.

Speaker Mike Sullivan, Chief of Staff for Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets

We will have a very diverse customer base here. We want people that can interact with. Customers in every language you can imagine. People from coming, all coming from all over the.

Speaker 3

World.

Speaker 20

Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Thanks everyone. At this time for their questions, I'd like to thank the New York Mets and their team for being here and being. Thank you. We'll get a World Series out of these guys. All right. All right,

we're going to. Close that session, that part of the session. All right, all questions are now done at this time, I'm going to invite board member Michael de Valera. He's going to read something that I wanted to read, actually, but. You know I'm not. I don't do this. By myself. And I don't check this. This is a 50 person board. We have a great district manager down there. Executive Board is your seat. So they do a fantastic job. Listen, these guys are here. It's a Thursday night they got.

Speaker 3

For what?

Speaker 18

This is fantastic.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

The next thing Mike's going to.

Speaker 27

Just.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Read to you. Is something that we've been working on. In conjunction with the New York Mets. Or Hard Rock or district manager or community. Out here I see encore out here. Wonderful. Our leaders assembling and Aubrey Council. Memoria. Of course, they couldn't be here. When is that an event? You know, it's.

Speaker

The.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Under. The weather, but. These are things that we've been working on. And I when I say we, it's not me, it's not the district manager. It's all of us that have been working to. Try to get this. Thing in some sort of seminars where it benefits our community. So please just take a listen and.

Speaker 11

Thank you.

Speaker 45

What's yours?

Speaker 11

Good evening, everyone. Invite Lily Valero. I am almost 60 year resident of Corona, Queens. I live in Rory Miller. And so I just wanted to present this idea that we've got in front of us.

Speaker Isaac Wonko, a representative from Neighborhood Housing Services

Healthy.

Speaker 11

Steve Cohen and Hard Rock International, the partners in Metropolitan Park, Queens future, are committed to partnering with the local community for ongoing input and engagement in the transformation of 50 acres into Metropolitan Park. Queen's Future commits to 1 billion. Not million, 1 billion and specific community benefits, climate readiness and transit improvements as part of the plan to transform the 50 acres of asphalt around city field into a revolutionary sports and entertainment park. The detailed community benefits contingent on receiving a gaming license. Are part of the 80 billion proposal to convert asphalt parking lots around city field into a community driven vision that delivers over 23,000 good paying union jobs and careers, 25 acres of new public park space and athletic fields and a renovated. And accessible 88 mass transit station as far as creating Metropolitan Park, Queen's Future is committed to the following community benefit and transit investment. One create new, open public park space 320 million to construct, operate and maintain approximately 25 acres of new public open space at Metropolitan Park 2. Modernize the train station and invest in climate readiness 480 million for public infrastructure. Improvements, including transforming the men's bullet .7 train station into a welcoming entrance to Flushing Meadows Park Corona, with long overdue ADA accessibility, safer neighborhood connectivity, and significant investment in climate resilience measures. Three provide community support and investment. 163 million for a Community impact fund that will provide grants to nonprofit organizations serving Queens communities and residents. Metropolitan Park will organize and operate the fund based on recommendations. Of representatives of these most impacted Community Board districts in cooperation with our local governing partners. A7 Member board will be formed that will include at least one member appointed by the Chair of Queens Community Board 3 and additional member nominations will be based on geographic proximity to the site. Four building taste of Queens food hole 150 million to build taste of Queens, a community oriented green food market that will operate year round and feature Queens based food vendors. Five support responsible gaming and improve youth and senior services, 25,000,000 for community identified healthcare and youth and senior needs including a health clinic in East Elmhurst, a youth and Senior Center. The Corona and additional mental health services infrastructure in flushing.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

And it's just eight months.

Speaker 45

3%.

Speaker 11

Six economic opportunity for the community in addition to the financial commitments to the greater Queens Community, Steve Cohen and Hard Rock International are committing to minority and women owned business enterprises. The MWBE program contracted local hiring and workforce development initiatives, a small business.

Speaker 3

Thank you.

Speaker

No, no, no.

Speaker 11

Lending program, childcare for employees and a responsible gaming program.

Speaker 19

This is wonderful.

Speaker 11

We are committed to being a responsible and supportive neighbor and we will continue to ensure that the benefits of this project reflect the needs of our neighbors. Thank you very much.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Now, many of you guys know me in this room. I'm a former law enforcement and I'm.

Speaker 12

A businessman today.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Some people say I'm pretty successful. OK, I believe in giving back because.

Speaker 3

Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

I'm very lucky. Now this board consists of business people. This board consists of mental health people. This board consists of so many walks of life. That's why this paper was born. We learned from the Barclays Center. I studied that. Because everyone came to me and said, well, this is another Barclay sent another Barclays Center. OK, I'm not from Brooklyn. I'm from East Elmhurst, Queens. So let me read. Let me find out. Part of this entire deal is that it's still a living document. Didn't does these things that should be added on. We talked about scholarships last time. Also that was brought up by this board and I fully well expect that to be done. And when you guys heard the chair is going to pick one I.

Speaker 3

Hi.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Won't be the chair at that time. So what they for me and I said 8 and I have a college degree from Lincoln University. This the length they use also graduated from the end. But I'm using the word. This ain't about me. It ain't about the boy. It's about us as a community.

Speaker Danny Dromm, former City Council member

Yes, OK.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And I'm going to Dallas and sat there through thousands of meetings thousands of times. You guys sat there and I know there was other things that you. Guys could have been. Doing this, folks, there. Jeff's not here was here. Here's a bunch of people that went to these meetings, and he could have been doing 100. But they care about this community and it's about time.

Speaker 3

The community has something.

Speaker 43

There you go.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

I want I want to say this to the end but my thing is that I can do this as a chair. What are you fighting for? Everybody knows how the President did wants. We fought against the Governor of the state of New York and I misspoke or I love Miss Hope. Mr. Cuomo. And we won. I stole this movie. Crazy. I love a good fight. Anybody in this will tell you, Frank? Oh, yeah. He loves a good fight. Let's go do this. Let's get the. Let's get all the smoke. What? What is there today? Drugs, prostitution, an area

that can be used in. Law. Dilapidated trains, lapidation areas. We or one of the guys who went out there. I'm one of the guys that. Go out there and protest. With the pros. Sushi. We got 75 state troopers here. We got 160 police officers here for 90 days. Jump over there too. You walked. With us. Thank you. What happens after that? What happens when the 91st day? And if the speed of development I'm a developer, OK? How do you get out of this is you develop? Yep. What I have to say, this is a Community Board meeting, so I have to. Move on now, alright. Business echo. That's you, Sir. Mr. Edmund Roosevelt, if you don't mind, can you grace us?

Speaker 19

No. The one minute speeches, frankly, no. The one minute, Frank, the one minute, the one minute.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Yeah. One second.

Speaker 40

Why?

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

What?

Speaker 3

Well.

Speaker 1

No, you can't do that. You can't do that.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Let's go. Here you are. Please welcome.

Speaker 35

We have 5 applications tonight. We'll try to get this next to this. As soon as possible.

Speaker 24

Point of order. Please point of order.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And also long meeting. Thank you for being here.

Speaker 35

First application is made in Venezuela incorporated, 10439 Roosevelt Ave. and Corona. This is an application for a new full liquor license. It's the applicant present. Made in Venezuela, the applicant present.

Speaker 4

And then if they're not.

Speaker 35

Moving on 2nd applicant on the agenda Mediterranean Coffee Shop Corp, 8609 Roosevelt Ave. Jackson Heights, and application for wine.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And you know.

Speaker 35

Beer and cider license. Is the applicant president again Mediterranean coffee shop?

Speaker 3

Hey. I hope not.

Speaker 35

Three on the agenda is GG NYC.

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

Bakery incorporated 89.

Speaker 35

01 37th Ave. Jackson Heights. Application for new full liquor license.

Speaker 13

Not here.

Speaker 35

Is the app from the present spikes against you OK? #4 is very bakery Roosevelt, 9601 Roosevelt Ave. Verona applicable for wine, beer and cider license.

Speaker 3

You should. That's.

Speaker 35

The applicant present OK.

Speaker 3

How's yeah. Yeah. No, the first three first 3.

Speaker 35

She's out there in the crowd, the owner. OK. Well, the next one is the. Same owner. The next, the last one is the same owner. It's a. It's a simultaneous application, two different locations.

Speaker 1

Thank you.

Speaker 54

Beyond.

Speaker 35

The owners out. Of the country. So these are these are table tracks. Mendoza. Yes, well, yo.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Let's open them. OK. Thanks a lot for coming.

Speaker 35

Has to be present. So we have to table this the next month.

Speaker 3

Good job. Nothing. Nothing today.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right, now we're going to. Have testimony will take. Probably about 20 people. Yeah, I know. We're gonna do one minute. You will be time. Please say whatever you have to say.

Speaker 3

Oh.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And please be respectful, all right.

Speaker 3

We always.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

This is for this, not.

Speaker 33

OK.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

OK, speakers at this time, Danny drum, Danny drum.

Speaker Danny Dromm, former City Council member

Hey, thank you very much, Frank. Thank you. It's great to be back three. You know, I've been here for about 33 years coming, asking for permission. Of course, you always the ones who approved us for our street festival, for the Queen's Pride parade. Thank you for that. For always being so inclusive. A little bit of bad news. And see the bomb who used to serve on this Community Board here, passed away yesterday. So I asked you to take a moment. And just think.

Speaker 35

About it and see if he's also.

Speaker Danny Dromm, former City Council member

Up and seeing how. I only have a minute. I don't have executive privilege anymore. As a Council member, I do want to say to Frank, be careful, Frank. I know you said that you support or like your favorite ministers. Two of them. Are here. Yeah, but you have a. Favorite. You also said that? You listen. Ferraris was your favorite finance chair. All right. I'm here tonight to support the measure to support Metropolitan Park. I think it's a fantastic once in a lifetime, portunity. I know I don't have much time and heard the presentation, which is really fantastic, but I want to speak to the woman who spoke emotionally about the addiction piece. I've been clean and sober for 33 years, 33 years. We. We could try and the United States did try prohibit. OK. And it didn't work. The problem is not that you have alcohol that you have bars so that you have casinos. The problem is for the person who is the act that is a disease of the attitudes and unless you address that issue personally as a person, as a human being. Psychological issue, and unless you seek help, and by the way, Encore is here to provide help to those who need it, that friend, we have had a solution not by the 15%. So am I trying this?

Speaker 28

Yeah.

Speaker Danny Dromm, former City Council member

Up. I think I just wanted to be here. Thank you everybody for everything they've done.

Speaker 28

And then you know.

Speaker Danny Dromm, former City Council member

OK. Thanks.

Speaker 46

Has to go, are they? Here.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Can you guys please Doctor Young Pastor Vicky, Eddie Valentine, Rebecca Pryor and Tammy rose?
Let's start with that, Tom.

Speaker 12

It's a preacher, but I'm gonna follow the rules. I'm supporting this project because this project is going to provide jobs. And hope and help for families now and families to come. This is not about investing now, but it's also investing in the future. It's about making the change change in our community. It's about making a lift in our community.

Speaker 14

Yeah.

Speaker 12

And you know, our community needs some. It's time to quit saying no and let's start providing a yes. This is an opportunity that once come in a lifetime. And I'm gonna close with George Bernard Shaw. He says progress. Is impossible without shame.

Speaker 14

Right.

Speaker 12

And those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

Speaker 24

Congratulations.

Speaker 8

Hi. Hi. Hi. First of all I want to say thank you to the Community Board for actually listening to all our testimony. You we all. Agree to disagree sometimes, when that's part of America, right? That's why we're here. In a free country, so we can all give our opinions and they have to be respected. Now I've been. I've lived in this neighborhood 38 years. I have a business. I have two businesses in this neighborhood. One of them is 35 years old, so I am a businessman, a Latino businessman, and for the first time ever, I was approached because somebody wanted to hear my point of view about a project that was happening in our new. This has never happened to me in the 38 years that I've lived here or the 35 years that I've owned the bar. Nobody ever cares. About us nobody ever cares about. I also am a resident that chats tonight. Nobody ever cared about my opinion, so I'm here to show my support because you do have a lot of millionaires and billionaires who come to our neighborhood build these ugly warehouses. We gotta.

Speaker 34

OK.

Speaker 8

There at them, but we're still buying.

Speaker 24

Their products we.

Speaker 8

Got other billionaires? Who are building algorithms in the phone so. All your children all. Our children, they. Get hooked and we're still buying those phones. So now we have to like who wants to throw money at us, wants to fix the neighborhoods, want to better everything? There's no way that we can say no to this. OK. Yes. There is a casino. OK, that's 10% of the project. But you know what that that casinos bringing part of those 6000 we're talking about 6000 not 600. We're talking about 6000 jobs.

Speaker 24

Every time I put a whole planted in front of my business, I get 2 to 300 people trying to be that bus boy back. At this end we need jobs.

Speaker 28

One minute.

Speaker 46

Take Me Home. But back again next and then Andrew.

Speaker 45

Thank you.

Speaker 46

Sorry I'm not as entertaining as Frank, I'm.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Oh.

Speaker 33

Just.

Speaker 43

That was wonderful. I loved it. Thank you. Alright. My name is Jamie. I'm I'm born and raised New York City. I'm a Queens resident for 12 years. I raised my family here. I bring my kids often to run and play and enjoy the park. I'm a Union member and I'm also a founding principal of a nature based consultancy firm. Well, just ecocities, we're working for cleaner water, greener cities, fair access in New York City and beyond. And I'm an active volunteer of a number of Queens based community organizations, including as a member of Living Faith Community Church since 2007. I'm so honored to be raking remarks here in an institution that celebrates Black heritage and the contributions of Black New Yorkers. I never knew my grandmother or my youngest uncle. I only learned in my mid 20s that she died jumping off the roof of a tenement building on Mott St. with my baby Uncle Anthony. There are many factors that contributed to her tragic story, but one of the biggest factors was my grandfather, who gambled frequently. Let me be clear, Community Board members, casinos destroy families, parts, community.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

Yes, yes.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker 46

Next is Alexis for your loudness plan. Again this after that OK.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Yes, I said. Is that for you to go?

Speaker New York State Senator Jessica Ramos

Is it OK if I save my time to Norris because there's only 20 people who are gonna speak and?

Speaker Tammy Rose, a veteran, mother, and early childhood educator

She's a guardians of flushing.

Speaker 18

Hello.

Speaker 19

No, go ahead.

Speaker 46

OK.

Speaker 1

Andrew.

Speaker 46

OK, so I'm ready. Let's.

Speaker 32

Go alright.

Speaker 54

Thank you. Thank.

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

You. Good evening, everyone. And yourself? Lydia is here with the 89th St. tenants with Needles Association in Jackson Heights. We represent 500 residents. That's 220 families. Not everyone can be here tonight for obvious reason. I have to redact a lot of what I wanted to say in within 3 minutes, but this one minute one minute I know I had. I had three minutes. Anyway, this process is about profits, not public. Good casinos extract wealth, they fuel addiction. They destroy families. I've seen this first hand with a loved.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

1. There you go.

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

Queens, deserts investments and union jobs, but not at this cost. I grew up with a family member who actually supports this casino and is involved with this casino and to me that represents the further destruction of our family right here in our backyard in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. You guys have options today. You have power. You have immense power to not let billionaires come in and play with our. #1 the urge to be 3 members to vote no today. Whether you have an interest here or not. No casino, no park alienation. We want acre per acre replacement of land. We want to conduct a real displacement study. We know about that. We've been through the fire. A real displacement study that goes more than two blocks into the community.

Speaker 6

What?

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

Because you haven't. You haven't studied that. I don't know where.

Speaker 28

Right.

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

And finally, we demand incorporation of the Phoenix Meadows principles in this plan, as well as a binding community benefits agreement before approval. Once you give your OK you've given them the keys to this land. It's done. Casinos extract wealth. Billionaires want to come here and play with our land and our. In our public space. Sorry. Thank you.

Speaker 40

OK.

Speaker 33

OK.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

I called Rebecca.

Speaker Rebecca Pryor, a representative of East Elmhurst

Hi, good evening. I'm here as a representative of East Elmhurst, and just I just want to share the fact that I was born in Elmhurst Hospital. Next week I will have been a resident of Elmhurst 59 years, and I'm also. A breast cancer. By her I was raised and he showed her. Basically, summers I I I. My children is. Summers, my daughter, is sitting in the back. My kids were educated here and you know it's it's it. First of all, there's a concern about, you know, we dealt with the with the airport, which OK, we really need it. But, you know, there's a health concern all of this, all of this construction. I'm also a member of the Empire Dragons Dragon Ball team, and we're the only breast cancer Dragon Ball team in New York City, and we we practice and train in Flushing Bay and it's a concern, right? Our our quality of life in the summers and I can speak because I have been here for 59 years. Our quality of life has really diminished and I don't believe that a casino is going to make that any better. I'm here. I live here. I own property here and I think that, you know, I'm representation of of many others who feel like this is not something that we. Need and definitely not something that we want for health reasons for mental health and for just simple quality of life. And I haven't been convinced by listening that that is going to change. Thank you.

Speaker 46

This.

Speaker Tammy Rose, a veteran, mother, and early childhood educator

Thank you. Good, good afternoon, good Evening, Community Board. I have to cut my speech down and said 3 minutes on Monday so I'll cut it down. But good evening. My name is Alexis Gully and Eddie, as I'm a resident and a homeowner in Jackson Heights, a public school parent, a small business owner and the President of Queens Stem Career Women Incorporated a 5013 C nonprofit serving young Women and girls here in Queens. I know everybody in this room is deeply committed to their neighbors. 1st. I share that commitment, which is why I am very concerned about this. Casino casinos have a long, proven history of praying upon the most vulnerable populations. Most often people with low incomes who have more to gain with a big win. Young people, especially boys and men, are another susceptible group and according to the American Psychological Association.

Speaker 46

Up to five.

Speaker Tammy Rose, a veteran, mother, and early childhood educator

Percent of adolescents and adults who gamble do develop a disorder.

Speaker Isaac Wonko, a representative from Neighborhood Housing Services

Sure.

Speaker Tammy Rose, a veteran, mother, and early childhood educator

5% may seem like a small number, but you have to know that some reports find that up to 80% of the casinos revenues come from that 5% were problem gamblers. It's these problem gamblers who keep the casino in business. On the backs of our most vulnerable neighbors, it's not the occasional date, night, or a group of friends coming out to have a good night at the Hard Rock. The casino will supposedly be the economic engine. It will just be extracting wealth from an already limited limited wealth in our community. We desperately need the social investment. I'm I'm OK with the park and everything else but this.

Speaker 13

Thank you.

Speaker Tammy Rose, a veteran, mother, and early childhood educator

Casino is going to destroy our neighborhoods.

Speaker 46

Good evening everyone. I'm just going to say how insulted I really feel right now. This group came to had a meeting here. Matter of fact six years ago and they didn't involve the East Elmhurst residents and the Corona residents, and we some of us kind of heard about it. And we infiltrated it. And basically they have a plan. They have a plan to redo the Bay. That was a \$10 million plan six years ago. Every time something is coming to be redeveloped here, this same group don't want it redeveloped. And why is that? Because they have a plan for redevelopment that has not been said. We have to understand the only way out of crime and out of poverty is with economic development. We cannot, and we you cannot sit here and be.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Now.

Speaker 46

The full pantry lines being 400 people in line, but don't think that we should give our community the dignity of a job that at least 20 buses a day. Leaving from Flushing to go gamble, there is no protest. There is nobody standing there, there's no fight. But when this comes to a black and brown community about to get something, everybody here is fighting against us. You will. Not think this will come. Presidents 12,000 residents went into a Career Center over the last three years. 12,000 Eastern most Corona Jackson Heights residence jobs is a factor. You have one great, others need one too. Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

No, no, no. She just got elected.

Speaker 46

Thanks.

Speaker Tammy Rose, a veteran, mother, and early childhood educator

My name is Tammy Rose.

Speaker Rebecca Pryor, a representative of East Elmhurst

I live here in Jackson Heights. I've been here for almost 30 years. I'm a veteran. I'm a mother. I'm an early childhood educator. I support this project for many reasons. One of the reasons is childcare and because of that I also accusing myself in this boat because I have advised. Metropolitan Park about the childcare offerings that we will have and that's why I want to talk about the silly when we're just talking about, we need jobs, we're going to be able to offer something to Queens here that we have not had ever a company that will bring 6000 permanent jobs beside the 24,000 union.

Speaker 27

Jobs.

Speaker 3

Yes.

Speaker Rebecca Pryor, a representative of East Elmhurst

And those are finished. We have the. 6000 permanent jobs and. With that will come childcare to me. And the people that will be. Working at for these childcare jobs. Also be local and when I say local I talk in Corona, I talk in Jackson Heights, I'm talking eastell person. How do I know that? Because I know our neighbors and I know who need those jobs. So once again I'm supporting this project. And thank you for that.

Speaker 34

Jim birth Jim Burke.

Speaker 46

Yeah.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

That's why I'm saying.

Speaker 46

I saw you.

Speaker 18

Your problem. Doing your favor?

Speaker 3

Even.

Speaker 46

Helen Helen Ortega, are you here?

Speaker 54

Thank you. My name is Jim Burke. Thank you very much for having this meeting. I'm. I'm really attracted this project and I'm for it because of all the infrastructure. Here in Jackson Heights, most of our subway stations are not ADA. They accessible. We waited. I think when I first moved to the other side of Roosevelt in 19. 90. They redid the 82nd St. subway. They just did it again and basically it's paint doesn't look any better. There's no elevators. This is something that we can get an ADA. Accessible elevator to a beautiful park. We're going to have bike lanes lining the streets, we're going to have lighting on Roosevelt Ave. something we should copy and we'll run the entire length of Roosevelt Ave. This is these are all infrastructure projects that somehow for 20-30 years we haven't gotten, it's really unsafe to bike there. It's very unpleasant to walk. We often walk back after a game. It's completely dark, the sidewalks are broken. There's no lighting. These are things that will be fixed by then. Even just moving across. Can cost 350 to \$650,000. That's why the crosswalk is in the wrong place. It's where the stadium used to be so that this city does not have the money to maintain its parks and to do these ADA subways. This is what was going to come in and help us, and I really hope. That we take advantage of it. Thank you.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker 46

I don't know. I have data because my staff was at a meeting yesterday and was approached about the fact that they heard the tongue was a part of this project and even though we've been doing this work for 60 years with addiction, no one has come up to us before. No one has asked us about what you do. No one has asked us about this. The statistical data. But because we were associated with this, they asked for some data, so I had some. So what's interesting about this push here at C CB3 and the pushback about addiction and all this conversations that I want to say to the young lady who spoke about addiction, I understand that intimately as well. My father had an alcohol use disorder and also was a gambler. But his real issue was that he spent his whole life dealing with trauma and depression. And I think that's the.

Speaker 24

Conversation.

Speaker 46

This Community Board had approved in the last four years 380 liquor licenses. No one shows up about that yet in our outpatient serve. 60% of the people that we see having alcohol use disorder, not a gambling disorder. So all I'm going to say is we want to be educated about addiction. We have been on the corner of 108th St. and this was cocaine way when nobody cared about what happens out here, the assembly woman's frustration about being black and brown is.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

Right.

Speaker 46

In this neighborhood is serious. The fact that people think they can speak on behalf of us, put people in front of us as if we don't know what's going on. It's an insult. Yeah, it's an insult to what we've been doing. I've been here for 50 years. I work in this community and I give back to this Community and there is something, absolutely. Reprehensible about the fact that you think you can talk. To. Us about addiction when we've been serving about addiction, now you see. Now if you wanna send us this our social media level, they they drop box and so whatever the hell you call it now they wanna they wanna know. Are you sure you can do this first? Yeah. Ask the thousands of lives. No. What's this? Understand that people feel it really when it's your family, but understand they come to us and help us. Help them. I don't have an issue with the idea that Steve Cohen's a billionaire cause he's still gonna be a billionaire tomorrow. Is much fun to have a job.

Speaker 28

One minute, one minute not.

Speaker 46

And now the last time we said it was a monumental night and the next night. This country showed us what they think about black women speaking out, and so I just want you to know we're not going nowhere. Whether you vote for us, whether you want us, we're not going nowhere. You don't get the chance of opportunity to speak over Africa.

Speaker Kenny Cohen, a Community Board member from Community Board 8 and a member of IBEW Local 3

Good evening everybody. My name is Kenny Cohen. Branch. I'm a fellow Community Board member from Community Board 8, and I'm a proud member of IBEW Local 3. One of the words that I kept hearing today is.

Speaker 24

2424.

Speaker Kenny Cohen, a Community Board member from Community Board 8 and a member of IBEW Local 3

Exploitation. And when I think about exploitation, I think about the hundreds of day laborers that I see get picked up by non union contractors to build. Housing here that we can't afford to live in. Who don't get a fair wage for their day's pay, who don't get health benefits and access to a pension when they work on these jobs. And what we have here is an opportunity for us to get thousands of Union jobs for the Members of this community.

Speaker Danny Dromm, former City Council member

This project I think about.

Speaker Kenny Cohen, a Community Board member from Community Board 8 and a member of IBEW Local 3

The Flushing members of of Latimer Gardens of land, houses of homemade houses who have never had the opportunity to have, never had a developer come and say, hey, what do you guys need? Can we give you a job? Do you guys need resources for your community? But this developer has reached that hand into the community. This has never happened before. I've been a part of development in my Community Board for years and I've never seen a developer say, hey, what do you want before they're ever approved for a project? And this is an opportunity for us to take a stand as a community and change the way development is done in New York City. We simply consulted first.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 28

From here.

Speaker Kenny Cohen, a Community Board member from Community Board 8 and a member of IBEW Local 3

Before things are built, not the other way around. They shouldn't have a plan and then come to us to verify their plan and then never give us. As a result of that, Macedonia, AME still doesn't have a

location. One of the oldest black churches in the city of New York is homeless because developers develop 1st and ask US questions later. I hope that you all. I hope that you all vote in favor of this project like just like we did in Community Board.

Speaker 3

Correct.

Speaker 23

Thanks everyone. I'm Margaret Finnegan, a longtime community with three residents, and I agree with all the great things said about jobs and unions. But tonight's vote is about land use, about what's going to be built.

Speaker 3

Some people manipulating well, you know that.

Speaker 23

Not about how or the benefits like hospitals or other things that may come. So I encourage you to vote no on demapping Parkland, we're not actually gaining new Parkland. That green space is already on public land, Flushing Meadows Corona Park will get smaller by this tonight. If you approve, if you do, I urge you to vote yes with the change that the applicants must replace acre per acre every last bit of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. I would also encourage you to vote no on the commercialization over the 80 year lease of the applicants. The many, many, many billions of dollars that this is commercially going to be worth outstrip any numbers that have been talked about so far. You can also address that if you want to vote yes, you can vote yes with the change. That that \$163 million commitment is an annual commitment, not a one time. This is the base. It is both the park and the parking lot, but either way it is all still publicly owned open space. Our space. Should we give it away so easily and so free to a private developer?

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Thank you.

Speaker 46

No pastor.

Speaker 14

No, no, we haven't. No. But Frank, Frank. Helen. Frank. Helen. Helen.

Speaker 36

Tom, good evening, everyone. I'm Bishop Mitchell. Boyd Taylor. I'm the founder and CEO of Urban upbound nonprofit organization, developed to break cycles of poverty and public housing neighborhoods.

Speaker 24

Right.

Speaker 36

I want to start first by saying let's get Syeda Dunstan from everything that I would have said, she said. So I'm going to skip to the benefit part because this is important. This is a transformational project that would do what jobs very important jobs, just the casino jobs alone. You have dealers, slot technicians, surveillance operators, pit bosses, host VIP services, bartenders, housekeepers, marketing, promotional staff, IT specialists in the rest. Fronts. You have executive chefs. You have assistant chefs lying cause prep, prep, chefs, servers, wait, staff hostesses, hosts bartenders, dishwashers, restaurant managers, bussers, food runners, pastry chefs, bakers. Then you have in the hotel front desk receptionist, concierge. Housekeeping staff bellhop Porter hotel. Manager, reservation agents, event planners, coordinators, maintenance technicians, room specialists, room service attendants, security officers spot there is food, beverage managers, and all of these jobs. Listen, listen, listen, listen. I'm gonna tell you.

Speaker 42

What now?

Speaker 28

One minute.

Speaker 36

If you do not change your mind, nothing will change in our lives.

Speaker 24

Let's focus for this project.

Speaker 34

Let's go.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Frank, what happened to Helen? Wait, whoa, whoa, whoa. What? Sorry, Helen.

Speaker 30

No. Together. So good evening, everyone. My name is Helen Yaga. I'm a corona resident. This is in my backyard.

Speaker 18

If everybody else.

Speaker 37

But more import.

Speaker 30

We've been talking about jobs, you know what jobs. Also do give good healthcare.

Speaker 9

And when you have a healthy community, have a.

Speaker 30

Community and I have to tell you, doing jobs are important. That job is important because when my dad had a union benefit and had a high school program in that Union, guess who got. Into a special program and that special program let me for a full ride for college and that full ride of college. Let me to my profession. And if I think about my profession and how much work I've done in my community, how much access we've. To the community of Corona in Jackson Heights is because of those Union jobs. Because if my dad was healthy, I was healthy and I want to make sure my community stays healthy. So please approve this project because it's my community and I'm with Saida this is my community. Don't tell me what I need because I. Know what I need?

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

North, she did not introduce herself properly. OK, in this area she runs Elmhurst Hospital.

Speaker 25

Good evening everyone. My name is Kathy. I'm from HTC. We are pleased to submit this statement in support of metropolitan parks land use application as the Union representing. Thousands of casino and hotel workers. We are the first held that incredible opportunity for high quality jobs and economic development this application. It made of almost 40,000 hard working hospitality workers who keep New York hotels and gaining facilities operating in the highest possible stand. The members of the Union are good wage, have outstanding health and retirement benefits and are treated with the dignity, respect in their workplace and all workers deserve. That's why.

Speaker 1

Smashing.

Speaker 10

OK.

Speaker 25

You mean right? Helping to make New York the best city to visit in the world while our Union does not specifically support awarding a gaming license to anyone project over other. We recognize that once in a lifetime change to change jobs and Bush of our local economy, then this project presents. That's why we support the land use application for metropolitan firm. And you, your colleague and neighbors, or you hope will guest for this project.

Speaker 34

Hang. On.

Speaker 32

I think you guys are the last, right?

Speaker 47

Folks, my name is Tom Gretsch. I am the President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the old.

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

First Chamber of.

Speaker 47

Commerce and the greatest city in the world. I want to do a quick shout out and thank you to Sully and Steve and Jim Allen and all these folks in Hard Rock. I don't have the piece of vinegar that the other speakers have.

Speaker 3

I don't know.

Speaker 47

I'm going to try to confirm. I promise I you know well, by the way, there's a.

Speaker 28

Right.

Speaker 47

Reason that the. Queen's Chamber of Commerce is making her. A business person of the year. People are not healthy when they have problems with alcohol or. Whatever else, they don't go to work and they're not productive back to the thank you. Trust me when I tell you the efforts that we do to keep 5/10/15 person jobs from going to South Carolina or, God forbid, New Jersey, right because of how hard it is to work and business in. New York, NY is. Nearly impossible to do business with. The rules and regulations that you. I can go on. And on these. Guys are gonna invest \$8 billion, not a dime of your tax money. Not a dime of your tax money, 23,000 construction jobs. The Union guys back there. Where's Dave sands? Put your. Hand up right?

Speaker 18

For the most supportive and their promise there is.

Speaker 47

At the end of the day, these jobs matter. They change lives, they change, change lives every day. And the lesson I'm gonna. Say is during the. COVID before any of this stuff started, I got called to go see Cohen and Sully in his office. They gave us 15,000,000 dollars, \$15 million, no strings attached. Greg, go give it out. I was Santa Claus for six months along with six other community groups. Right. We came back. The goal was \$20,000. Non restricted grants only in Queens. Greg shoot for 60% minority women owned. We're over achievers. We hit.

Speaker 1

Hello.

Speaker 47

83% Justin Queens. He save lives save lives. Please support this project because your kids and our kids lives depend upon thank you.

Speaker 28

One Minister, one not one minute, 1 speaker.

Speaker 34

For me.

Speaker 51

I guess I am a Community 3 core member. Have you seen that someone built this library outside? It's raining and we're not getting wet. Have you forgotten the life itself? It's changed if julisa. Ferrer, where's Julissa? Please stand up.

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 51

Listen, if you are involved in this project.

Speaker 36

Just.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Population. Well, listen point of order point of order 10:00. This stops. We're gonna start our vote at that point.

Speaker 28

25.

Speaker 34

25 people.

Speaker 45

15 years I live with the official with for many. The one word that Julie said was we need jobs to create on the table and this project puts plenty of red and many cables through the store in this community. So it's like pork chops. Every skill that skills to high tech, but we needed this both for this city.

Speaker 34

Oh my gosh, now all the port numbers.

Speaker 45

Thank you I. Hope you support your project. Thank you.

Speaker 34

Then.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Let me excuse me one second. Lay in the rain. You want to speak and come up front, please. I mean, you know.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

Mr. Chair, how many people do you want?

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And and it wasn't this. And I'm flowing flowing to that list. But I told you in the beginning, we can't have. Excuse me. Excuse me. Excuse me. Point of order.

Speaker 28

How many people, 100?

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

So many people.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Now we're gonna cut this off at 7:00. Take your one minute. And speak please.

Speaker 27

Sorry, now I'm afraid.

Speaker 10

I got it.

Speaker 27

Listen, the first thing I just have to say. To you as well. You know, I get it. It's a thankless job that people never show up. I know how hard. Sorry. I know how hard y'all work. Don't have my time.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And I didn't get my \$15 million.

Speaker 34

Because one minute.

Speaker Isaac Wonko, a representative from Neighborhood Housing Services

For your service.

Speaker 27

#2 so hi, my name is Glenn. I live in Jackson Heights, so I'm the guy who, like, rides a bicycle around Queens, and I have a little black lives matter.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Hello.

Speaker 27

Flag and I'm the one who, like, cleans up the Meridian and just tries to pick up like other people's food because I think it makes us look like, you know, really. Bad and. This very delight for. Me. You know, recognizing the diversity that we have in this borough, when I heard about when I heard about Metropolitan Park and I do understand that there are differences of opinion on it and I think we can work.

Speaker 34

Alright.

Speaker 27

Things out. But there was something important about having a green space. When I like around, you know the. Stadium and I see all of the asphalt and I see nothing green and I see broken sidewalks. I remember this borough in the 70s and the 80s and I was really proud of that. I grew. Up. With Queens, you know, my parents had a face in flushing. And it was a kind of place that I wanted to be really proud of. And when I bike around.

Speaker 40

There.

Speaker 27

I didn't really see that and to see that we have an opportunity to actually bring green space, to bring bicycle cyclists, to bring bicycle tracks, to bring. Places to walk our dogs to places where we can really see that Queens is a place that you can hang out. You can get, do good restaurants. You don't have to go back to and have an actual game, but we love it. I'm going to have pride in this city and I hope you will support metropolitan.

Speaker 4

Sir.

Speaker 48

Thank you. Thank you. My name is. I live in Jackson Heights for five.

Speaker 4

All right.

Speaker 48

I'm busy in business since 53 years ago.

Speaker 3

We have.

Speaker 48

I saw my. Own business and I said a business. And I used to be the. Yes. And I know how is to improve business to support our community. That means. I am in favor and open up. And they invested the money. We are not putting anything from there. Let them do the. Work.

Speaker 33

Good evening members 3. Thank you for giving me.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

It should not be working.

Speaker 33

The opportunities this. Week my name is Ashley Lynn. I was born and raised in Queens, specifically sellers. I am celebrate this testimony on behalf of the organization. I work for the Korean. American Vending Service center. We are a. Primary tool agency that addresses domestic violence.

Speaker 3

Nothing.

Speaker 33

Sexual assault from a combined prevention and intervention perspective. We support the Metropolitan Park plan because it has been created by having so much so many of us. At the table from the very beginning. For more than two years, salary and his. Team have been. Actively engaging with us, they have asked for our vision for the space and implemented many of our ideas into in science. They have also listened to our concerns and addressed the issues that we brought. We are committed to working closely with Metropolitan Park and want to make sure our clients and Members. Of our community benefit. From jobs and businesses, opportunities that come with this project, we have signed the MOU and will continue to work with Sully and his team to create programs with the workforce development and gambling addiction prevention. These programs will not only be in. Our languages, but also culturally sensitive. Thank you for getting time to speak.

Speaker 46

Cut off.

Speaker Rebecca Pryor, a representative of East Elmhurst

So.

Speaker 18

I'm gonna try to get.

Speaker 46

As many other people. That's it. Yeah, I. Don't think it's.

Speaker 34

10:00 we have to go home. We have to go home. We cannot stay here. Sorry. Sorry 10:00.

Speaker 1

10:00.

Speaker 9

Hi all, thank you so much for taking additional 30 seconds considering that everyone who just spoke it was supposed to be an open community meeting, was in support of and it was a specifically chosen list. But I just want to say my name is Tikia Islam. I'm born and raised in Jackson Heights in East Elmhurst.

Speaker 26

With your time.

Speaker 9

And down the street from Elmhurst Hospital. 50 acres of land, \$8 billion to go towards building a casino in Queens is not what I consider a community development plan. During the pandemic, we have to have a Community fridge to feed people. We saw elders, hospital have ice boards of people. This development plan is not a plan for the people.

Speaker David Wesley, a member of the Community Board

Right.

Speaker 9

Who is this getting built for? Tourists that, as Mr. Sully said, are coming off of the plane at LaGuardia and then are going to the Mets stadium. Is it for tourists or is it for the hard working class people of

Queens? This marketing presentation continuously calls it a gaming piece, but it's a casino y'all. It's a casino run by Hard Rock Entertainment. Who is supposed to enjoy this? He said that it's paid for privately by billionaires, but when we are spending our money there at a casino, we working class people are paying for it. So we have billionaires that claim to bring these quote UN quote union jobs, but they are temporary. They are temporary for far too long, public land has been handed to billionaires and to large corporations who use our public resources to line their pockets. I I don't stand for this y'all. We should be demanding that our basic. Human needs our meds and not just accept and take crumbs from billionaires. These are clubs. And these are problems that will harm our community rather than help our community. And so I reject this plan, but I stand for green space. I stand for more infrastructure. I'm with the party for socialism and liberation. We have more to talk about community. Let's build a clean that works. For all of us.

Speaker 46

So many people. So I'm really sorry, but definitely thank you everyone.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And that's it. That's our. This is our second round or we've done everything that we can do as a Community Board that shut down at this point. This time we're now going to enter into executive session. We start with our Pledge of Allegiance. Can I please have board member stand? We have another veteran on our board besides this Timmy Rose. We have this packed vessels. Veteran and she will lead us in our national. Our Pledge of Allegiance.

Speaker 51

Thank you. Don't make me sing.

Speaker 32

I just want to shout out to the veterans. Thank you all for your service.

Speaker 3

Right.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Yeah, eventually.

Speaker 45

They they may show up, it's free.

Speaker 3

For which it stands, one nation God. And just.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

This is executive session. Let me explain this to you guys. Point of order. Please point of order point of. This is the time when only the Community Board members speak. There is nothing from the public at this time. Alright, I hope we understand the rules. Alright. I'll make a motion to adopt the agenda. Those in favor those against.

Speaker 37

2nd.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

And the records. Like don't want to change those abstain. Let the record reflect. No one abstained, and certified motions by committee. Let's go to land use.

Speaker 1

1.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

This is small time. I'll open up the floor. For board members, well, you know what? No, I won't do that because I have to say.

Speaker 1

Another comment from.

Speaker 45

Yes, Sir.

Speaker 18

That over.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Then use committee. Future of that change, amendments, applications then use Action City map amendment. One new look number 250047 and then Q. This is the city map amendment and is as follows A.

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Then corresponding to the area.

Speaker 3

For that purpose.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Entertainment and commercial development the sources of streets within existing boundary of Branson Pkwy. Corresponding to site access improvements. Sing. That new streets and corresponding to relocated ramp to West down Grand Central Parkway. Indeed.

Speaker 12

That new Portland.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Corresponding to park improvements within the existing boundary of. Menus, action zoning, maps amendment. 2. Application 250046 ZQ. Zoning method. Regarding the zoning section of mass 10A10B. Proposed zoning district 8C-84. Is this? District Park and our 3-2 in the matter of that application regarding green future mixed-use development community, future element, same back again. Proposed developer. On the side and sitting there, zoning map and then the rezoned, this is an existing asphalt parking area West of the city Field stadium. 43-2, 28-4 commercial.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

By the zoning map amendment consists of block 1787 and park area and Queens project areas that we can also request a zoning text, proposed zoning map. Facilitating development of a new 2.7 million gross square foot misuse development, 88 gaming facility Music Hall, hotel convention, space parking and other event season.

Speaker 45

Flushing Meadow.

Speaker

Park.

Speaker 45

Resolution.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Committee to review of this matter recommends the application to the zoning city map, testing, development issues and development located on.

Speaker 3

So.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

I see.

Speaker 3

2.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Do we have any? Discussion.

Speaker 22

Hi, Lisa. Missoula, Boy 3. For 30 years lived here my whole life, you could figure out how old. I am. I'm not going to say.

Speaker 4

Look what we have there.

Speaker 22

Did you look? Did you see it? Have you been there because? I go there all the time. And look what it could be. But there is a little risk. There is a little risk those they say there's, there's risk. We all know that. But there's no reward without just the little risk. And hopefully they've minimized the risk or we have this facilities and resources to minimize the risk. So I'm asking my fellow Members to please vote yes tonight.

Speaker 4

Thank you so much you company member. There is a bunch of like opposition position like supporting and not supporting. My only concern is I support the project. It's a beautiful project, it's closed by our neighborhood. Only thing billionaires also always promised to do so many things. I'm specially thinking you have to promise and make sure before you do that project to all our committee. That our neighborhood, our people, our community people, get the priority jobs to

everything. That's the only thing just to approve it and you're not going to do it after that. You will not know us. It's not going to happen. You have to promise us. That you're going.

Speaker 46

To do that, that's that's our job, right?

Speaker 3

OK.

Speaker 49

Thank you, Bill Bruno, Community Board member. I appreciate all the hard work that so many Community Board members have got to get undertaking some cleans future, including the one that was right here. You'll work your tails off. But I'm sorry to say, taking out the hottest point, none of it is enforceable. Nothing that is in not. In the application is going in the spring is enforceable. We need to see the fine print not just to be anything nefarious, but for example, it makes sense to have something that says if the casino doesn't make money, you don't have to give out as much. You know they talk about hiring Queens shops. It would make sense to say, well, we only have to have focus on Queens. Late two weeks, then we can fill the job. The fine print matters, and this board always insists on documentation. We recently almost turned down a sidewalk cafe because it specify the dimensions.

Speaker 11

What?

Speaker 49

We did, but we actually fixed it exactly. We fixed it in this case, as I understand that we're not going to see the applications of the Gaming Commission until the spring. So we're not going to see any of the fine print. And I will admit I'm a little dubious about the Gaming Commission as an enforcement mechanism.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

We work with no with six.

Speaker 7

Yes, Sir.

Speaker 49

They don't know our neighborhood. It's not like a community benefits agreement if they've signed that with, like, some of my fellow community members who'd be on them and force it, I would. Press that. It'd be a contract. You can sue it. Gaming Commission. Most of you can do is like turn down the license. Do you think they're going to do a nuclear option like that? Let's say they don't hire as many Queens hires. So they put a Shake Shack in there. The taste of Queens. I don't think so. It's a nuclear option. They don't know neighborhood. So outside my other concerns. I just think the enforcement at this point is is fish in terms of what we don't have in front of us. I have questions about how we'll be enforced about whether it's the right thing to do it and thank you for your time.

Speaker 3

Right.

Speaker 12

Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker 34

OK.

Speaker David Wesley, a member of the Community Board

Good evening. I'm David Wesley from the Community Board. For 21. Years I actually read the application which we all got on Tuesday of this week. We are here tonight. Because of our state Senator Jessica Ramos, she listened to her constituency and had the courage to say yes to development, but no to a casino. Now she was a little flexible tonight, however, and it brings up a quote from.

Speaker 1

Yeah.

Speaker David Wesley, a member of the Community Board

Great labor leader John Lewis. He said he always evaluated a person of principle as long as he was flexible. So it seems like she's waffling on the commitment. I hope she isn't, but she seems to want affordable housing. I'm here to to say no alienation of Parkland and no casino. The developer wants to bypass our park alienation rule of the New York State Assembly and the Senate, which simply says that if you take Parkland away from a community, you have to give it back in this same general vicinity, thereby passing that. With this EULA bypass and they're preempting with these zoning rules and zoning mapping that we are going to vote on. Nine on page one of their presentation, they have the audacity to state, and I quote, recently adopted gaming. Facility text amendment? Well, it hasn't been signed. It hasn't been. We're gonna make a recommendation tonight. That will go to our borough president and then he will make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council of

the first group that's going to vote on this and also goes before the. City Council to the Planning Commission. So we're, we're at the beginning of the process.

Speaker 3

Unbelieving.

Speaker David Wesley, a member of the Community Board

In Page 2 they mentioned the formation of the Community Advisory Committee and makes mention of another stipulation contained in the original New York State Gaming Commission's release of the request for application. It states that all local elected officials need to agree.

Speaker 11

Really.

Speaker David Wesley, a member of the Community Board

To this proposition, all they have now revised it locally by say, now it's a simple majority and and that Commission, by the way, is appointed by our elected. The other point that happens in the Community organization is that the membership, as I just said is by the elected officials representing us. I'm sorry for the delay, Page 3. For and I quote, the development side is approximately 78 acres. What leasing benefits have been? Have they been promised? We haven't heard any of that. Page 5 Public park. This is mentioned throughout the application. It is not a public park, it's a private park that will be run by these fellows. They're not giving it to the New York Parks Department, they're going to run it themselves. It's privately owned and will be maintained privately.

Speaker 1

Keep it clean.

Speaker David Wesley, a member of the Community Board

Now there's a section in the. Page 6 summary creating thousands of quality jobs to the area residents. The balance of the advertised 23,000 jobs, which has said been said many times tonight. It's temporary jobs, it's construction jobs, the the permanent jobs they're offering or estimating. Committee is some 6 to 7000 where a Community Board of 140,000 and it's going to spread all throughout Queens. Can you imagine how far 6000 or 7000 jobs goes in Queens?

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

You gotta you gotta start somewhere.

Speaker David Wesley, a member of the Community Board

That then the, then the final piece is about fact versus fiction. The Mets have a commercial lease for the next 81 years, and that doesn't end until 2115. My question there. Would be does that transfer to the casino? The last observation Metropolitan Park is is is not committed to providing community benefits. As neighborhoods have learned over many years, these promises are not legally enforceable. Thank you for your attention and I'm. Sorry that I took so long.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

David.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

Good evening. Goodbye. Goodbye.

Speaker 13

I'm a Community Board member for 27 years and. I am. The sanitation my concern, I called here for for sanitation, this Community Board and I know is going to be a. That we're going to have a lot of pollution and garbage. I mean, traffic problems in my community. I am in support of fully support of this project, but I I am concerned that something has to be done to reward for all the. That treatment that this my community is going to serve, I suggest Rosemont Ave. Northern Blvd. and Astoria Blvd. To be. Clean, beautify and do the good maintenance for.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Point of order point of order. Please give me the respective listening.

Speaker 11

To all. Thank you.

Speaker 13

And the maintenance for. For the future, at least, going down all the way to Joshua Blvd. I believe so. That should be a part of our. Our support for this project, thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Anyone else on the? Board.

Speaker 14

Yep.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

OK.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

Yes, my fellow board members, I myself, as I raised the question earlier to Sally. I repeat again, please consider our neighborhood seriously, because we have had we had a bad experience with 100 14th St. this is construction, 14 story hotels and all the all other and one more here which would be disaster for our community. Of our neighborhood, please take it into consideration 14040.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Hello.

Speaker 46

Good evening, Chanel Thomas. Henry. First, let me apologize to my board members. I was not going to speak because it's close to 10:30 AM.

Speaker Rebecca Pryor, a representative of East Elmhurst

And I know we all.

Speaker 46

Want to get home 10:30 PM and I have two kids to get home. So first let me say 45 years. Born and raised in these numbers, Corona over 12 years sitting on Community Board three with a lot of people. And of all the developments that have come before this board, this is the very first. That asked our opinion. This is the very first organization that sat down with many of us to see what we wanted to see at this site and to get input. On what they were going to develop, we have had the opportunity to ask numerous questions. I know some people in the back think this may be the first time we've heard this project and you're encouraging us to study more and learn more. We've been studying for three years. Several times I want to remind this too, we're not voting for a casino tonight. They're gonna be 3 casinos in the city of New York. A lot of people are fighting for this license to bring economic development into their communities to uplift their communities.

Speaker 28

Right.

Speaker 46

But again, we're not voting on it. We're not voting or giving them the opportunity to compete for them because I have to expand. I'm gonna make it clear it takes anyone. No one, no rumors. I have to abstain from the vote tonight because I have a conflict. For the past eight years, I worked for

LaGuardia Airport, running the community outreach for that \$8 billion project for the number one airport and of course, our local people could get jobs and I oversee to make sure that. Community get those jobs, help build capacity for our MWBE over \$2.2 billion in contracts scholars. The only thing Frank likes about the airport. A program that has twelve of our local students to college for free with a job when they graduate. Because future came to this young black female entrepreneur and engage my services. To do the same for them. You can quote me. I have 100% urge my Community Board members to vote yes.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

You have something to say?

Speaker 37

Not a games, no.

Speaker 10

Stop. No, no. You could say.

Speaker 38

No, don't like. To speak, I am just speaking for us to remember. A land acknowledgement we're all here in the land of the naughty people. We have to remember. Their elders, their ancestors, their current descendants in the future, we talk about land use. We don't even remember the real owner of this land.

Speaker 3

Come on.

Speaker 40

One more.

Speaker 22

One more.

Speaker 26

OK, now I just. Want to say you guys, I I am a progressive, but I'm also a realist and there is not an alternate plan that can be paid for.

Speaker 45

Amen.

Speaker 26

Billionaires came and just said, oh, you guys wanna park? I'm gonna build your park or you want this house. I'm gonna go build. This housing that's. Not how this works. So this is before us. They've been engaging the community for four years and just as Chanel said, we've been hearing about this for years and years and they've been coming and they've been asking, what do you want? And I watched them and they take notes and they write it down and they come back with a new plan. And then here's this other thing that Oh my God, that's somebody I know suggested that's been incorporated. Into this. So I have family and they come to town at 100 guests. Come for my son's bar mitzvah last year and there's nowhere for them to stay. There's no hotel. So what if that money came to our community? What if people stayed at those hotels? What if my kids could ride their bikes to Flushing Meadows Corona Park because Jackson Heights trying to last in park space? So they're offering to build us a park and they're offering to try to connect it. And Oh my God, we're going to be able to see the water and we're going to be able to connect to the water. And see all of these beautiful. Things like I went to Lincoln Center with a couple of friends a couple months ago. We came out from the play and there was an enormous outdoor like concert going on and there was a 16 piece band and there was three swing dancing and we stopped and we danced and it was free. And it was fun. You guys, we can have nice things.

Speaker Nulo Darina Randall, a member of the board

Thank you.

Speaker 24

Yeah.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Question. I'd just like to add 1 point to everyone. One point to everyone. So this role is there one in Fact Check real quick. It's 50 acres of land. They're giving back 25. That was never anything. They're making it dirt, grass and trees. Trees. OK, that's 25 acres, which we don't have. Now the Queens is one of the.

Speaker 28

Right.

Speaker 47

Last.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Burroughs with Parkland. Hence, we did not the community. But it was done in the community during COVID 34,000, which I can walk over there. It's a beautiful place. OK, but now you have trees. You have real park. That you can call your own and you can bring your kid here. You can do everything that you want to do. Casino is not even 10%. See, people don't study. The casino is 3.64.

Speaker 18

The casino, the casino.

Speaker 20

Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

With, say excuse me. To me, point of order point of order, do not argue. There's no reason for that. The casino consists of 3.64% of the. Project. Only money gamble, gambling and.

Speaker 46

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Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

1 phone or you can you can gamble on your.

Speaker 24

There you go there.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

OK. But we don't have this point in this time. We're gonna take the clothes and we call the vote. One order.

Speaker 18

Order. Ohh, can we hear them please? Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

The motion is to approve the of the project and we call the question.

Speaker 19

Not approve the project. Approve those the main item.

Speaker 59

OK, board members as Hamlet said this. Motion is to approve #1 the city map amendment OK for the starting #1 the city map amendment OK. So a yes vote is approval. For this city map amendment, OK Board members, please listen for your name. Pat Beckles.

Speaker 46

Absolutely. I mean, yes.

Speaker 59

And brown.

Speaker Tammy Rose, a veteran, mother, and early childhood educator

Yes.

Speaker 59

Bill Bruno Alba, Puente dia.

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

No.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker 59

Mark Burmeister. Yes, Deborah Chang. What's the Chaudhry?

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

No.

Speaker 59

Margie Clark Woolrich.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker 59

Sonia Roberts, Vivian duck.

Speaker Martha Leviton, a Community Board member and former chair

Yes.

Speaker 51

Market.

Speaker 20

No.

Speaker 59

Renata English.

Speaker 14

Yes.

Speaker 59

Oscar Escobar.

Speaker 1

Yes.

Speaker 59

Mr. Gideon. Yes, Carl Heffernan. Yes, said yes.

Speaker 28

Thank you.

Speaker 59

OK, Mr. holler.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Well.

Speaker 59

There's no.

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

Is that a no? Yes, no, no.

Speaker 33

Yeah.

Speaker 59

No. All right, Kevin. Yes. OK.

Speaker Martha Leviton, a Community Board member and former chair

Yes.

Speaker 59

Lisa masula, yes. Jamal is of yes, new authority, yes. Dorothy Fallon.

Speaker Ms. Moss, a resident of Jackson Heights

Yes.

Speaker 38

No.

Speaker 59

Rodriguez.

Speaker 14

That knee bending with the trip for me.

Speaker 59

Jessica Rosario.

Speaker Rebecca Pryor, a representative of East Elmhurst

Abstain.

Speaker 59

OK, Tammy rose.

Speaker 28

Yes.

Speaker 59

0.

Speaker 13

Yes.

Speaker 59

Sir.

Speaker 22

She said that for a second.

Speaker 59

Slide Sullivan.

Speaker 4

Yes.

Speaker 59

Frank Taylor? Yes, Arthur Tyler.

Speaker 40

No.

Speaker 59

Thomas Henry.

Speaker Tammy Rose, a veteran, mother, and early childhood educator

Thanks.

Speaker 59

Gay Wallace and Ed Wesley. Are there any board members President I did not vote?

Speaker 30

That.

Speaker 26

Done. Sorry, I got stopped outside by somebody. I vote yes.

Speaker 59

OK, start from Mr. Romero. Like to address your abstention. It's time.

Speaker 1

And her comments?

Speaker 59

Is that a what? OK.

Speaker 1

No problem.

Speaker 59

Jessica Rosario would like to address your abstention at this time.

Speaker 37

I work for Senator Jessica.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Can we please move on?

Speaker 59

OK, Chanel Thomas Henry would like to address your abstention. Conflict.

Speaker 40

She already said what it was.

Speaker 51

All right.

Speaker 37

No.

Speaker 1

Just.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Do we have a tally, Mr. Secretary? Please don't check.

Speaker 3

So. You know.

Speaker 34

OK.

Speaker 59

Let the record reflect. With 26 days, 3 abstentions and eight notes, the motion for approval carries.

Speaker 34

Right.

Speaker 3

Thank you.

Speaker 10

The second one.

Speaker 19

The second one samlet.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Alright, listen, I'd like to say this time may be going on, but I'd like to say.

Speaker 19

No, Frank, Frank, we have to vote on the second item.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

This this is.

Speaker 4

OK, but you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Told me you combine them both for now.

Speaker 1

No. Yes, he did. Yes. OK, yes, yes.

Speaker 12

Just say you combined it.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Is that OK? Thank you, ma'am. Appreciate that.

Speaker 47

Right. I'd like.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

To save this time, congratulations to points. Congratulations to the National League East champions. And you've always been champions in our heart here between since 1962. Thank you very much for your team. Thank you for your your affection. Thank you. The communities now, congratulations. Right. What? I'm gonna go. I'm gonna go over there real quick, please. You get back. The meeting is not over. It's not over to go over this real quick. My chairman before this. Simply please be packing. We're saying here what I discussed early about civility, and then we have to be a community that is stated to be free to disagree.

Speaker Alexis Gully, a resident and homeowner in Jackson Heights

Record.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

OK. All right. District manager report, Miss Reed.

Speaker 37

10.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

I said go on. Oh, she's not ready.

Speaker 19

No, she's coming. She's coming.

Speaker 3

Happy.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Right, we have holiday get together that would be on the 11th of this month, excuse me of December will be at world spare Marina. That was part of the package as well the envelopes that will pass out. Please see we're going to. Pyro blinks. OK, you ready? Use me please. If you're exiting, please exit quietly. Thank you. Thank you guys.

Speaker 59

Order.

Speaker Isaac Wonko, a representative from Neighborhood Housing Services

OK, I think it's safe.

Speaker 40

Speak up. OK. Just real quickly. I'm not. Going to do a. 4th this evening, but I want to commend all the members of the board. For participating in this process and for your indulgence and working together in this effort, which will make a significant positive change in our Community, I'm going to now just jump into. To to virtually for November.

Speaker 3

The reference the moment we have.

Speaker 40

I'd like to say happy birthday to.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

A point of order point of order, guys. You're still the meeting going on if you're exiting, please. Thank you.

Speaker 40

Again, I'd like to say happy birthday to Sandia. Edward. Karen.

Speaker 3

Some of them, they tell them.

Speaker Martha Leviton, a Community Board member and former chair

Oh.

Speaker 40

And Mr. Mr. getting. I want to thank you all again. There are many things that I'd like to report on, but time shortage we'll, we'll, we'll bring this matter up at our December meeting. Thank you.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right. Thank you, Miss breed. All right, the legislation report, we did something different this month. We actually sent out emails to all the legislators that we will not have time to do that this week to leave everything.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

The back gate and that one, I think we're going to adopt that policy and also allow them to put things in our packets. Because it doesn't have enough time. And as you see people leaving at. This. Time. That's something I'll discuss with the Executive Board next month. Alright. City planning. OK. Any old business?

Speaker 20

Yeah.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

He knew business, right I will.

Speaker 18

Sorry. Yes, not the greatest, but hold on. Hold on.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Thank you. Oh, listen. Yeah. The message coming up. We have a. Let's just coming up. Tyrone. Tyrone.

Speaker 20

Hey.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

All right, we have the election. Committee coming up, we're going to have. Mr. Edward Curtis, Pro Chair, will be the chair as usual.

Speaker 4

Faster.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Leave us to. Charlie's going to be on that list also, but I will send out e-mail with the list of the people that are you on that. All right, Sir. Do you have anything else?

Speaker Mukesh Chaudhry, a board member

I don't want to. Because this is all done.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

For the party, for the holiday party. Sunshine phone. Yeah, just give money. Just give money. Just. OK, alright. Anybody else got anything else?

Speaker 46

Everyone, and I'll vote for me.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Yes, Miss Clark.

Speaker 37

Yes. Can I have everyone, please? Langston Hughes Library is having a free health fair on Saturday from 12:00 to 5:00. It's free. It's a holistic health fair. We want everybody. You all wanted to come up in here tonight. Come up in here on Sunday. Saturday. 12:00 to 5:00.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

If you can send an e-mail to the board, we'll. Also send that out.

Speaker 24

I will.

Speaker 27

That.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Listen, thank you very much for your indulgence tonight. I apologize. Motion to adjourn. Gratian fair. On Saturday. OK. Right. Guys, guys, guys.

Speaker 3

It's slower.

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Listen, guys, guys, point of order point of order. Alright? Listen, we had an immigration fair. Yes, it's all about three hours ago. But it was a great affair. Probably somewhere he can win and they coach him. I think it was like 131415 tables, something like that. We got. We had three 3. She she came.

Speaker 3

I don't know. What? No, we can't. Well.

Speaker Michelle Laubert, a resident of Jackson Heights

Who else?

Speaker Frank Gulluscio, Chair of the Community Board

Steven. Roger, Steven, Christian Shaker and Royce shagreen. Did they change? Thank you very much.