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September 22, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Pat Beckles
Ann Brown
Elba Buendia
Muquith Choudhury
Shiv Dass
Sonya Davis Roberts
Vivian Dock
Rhoda Dunn
Renetta English
Oscar Escobar
Ulrick Gedeon
Larinda Hooks
Abdur Rahim Howlader
Kevin Hughes-Noboa
Edward Kiernan
Stephen Kulhanek
Marta Lebreton
Andre Maloy
Lisa Mesulam
Violeta Morales
Richard Mullings
Laverne Nimmons
Nuala O'Doherty
Theresa Parson-Jones
Potrirankamanis Queano Nur
Fausto Rodriguez
Jairo Rodriguez
Leoncio Romero
Tammy Rose
Edmund Rosenbaum
David Rosero
Lobsang Salaka
Dawn Siff
Fahad Solaiman
Frank Taylor
Arthur Teiler
Shanel Thomas-Henry
Hamlett Wallace
Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Mark Buhrmester
Haiko Cornelissen
Michael De Valera
Margaret Dozier
Pastor Peter Herron
Joyce Julian
Marco Munoz
Dorothy Phelan
Megan Rockwell
Jimmy Smith
Marlene Tapper

Guest

Deputy Inspector Altaheri, 115 Pct
Kevin Morris, CAU Mayor's Office
Jacob Briggs, Rep., DSNY
Allie Gumas, Rep., DSNY
Rep., Assy Catalina Cruz Office
Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy Aubry Office
James Mongeluzo, Rep., NYC Comptroller

Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, 1st Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance to Community Board 3's in person meeting at P.S. 69.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jason Kucharsky, resident, said that he reached out to DOT and Council Member Shekar Krishnan about safety concerns on 34th Avenue. Besides the fear of E-bikes speeding there is the smell of smoke of marijuana from people hanging out. The streets have gotten dirtier on 34th Avenue and it is difficult for sanitation get through to clean. Mr. Kucharsky expressed concern for when it snows. How will sanitation trucks get through?

Peter Colón, resident, said that it is hard for him to take care of family members that need his assistance without having a parking space. The concrete barricade outside his window causes alarm if a fire truck get through. He has witnessed people sitting on the concrete and getting high. He sees danger in the changes on 34th Avenue and wishes it would go back to the way it was.

Richardo Pacheco, President of the JHS Alliance, expressed concern on 34th Avenue with no access for a fire truck to pass through in an emergency. He reminded all in attendance that 34th Avenue is not a park. People want their streets back. There has to be a way where everyone can come to some compromise.

Mohammed Ahsan, resident, said that there are people from other areas playing volleyball at a vacant lot near where he lives. They get loud, cursing, drinking and leave garbage behind. He asked that sanitation, NYPD and other City agencies get involve so that the situation doesn't get out of control.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Deputy Inspector Altaheri- 115th Precinct

Deputy Inspector Jamiel Altaheri reported that there was an arrest made of the hit-and-run driver who killed a 5-year-old in East Elmhurst. DI Altaheri thanked the public for their help by providing video surveillance.

DI Altaheri reported that at the 115th Precinct Community Council Meeting there was a lot of concerns regarding violence mostly in North Corona. There are a lot of gangs fighting for territory in that area. There were two shootings and arrests have be made.

Board Member Sonia Davis Roberts asked what is the 115th Precinct doing about the gang graffiti.

DI Altaheri said they are on top of gang graffiti. Gang graffiti should be reported to the Police.

Ariela Taveras, NYS Latino Restaurant Bar & Lounge Association, said that when restaurant owners get noise complaints they are willing to work with the Police in order to stay in business.

DI Altaheri said he doesn't want to see businesses shut down so he tries to find a common ground.

Board Member Renetta English expressed concern with Smoke Shops.

DI Altaheri said that there have been robberies of Smoke Shops because of the amount of cash they get from customers.

Marilyn Rogers, resident, asked how the barricades and cement blocks at 34th Avenue impact the safety of the Officers.

DI Altaheri said the Officers will get to 34th Avenue one way or another to respond to a call.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty expressed concern about gang activity in her area.

DI Altaheri said there was an arrest and Police have things under control.

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DI Altaheri said, "It is not enough for people to be heard. They want to be served. I will do my best to serve the community."

New York City Department of Sanitation

Jacob Briggs, Community Affairs Liason for NYC Department of Sanitation, introduced himself and welcomed all in attendance to contact him directly regarding any sanitation issues. Contact: jbriggs@dny.nyc.gov

Allie Gumas, Senior Manager of Drop-off and Community Composting at NYC Department of Sanitation, announced that on October 3, 2022 Community Board 3 will be receiving weekly curbside Compost collection. The bins can be ordered or residents can use their own. They can also label them. It will be picked up with recycling.

There are leaf bags with a temporary break at the end of December until March.

A resident asked if they have to use the bin.

Ms. Gumas said they don't have to use the bin that they provide.

A resident asked how they are going to service 34th Avenue with the cement blocks.

Mr. Briggs said there options. They have small vehicles that can go through.

For more information go to: nyc.gov/CurbsideComposting

NYC Office of the Mayor, Queens Borough Director - Kevin Morris

Kevin Morris, Queens Borough Director at the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, reported that he is in charge of Citywide coordination services. Whatever community concerns will be reported back to NYC Mayor Eric Adams. They will coordinate services to resolve the issues.

A resident expressed concern of 34th Avenue becoming traffic free. It is causing other traffic issues. He noted that there are children playing in the streets that are not protected from speeding scooters. DOT has not shown up at meetings with the community to respond to the concerns.

Mr. Morris said that has been lack of proper communication. The Mayor is aware of the concerns. Mr. Morris said he wants to bring DOT back to the table in order for the community to be heard.

A resident said they been trying for two years to be heard. She said not everyone loves DOT vision for 34th Avenue.

Mr. Morris announced that there will be a meeting on October 20, 2022 for a Community Conversation with the Mayor. He encouraged all in attendance to attend.

Board Member Dawn Siff said she is a supporter of the change on 34th Avenue. She said that Elected Officials have shown their support for 34th Avenue and there is no need to "go back to the table."

A resident said there are huge concrete blocks on 34th Avenue that fire trucks can't pass by. DOT has to find alternative ways to answer traffic issues.

Board Member Fahad Solaiman expressed concern of businesses that have closed due to 34th Avenue. He said people have taken advantage. The decisions have to come from the Community Board.

Mr. Morris can be contacted at: kmorris@cityhall.nyc.gov

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY2024 Capital and Expense Budget - (Elba Buendia/Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)

Elba Buendia, Co-Chair of Capital Expense Committee, called upon the public for recommendations, concerns or suggestions to add to the Capital & Expense Budget for 2023.

There were no comments from the Public.

Business Economic Development. - (Edmund Rosenbaum and Edwin Westley, Co-Chairs) **S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:**

Tacomán Corp. - 94 - 07 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Tacomán Corp.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. There will be security and the occupancy will not exceed 45 people.

Prohibition 8601 Corp. - 86-01 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Prohibition 8601 Corp.

The owner said that she brought the business and is applying for a liquor license.

Pinpollo Inc. - 32-39 Junction Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Pinpollo Inc.

The owner said the Colombian restaurant has been in business for 12 years.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty said that has been to the restaurant and the food is good.

Richard Mullings, Secretary, told the owner that tips should be customary not mandatory. Tips should not be added on the receipt.

The owner said he will take a look at the issue.

El Gran Coffee Shop 2 Corp. - 96-11 Northern Blvd., Corona (New - Full Liquor)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of El Gran Coffee Shop 2 Corp.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. The owner wants to open a small restaurant. It will be her second restaurant.

The Neighbors NYC Corp. - 85-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of The Neighbors NYC Corp.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. The Chef wants to own the restaurant.

El Encuentro Inc. d/b/a Helena Rest. - 84-04 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights (Method of Operation)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Encuentro Inc.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. The owner would like a liquor license for patrons to enjoy with the popular meals.

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Queens Sports Lounge LLC - 84-14 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Full Liquor)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Queens Sports Lounge LLC.

The owner said that she agrees with all the terms at the committee meeting and will stop serving alcohol an hour before closing.

A resident said that her mother has been going to Queens Sports Lounge for years and loves it.

Latino Bites 2 - 84-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Latino Bites 2.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. The owner started from a food truck and expanded to have a restaurant. He wants to continue to serve Colombian food in the neighborhood of Jackson Heights.

Cali Aji Con Sabor Rest Corp. - 98-15 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Cali Aji Con Sabor Restaurant Corp.

The owner said the restaurant serves Colombian food that caters to families.

Board Member Larinda Hooks said the owner is a great neighbor that delivers food to the seniors for special events. During the snow storm he helps shovel snow at the senior center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Frank Taylor, Chairman, opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion # 38 - Adoption of the Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Ed Westley, seconded by Lisa Mesulam, to adopt the agenda, was passed unanimously.

Motions By Committees:

District Manager's Report - Hybrid Meetings

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that on September 12, 2022 New York Governor Kathleen Hochul rescinded the emergency order to meet virtually. All Community Boards meetings must be in person. The other option is to conduct meetings by hybrid. If meetings are done by hybrid there must be a quorum in person or no one can vote. Ms. Reid explained that the reason the Full Board Meeting was postponed a week later was to compile with the new order and find a venue.

Ms. Reid said that in order to conduct hybrid meetings there must be consent of Board Members.

Board Member Lisa Mesulam said that she believes most Board Members will want to be at the meeting in person.

Board Member Ann Brown said that it will be too much work on the Community Board staff to have more than 26 people commit to showing up for the Full Board Meeting.

Board Member Ed Westley said that he would vote yes for hybrid but no for meeting only virtually forever.

Board Member Dawn Siff said that Hybrid meetings is good idea for members that are not well and can't make the in person meeting. She suggested having Board Members RSVP.

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2nd Vice Chair Kevin Hughes-Noboa said that Board Members should make an effort to show up to the meetings so they can vote. He said Borough Hall checks attendance to see who voted.

Board Member Elba Buendia said that she wasn't feeling well but made the meeting because Co-Chair Rev. Peter Herron could not present the Capital Expense due to a prior commitment. She appreciates having the choice to be present for the meeting virtually.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty said she hopes they can have meetings at different schools.

Board Member Lobsang Salaka said that it will be hard to get 26 people to the in person meeting if they have a choice.

Motion # 39- Hybrid Meetings

Upon motion duly made by Frank Taylor, seconded by Dawn Siff, the motion to have hybrid meetings was passed with 31 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Business Economic Development. - (Co-Chairs Edmund Rosenbaum and Edwin Westley)

S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:

Tacoman Corp. - 94 - 07 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **approval** of a Wine/Beer/Cider for the applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

Motion # 40 - Tacoman Corp. - 94 - 07 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, the motion to **approve** the application was passed with 31 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Prohibition 8601 Corp. - 86-01 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **disapproval** of an application for an on-premises Full Liquor license for this applicant due to NYPD summons activity at the location and late operating hours.

Motion # 41 - Prohibition 8601 Corp. - 86-01 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, the motion to **disapprove** the application was passed with 23 in Favor, 9 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

Pinpollo Inc. - 32-39 Junction Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **approval** of a Wine/Beer/Cider for the applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

Motion # 42 - Pinpollo Inc. - 32-39 Junction Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New Wine/Beer/Cider)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, the motion to **approve** the application was passed with 31 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

El Gran Coffee Shop 2 Corp. - 96-11 Northern Blvd., Corona (New - Full Liquor)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **approval** of a Full Liquor license for the applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

Motion # 43 - El Gran Coffee Shop 2 Corp. - 96-11 Northern Blvd., Corona (New - Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, the motion to **approve** the application was passed with 29 in Favor, 4 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

The Neighbors NYC Corp. - 85-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an on premise Full Liquor license for the applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

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Motion # 44 - The Neighbors NYC Corp. - 85-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, the motion to **approve** the application was passed with 29 in Favor, 4 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

El Encuentro Inc. d/b/a Helena Rest. - 84-04 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights (Method of Operation)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **approval** of a Method of Operation for the applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

Motion # 45 - El Encuentro Inc. d/b/a Helena Rest. - 84-04 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights (Method of Operation)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, the motion to **approve** the application was passed with 31 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Queens Sports Lounge LLC - 84-14 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Full Liquor)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **approval** of a Full Liquor license for the applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

Motion # 46 - Queens Sports Lounge LLC - 84-14 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, the motion to **approve** the application was passed with 31 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Latino Bites 2 - 84-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **approval** of a Wine/Beer/Cider for the applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

Motion # 47 - Latino Bites 2 - 84-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, the motion to **approve** the application was passed with 30 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Cali Aji Con Sabor Rest Corp. - 98-15 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the committee recommends **approval** of a Wine/Beer/Cider for the applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. The stipulation was signed.

Motion # 48 - Cali Aji Con Sabor Rest Corp. - 98-15 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, the motion to **approve** the application was passed with 31 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Motion # 49 - To Adjourn

Chairman Frank Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:17p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon*