

Re: **Summary of the Borough-Based Jails Queens Advisory  
Committee – Fourth Meeting**

Date: February 28, 2019 6:30 pm

Location: Queens Community House- Kew Gardens Community  
Center, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road Kew Gardens, NY, 11415

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**Attendees:**

**QAC Members**

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Murray Berger	Kew Gardens Civic Association
Al Brand	Kew Gardens Civic Association
Kendra Clark	Exodus Transitional Community
Andrea Crawford	Community Board #9
Laraine Fletcher	Kew Gardens Improvement Association
Malka Frankel	Kew Gardens Improvement Association
Sylvia Hack	Community Board #9
Hannah Lipien	Queens Community House
Dominick Pistone	Kew Gardens Civic Association
Roslin Spigner	District Leader
Seth Welins	Community Board #9

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**Members of the Public**

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Alexa Arecchia	Assembly Member Hevesi's Office
Daniel Blech	Assembly Member Rosenthal's Office
Kaheel Bragg	
Robert Brody	
Mike C	Forest Hills South
Grace Chang	Forest Hills South
Rosaid Eslava	
Jeffrey Field	Forest Hills South
Eleanor Flannery	Forest Hills South
Lyonel Georges	Forest Hills South
Maryse Georges	Forest Hills South

Neil Giannelli	State Senator Addabbo’s Office
Eddie Goldamez	
Anayeli Gomez-Brittain	Queens Borough President’s Office
Mark Hallum	Queens Courier
Todd Kirschenbaum	
Caitlin Lovinger	
Iris LeBron	Forest Hills South
Randy Levine	Kew Gardens Community Association
Daniel Monti	Forest Hills South
Susan Muire	
Charlotte Picot	Forest Hills South
Jered Reynolds	Assembly Member Hevesi’s Office
David Rosario	
David Russell	Queens Chronicle
Joel Schwartz	Forest Hills South
Glorian Venturella	
A Vinet	
Katie Weitzman	Forest Hills South
Adam Whiteman	Kew Gardens Community Association
Barry Wollner	
Louis	
Michael	

**City/Consultant Team**

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Joe Antonelli	NYC DOC
Arnie Bloch	FHI
Rebecca Clough	NYC DDC
Chelsea Davis	MOCJ
Daniel Dickson	PE
Julia Kerson	DMOPS
Joseph Thomas	CAU
Nicole Torres	MOCJ

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

- The meeting included approximately 50 members of the community. Much of the meeting was spent listening to members of the public ask questions and provide comments. Members of the public asked whether this project has any community support, why the City’s plan does not include a facility in Staten Island, and why the City will not rebuild the jails on Rikers Island to achieve its criminal justice reform goals. The City responded to their questions and concerns, discussed emergency management procedures and spoke about the Design Build process.
- Several QAC members and members of the public indicated they would like the Mayor and City Council Speaker to hear their concerns directly in-person. Several QAC members expressed wanting to delay ULURP certification for this project and insisted that they feel the process is rushed.
- QAC members discussed the Draft Queens Guidelines and Principles. Several QAC members indicated they would like to re-write the document to incorporate more community opinions.
- Questions about who would be receiving the final version of the Queens Guidelines and Principles document were raised by the QAC members. They also raised questions about what impact the Guidelines and Principles would have on those formally reviewing the project during the ULURP process. Some QAC members expressed feeling like they are being asked to “choose the paint color for the doors” rather than weigh-in on substantive design-related issues regarding the proposed facility.
- Many QAC members voiced concern about how the proposed jail would be constructed. They were specifically concerned about the quality of the building and emphasized that they want the City to allocate funding to maintain the proposed facility.
- A QAC member demanded the new proposed facility be operated by a diverse set of professionals clinically licensed to provide services and treat people in detention who have mental health needs. The QAC member expressed concern about DOC filling this role.
- Many QAC members expressed their concern about submitting Guidelines and Principles being viewed as tacit acceptance of the project.