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October 20, 2022

**ATTENDANCE**

Pat Beckles  
Ann Brown  
Muquith Choudhury  
Michael De Valera  
Vivian Dock  
Margaret Dozier  
Renetta English  
Oscar Escobar  
Ulrick Gedeon  
Pastor Peter Herron  
Edward Kiernan  
Stephen Kulhanek  
Marta Lebreton  
Lisa Mesulam  
Violeta Morales  
Richard Mullings  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Theresa Parson-Jones  
Dorothy Phelan  
Fausto Rodriguez  
Jairo Rodriguez  
Leoncio Romero  
Edmund Rosenbaum  
Lobsang Salaka  
Fahad Solaiman  
Frank Taylor  
Arthur Teiler  
Edwin Westley

**ABSENT**

Elba Buendia  
Mark Buhrmester  
Haiko Cornelissen  
Shiv Dass  
Sonya Davis Roberts  
Rhoda Dunn  
Larinda Hooks  
Abdur Rahim Howlader  
Kevin Hughes-Noboa  
Joyce Julian  
Andre Maloy  
Marco Munoz  
Laverne Nimmons  
Potrirankamanis Queano Nur  
Megan Rockwell  
Tammy Rose  
David Rosero  
Dawn Siff  
Jimmy Smith  
Marlene Tapper  
Shanel Thomas-Henry  
Hamlett Wallace

**Guest**

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez  
Steven Board, Rep., Mayor's Office  
Andrew Jackson, Langston Hughes Library  
Ricard Day, Rep., DSNY  
Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy Aubry Office  
James Mongeluzo, Rep., NYC Comptroller

**Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m**

Chairman Frank Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed all in attendance to Community Board's in person meeting at Langston Hughes Library. Roll call was taken.

### **Public Participation**

#### **Andrew Jackson**

Andrew Jackson, former Executive Director of the Langston Hughes Library, welcomed all in attendance. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the programs and services at the library. "This is your home and use it to its max. Welcome home!"

#### **DSNY – Composting Program**

Richard Day, Community Outreach Coordinator, reported that he is following up on curbside composting that started on October 3, 2022. It's a once a week collection that takes place when recycling is picked up. The brown bin or any 55 gallon bin or less can be used but must have a secure lid and composting bin decals. Leaves and food waste can be compost.

He said everyone in Queens has access to curbside composting. So far they have collected one million pounds of compost.

For more information: [nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting](https://nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting)

#### **JHS Halloween Parade**

Ed Westley, President of the Jackson Heights Beautification Group, announced that on October 31, 2022 the Jackson Heights Halloween parade will go down 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue starting from 89<sup>th</sup> Street at 5:00pm. On Saturday, October 29, 2022 neighbors are invited to help stuff bags for the parade.

#### **Office of Deputy Mayor for Public Safety**

Steven Board, Non-Profit Liaison Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, announced that Public Safety Deputy Phil Banks is working hard to put together a team for a Public Safety School. The school will provide ideas on how to stay safe within the community. They will be going to different communities to come up with concepts as well as support. Mr. Board said that things might not be happening as fast as one would like it to be but they are working on ideas for everyone's public safety and won't stop until it is done.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

#### **Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez reported that every 10 years all representative districts get redrawn. There are parts of Jackson Heights that won't be represented by Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez. She will still represent Jackson Heights from 85<sup>th</sup> Street up. Congresswoman Grace Meng will be representing below 85<sup>th</sup> Street in Jackson Heights.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez reported that Congress is in session until the midterm elections. Members of Congress will be around doing rapid response organizing in their communities in case of an emergency. Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is working on getting more Federal resources to New York City for asylum seekers to respond to the State of emergency.

Application for Service Academy nominations are now open for high school students. Any student interested in a Service Academy such as West Point, The Merchant Marines, Airforce Naval Academy can fill out the application. The application is more elevated than a college application. The student must be nominated by a member of Congress. Each member of Congress only gets five nominations per Academy for their entire District per year.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez reported on student loan forgiveness. A household making less than \$250,000 is eligible for student loan cancellation. Under \$125,000 can receive a minimum of \$10,000 in student loan cancellation. Anyone who had a PELL Grant is eligible for \$20,000 of student loan forgiveness. Anyone who started paying student loans during the COVID moratorium can get a refund from payments made in the last two years.

A parent or guardian debt can be forgiven through Parent Plus Loan. Any individual who received a PELL Grant to college can receive up to \$20,000. Everyone's situation might be different. Any problems contact Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez office.

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Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez announced that any young person interested in web design or computer programming can try out for the nationwide *App Challenge* competition.

Internship applications for Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez office are open. It's a paid internship for the winter season.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **FY2024 Capital & Expense Budget** – *(Elba Buendia, Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)*

Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chair of Capital & Expense Committee, called upon the public for recommendations, concerns or suggestions to add to the Capital Budget.

Board Member Ed Westley said that the word insecure should be removed from number 7.

#### **Bus. Eco. Develop.** – *(Edmund Rosenbaum, Ed Westley Co-Chairs)*

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

#### **V5 Elements Inc. d/b/a Elements of Pizza - 83-01 Northern Blvd. Jackson Hgts. (New - Beer/Wine/Cider)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer/Cider license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of V5 Elements Inc.

The representative spoke for the owners that were present. The premise is currently going under renovation. It was previous a grocery store. The capacity is under 74 people. It's not within 200 feet from any school or places of worship.

One of the owners said he went to culinary school and has practice from working in his father's Bake Shop that has been in business for 35 years.

#### **Pichardo Junction Rest Corp. d/b/a Junction Seafood - 34-64 Junction Blvd Jackson Hgts. (New - Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Junction Seafood Restaurant.

The owner said he like to have a Liquor license for the patrons that request special drinks to have with their dinner.

#### **Michelada House NY II Inc. 88-19 Roosevelt Ave Jackson Hgts. (Class Change - Full Liquor)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Michelada House NY II Inc.

The Representative spoke for the owner who was present. The representative said that they want to change to Liquor license because most of the women that come to the restaurant requesting margaritas. He noted the owner has another restaurant in East Elmhurst and never had any NYPD incidents.

#### **Juan Bar Corp. - 99-15 Roosevelt Ave Jackson Heights (Alteration)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking an Alteration. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Juan Bar Corp.

The owner wants to make the bar area bigger and have more room for a friendly environment. The restaurant has two exit doors and will have security.

#### **Polleria Azoguenita Inc. - 91-23 37th Avenue Jackson Hgts. (New - Wine/Beer & Cider)**

Tabled until next Full Board Meeting.

#### **Rubio Restaurant Inc. - 98-05 Northern Blvd., Corona (New - Full Liq.)**

The applicant is going back to committee meeting in November.

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### **D' La Montana Restaurant, Inc.** - 33-13 108th Street Corona (*New - Wine/Beer/Cider*)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of D' La Montana Restaurant, Inc.

The owner said that the establishment has been in business for years. She will like to be able to offer special drinks for her customers.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Motion # 50 - Adoption of the Agenda**

Upon motion duly made by Fausto Rodriguez, seconded by Pastor Peter Herron, to adopt the agenda, was passed unanimously.

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### Motions by Committees

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

### Capital Budget Priorities FY 2024

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Construct new Hospital in Corona/East Elmhurst area <b>(New)</b>
2.	Construct new School facilities in CB3, especially Early Childhood Centers and a High School at Willets Point and the former DiBlasi Ford site.
3.	Dredge Flushing Bay to reduce odor and improve water flow.
4.	Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library.
5.	Construct Affordable Housing for middle and low income families.
6.	Construct Affordable Housing for middle and low income seniors.
7.	Repair railing/fencing at Flushing Bay Promenade.
8.	Purchase a Bariatric Ambulance Unit.
9.	Street lighting on 73 <sup>rd</sup> Street between 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway. ****Resurface Junction Blvd. to 114 <sup>th</sup> street. Junction Blvd. between Northern and Roosevelt Avenues, 37 <sup>th</sup> Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114 <sup>th</sup> Street, 82 <sup>nd</sup> Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE, Roosevelt Ave from 114 <sup>th</sup> to 69 <sup>th</sup> Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69 <sup>th</sup> to 114 <sup>th</sup> Streets. <b>(Continued Support)</b>
10.	Construct Library in Northwest Sector of CB3. The Lexington School for the Deaf should be considered for a possible site. Also, the south west sector.
11.	Renovate 90 <sup>th</sup> Playground.
12.	Traffic Study of the Grand Central Parkway exit located at 114 <sup>th</sup> Street and Northern Blvd.
13.	Fund a traffic study at the entrance of 114 <sup>th</sup> Street and Astoria Blvd.
14.	Beautify the center mall on Astoria Blvd. Plant shrubs and trees to increase greenery.
15.	Beautify the center mall on 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue from 112 <sup>th</sup> – 114 <sup>th</sup> Streets. Plant shrubs and trees to expand greenery.
16.	Develop unused property located near the 94 <sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the GCP for a dog park/sitting area.
17.	Redesign Step Street at Butler/Ditmars Blvd. and 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave. *****Expand Corona Library. <b>(Continued support)</b>
18.	Employ interim measures to control floatable waste going into the Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands.
19.	Upgrade and Expand Veterans Memorial park (32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave & 94 <sup>th</sup> Street) sitting area to a recreational space for children and adults.
20.	FDNY Station 307/154 - Upgrade kitchen
21.	Add street lights for Junction Blvd. to Roosevelt Ave

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22. Restore bathrooms near the marina restaurant located on the Malcolm X Promenade. Construct additional facilities along the promenade.
23. Study the intersection of Junction Blvd. and 34<sup>th</sup> Ave up to 103<sup>rd</sup> St btw 31<sup>st</sup> Ave & Astoria Blvd.
24. Re-evaluate traffic conditions along 75<sup>th</sup> to 78<sup>th</sup> Streets and 31<sup>st</sup> Ave.
25. Construct a performing arts center in Jackson Heights that will accommodate seating for 300.
26. Upgrade Gorman Playground, Phase 2 (Multiple purpose area, basketball and volleyball courts). Maintenance is needed and a gate at the handball court.
27. Rehab ramp and railings underneath Marina.
28. Provide funding for curb only repair.
29. Upgrade Northern Playground (Including play equipment, restrooms, sitting area) Make it more colorful.
30. Repair/Replace Decorative Pavers at Flushing Bay Promenade (Trip Hazard).
31. Purchase a Medical Services Vehicle – FDNY/EMS for the Borough of Queens (for 10 patients at a time can be attended to on the mobile vehicle) Existing vehicle is over 29 years old.
32. Purchase for FDNY - Mutual aid Rapid Response Vehicle – For city wide use state of the art vehicle that will transport equipment and supplies in emergency situations.
33. At EMS Unit 406 – Upgrade men’s locker room and shower.
34. Upgrade Gorman Park multipurpose area and exercise equipment (chin up bars, etc.) adjacent to men’s room.
35. Upgrade Louis Armstrong Playground at P.S. 143 (including spray shower)
36. Upgrade Private William Gray Park (98 St. between N. B. and 32nd Ave - play equipment, plantings and replace benches.
37. Replace sidewalks at Landing Lights A.
38. Repair raised pavers at Flushing Bay Promenade that is due to overgrown tree roots. (Potential trip hazards)

### **Motion # 51 - FY2024 Capital Budget – (Elba Buendia, Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Jairo Rodriguez, to **approve** the Capital Budget, passed unanimously.

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FY2024 Expense Budget – (Elba Buendia, Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)

### FY2024 EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Install permanent air monitors in the neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst located near LaGuardia Airport.
2.	Make the pilot program to bring basement apartment up to code Citywide.
3.	Increase funding for rodent abatement
4.	Restore litter basket collections to three times per day in our commercial strips – 37 <sup>th</sup> Ave; Junction Blvd; Roosevelt Ave; Northern Blvd; 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street; and 74 <sup>th</sup> Street; Astoria Blvd., 73 <sup>rd</sup> and 72 <sup>nd</sup> Streets in Jackson Heights. Hire additional personnel for 11am – 7pm shift in order to increase litter basket patrol truck service particularly during weekends.
5.	Restore our full complement of NYPD personnel, NCO(s), administrative aides, custodial services and school safety guards.
6.	Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm.
7.	Increase funding for food pantry program.
8.	Increase funding to hire additional traffic enforcement agents to address double parking and other traffic infractions.
9.	Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst.
10.	Increase funding to provide additional cleaning services to Roosevelt Ave. from 69 <sup>th</sup> to 114 <sup>th</sup> Streets.
11.	Install free Wi-Fi in CB3 parks and plazas.
12.	Increase funding for sanitation MLP services
13.	Increase parks maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associate for PS 127 and Junction Blvd. assistant gardener.
14.	Increase Graffiti removal programs.
15.	Restore Day Care slots and After-School programs.
16.	Improve access to government services and information by sharing 311 data with Community Boards.
17.	Re-establish Neighborhood Business Development programs.
18.	Increase DEP inspectorial personnel to address dumping and other environmental infractions in Flushing Bay
19.	Hire additional DOT personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes, striping and studies.
20.	Increase staffing levels for DOB Compliance Unit.
21.	Increase inspectorial staffing levels for HPD (Housing Preservation and Development).
22.	Purchase a wenger wagon

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23. Hire additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections.
24. Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to perform night inspections.
25. Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) programming in CB3.
26. Install cameras at the overpasses located at 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Drive on Ditmars Blvd.
27. Provide and increase funding for the STEAM program within CB3.
28. Purchase a John Deere Quick Track Riding Mower
29. Provide a more accessible separate independent electrical source at the performance area/stage in Travers Park.

**Motion # 52 - FY2024 Expense Budget - (Elba Buendia, Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)**

Upon motion duly made by Ed Westley, seconded by Ann Brown, to **approve** the Expense Budget, passed unanimously.



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### **Bus. Eco. Develop. - (Edmund Rosenbaum, Ed Westley Co-Chairs)** **S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:**

#### **V5 Elements Inc. d/b/a Elements of Pizza - 83-01 Northern Blvd. Jackson Hgts. (New - Beer/Wine/Cider)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premise Wine, Beer and Cider license for this applicant.

#### **Motion # 53 - V5 Elements Inc. d/b/a Elements of Pizza - 83-01 Northern Blvd. Jackson Hgts. (New - Beer/Wine/Cider)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Lisa Mesulam, to **approve** the application was passed with 27 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

#### **Pichardo Junction Rest Corp. d/b/a Junction Seafood - 34-64 Junction Blvd Jackson Hgts. (New - Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **disapproval** of an application for a Full Liquor license.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez said that on the Business Economic Report there is no explanation why the committee decided to disapprove the application. He asked what the reason for a disapproval is.

Mr. Rosenbaum said that the only clarification he has is that it was a unanimous vote.

Mr. Rodriguez said that there should be a reason it was unanimous.

Leoncio Romero, Treasurer, said that if there is no reason then the Board votes with whatever they have.

Chairman Frank Taylor said that the Board has to use their own judgement when voting.

Board Member Jairo Rodriguez asked if the restaurant had any issues with the Police.

Mr. Rosenbaum said his reasoning is that the restaurant is located in a relatively NYPD frequented area where there is a large amount of gang activity. He emphasized that it may not be the reason why the other committee members voted the way they did but, it is why he voted to disapprove.

#### **Motion # 54 - Pichardo Junction Rest Corp. d/b/a Junction Seafood - 34-64 Junction Blvd Jackson Hgts. (New - Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to **disapprove** the application was passed with 17 in Favor, 9 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

#### **Michelada House NY II Inc. 88-19 Roosevelt Ave Jackson Hgts. (Class Change - Full Liquor)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for

#### **Motion # 55 - Michelada House NY II Inc. 88-19 Roosevelt Ave Jackson Hgts. (Class Change - Full Liquor)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Kiernan, to **approve** the application was passed with 21 in Favor, 6 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

#### **Juan Bar Corp. - 99-15 Roosevelt Ave Jackson Heights (Alteration)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for Alteration to an existing on-premise Full Liquor license for this applicant.

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### **Motion # 56 - Juan Bar Corp. - 99-15 Roosevelt Ave Jackson Heights (Alteration)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Lisa Mesulam, to **approve** the application was passed with 21 in Favor, 7 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

### **Polleria Azoguenita Inc. - 91-23 37th Avenue Jackson Hgts. (New - Wine/Beer & Cider)**

Tabled until the November Full Board Meeting.

### **Rubio Restaurant Inc. - 98-05 Northern Blvd., Corona (New - Full Liq.)**

Tabled. To be re-reviewed by committee.

### **D' La Montana Restaurant, Inc. - 33-13 108th Street Corona (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premise Wine, Beer & Cider license for this applicant.

### **Motion # 57 - D' La Montana Restaurant, Inc. - 33-13 108th Street Corona (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Jairo Rodriguez, to **approve** the application was passed with 24 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chairman Frank Taylor announced that he wants to move the Full Board meetings to different parts of Community Board 3. Mr. Taylor apologize for the inconvenience but the whole district must be represented.

Mr. Taylor asked all Board Members to pick a date in December for a Christmas dinner.

Mr. Taylor announced that Stephen Kulhanek and Ed Kiernan are stepping down as Co-Chairs of the Traffic & Transportation Committee. He thanked them for their hard work.

### **Motion # 58 - Adoption of the June 16 & September 22, 2022 Monthly Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Ed Westley, seconded by Fausto Rodriguez, to adopt the June 16 & September 22, 2022 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Immigration Affairs Committee Report**

Lobsang Salaka, Chair of the Immigration Affairs Committee, announced that on Saturday, October 22, 2022 will the 2<sup>nd</sup> Immigration Resource Fair from 2:00 – 5:00pm at Diversity Plaza. Organizations will provide information. There will be cultural performances. Mr. Salaka said all are invited to the event.

#### **Legislator's Report**

James Mongeluzo, representative for New York City Comptroller Brad Lander Office, announced that on Saturday, October 22, 2022 there will be a Diwali event at Travers Park with Council Member Shekar Krishnan.

Mr. Mongeluzo reported that Comptroller Lander is asking people to sign on to letter as both individuals and organizations letting the Mayor and Governor that something needs to be done the property tax reform.

Mr. Mongeluzo can be reached at 646-689-6509.

### **Motion # 59 - To Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by Lobsang Salaka and seconded by Pat Beckles, to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Clara Colon*