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February 16, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Pat Beckles
Ann Brown
Mark Buhrmester
Haiko Cornelissen
Sonya Davis Roberts
Vivian Dock
Margaret Dozier
Renetta English
Oscar Escobar
Ulrick Gedeon
Pastor Peter Herron
Abdur Rahim Howlader
Kevin Hughes-Noboa
Edward Kiernan
Stephen Kulhanek
Marta Lebreton
Andre Maloy
Lisa Mesulam
Violeta Morales
Richard Mullings
Nuala O'Doherty
Theresa Parson-Jones
Potrirankamanis Queano Nur
Fausto Rodriguez
Jairo Rodriguez
Leoncio Romero
Tammy Rose
Edmund Rosenbaum
David Rosero
Lobsang Salaka
Fahad Solaiman
Jimmy Smith
Frank Taylor
Arthur Teiler
Shanel Thomas-Henry
Hamlett Wallace
Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Elba Buendia
Muquith Choudhury
Shiv Dass
Michael De Valera
Rhoda Dunn
Larinda Hooks
Joyce Julian
Laverne Nimmons
Dorothy Phelan
Megan Rockwell
Dawn Siff
Marlene Tapper

Guest

Congresswoman Grace Meng
Assistant Chief Christine Bastedenbeck
Sandy Spieser, YAI – OMH
Rep., Qns Boro President's Office
Rep., Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez
Jonathon Arias, Rep., Congresswoman
Meng
Jessica Rosario, Rep., NYS Ramos Office
Jolly Patel, Rep., Assy. Steven Raga
Yousof Abdelreheem, Rep., CM Cabán
Weilia Rice, Rep., CM Krishnan

Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

February 16, 2023, Community Board 3 Full Board Meeting

Chairman Frank Taylor called the meeting to order. Due to technical reasons the meeting started at 7:30pm. Chairman Taylor welcomed all in attendance to Community Board's in person meeting at The Louis Armstrong School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Odette Wilkens, President and General Counsel of Wired Broadband, said that she focuses on safe technology for the public. Ms. Wilkens said that there are many risks associated with wireless radiation and in particular with Link 5G. She said that Community Boards have been voting to disapprove them because of health concerns, lack of privacy and other issues. There have been no health studies done. Ms. Wilkens suggests a recommendation of disapproval for the Link 5G Towers.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Congresswoman Grace Meng – D-NY 6th District

Congresswoman Grace Meng announced that due to the new redistricting she is representing parts of Jackson Heights and Woodside. Any Government related issue especially with a Federal agency the office can provide some assistance. Constituents can come to the office for questions about passports, Medicaid, IRS, Social Security or Veteran's issues. Congresswoman Meng said her office plans to have mobile services going to different areas in order to reach more people.

Congresswoman Meng said that they are still working on several issues in the community. They are focused on COVID recovery for small businesses and trying to make sure that money from Federal and State reach people who have suffered lost due to Hurricane Ida.

Congresswoman Meng announced that on March 19, 2023 there will be Passport services at the Jackson Heights Post Office at 9:00am.

NYPD Assistant Chief Christine Bastedenbeck Commanding Officer, Queens North

Assistant Chief Christine Bastedenbeck reported that she is responsible for all Police services in the northern half of Queens which includes the 115th Precinct. Chief Bastedenbeck said she started at the 110th Precinct 25 years ago. She has also worked in Queens North, Brooklyn and Manhattan as well as in the Transit Division.

Chief Bastedenbeck said that NYPD responsibility is everyone's safety but needs the community to work with the Officers. When anyone has a concern they can reach out to either to the 115th Precinct, NCO Officers, Youth Officers or Queens North. The NYPD will do everything to try fix the problem. Some things will not be resolved overnight. Chief Bastedenbeck said they are determined to make everyone feel safe.

Margaret Flanagan, resident, said that there is lack of communication sometimes when she calls the 115th Precinct and no one picks up the phone.

Chief Bastedenbeck said they will definitely work on that issue with the 115th Precinct.

A resident said that everyday there is traffic issues on 104th Street and Roosevelt Avenue. There needs Police present to help the traffic flow.

Chief Bastedenbeck said that she will talk with Deputy Inspector Altaheri and Safety Traffic Officers.

YAI – OMH - Children Crisis Home

Sandy Spieser, representative for YAI, reported that the agency is a very large health and human services. They serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are over 20 programs in Queens.

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YAI received a grant to open a Children Crisis Home in Queens. The location will be next to Our Lady of Fatima at 25-56 80th Street. It may take 18 months to renovate the building. They plan to have an elevator, each floor will have six bedrooms, there will be classrooms and a dining room. The building will be used to house young people who are in mental health crisis.

The program that is going to serve kids from 6 – 17 years old. The lower level will be for the younger kids and the upper level will be for the older kids. Children Crisis Home will be in calibrate with teachers, therapists, psychiatrist and family members so that everyone is on the same page. The program will be 24 hours. The purpose is to do a thorough assessment and children can stay only stay for 21 days.

They are going to work with the Health and Social Services Committee and give updates. They will be doing training with law enforcement. Ms. Spieser said that is a volunteer program to help children from being hospitalize.

A resident asked if the program designed to keep the kids at home.

Ms. Spieser said yes, they will be working closely with caregivers.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty asked if it's only for Queens residents.

Ms. Spieser said that they will be accepting children from other boroughs but priority will be given to Queens.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bus. Eco. Develop. – Edmund Rosenbaum and Edwin Westley, (Co-Chairs)

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

Cielito Lindo Taberna – 88-11 Roosevelt Ave, Jhs. Hgts. (New – Full Liq.)

Not present.

La Kueva Bar & Grill Corp. dba Limoncito Con Ron – 105-02 Northern Blvd, Corona (New-Full Liq.)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of La Kueva Bar.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. The owner is moving the business to a new location due to an increase of rent.

Board Member Sonya Davis Roberts asked about the school across the street.

The representative said he was not aware a school across the street. He said he doesn't believe there is a school.

Mr. Rosenbaum said that the NYC Department of Buildings states *that the building directly across the street is non for profit a religious place of worship and educational facility.*

Ed Westley, Co-Chair of Business Economic, asked if the owner is aware that the SLA doesn't want any bar restaurants within 200 feet of any church or schools.

The representative said that the owner is aware of the 200 feet rule from the SLA.

Meat House Inc. dba Chivito De Oro – 84-02 37th Ave, Jhs. Hgts. (New – Wine/Beer/Cider)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer/Cider license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Chivito De Oro.

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The owner's son said he will be taking over the existing Restaurant. The family restaurant has been operating for 30 years.

107 Dominica Rest Corp. - 107-07 37th Avenue, Corona (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)

Tabled until March Full Board Meeting.

Central Station Bar Corp. dba Central Bar Station - 81-03 Roosevelt Ave, Jhs. Hgts. (New- Full Liq.)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Central Bar Station.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. The owner has a restaurant in Sunnyside and has over 10 years of experience.

Board Member Arthur Teiler asked about the menu.

The representative said under the SLA a Traven has to provide a menu with some food. Central Station Bar will have tacos on the menu.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez asked if the owner knew about the history of the location.

The representative said that the owner is aware that it was a problematic location and it was closed for two years.

Board Member Lobsang Salaka asked if it was going to be like a bar because there is not a lot of food choices on the menu.

The representative said it is a Sports Bar.

Board Member Mark Buhrmester asked the owner if there has been any issues at the Sunnyside location with SLA.

The owner said they had no problems in 10 years and applied for wine and beer permit.

Chairman Frank Taylor said the chances of the applicant getting a license is slim because of the 500 foot rule.

The representative said that the restaurant has to have a prep area which the location has.

Mr. Taylor asked if they were willing to sign a stipulation for hours.

The owner said that at the committee meeting it was discussed. He said that there is competition with other bars.

Gia's Tea House - 80-11 Northern Blvd., Jhs. Hgts. (New - Full Liq.)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Gia's Tea House.

The representative spoke for the owner who was present. The front of the café will be for takeout. The back of the establishment will have food service prepared by an executive chef.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Frank Taylor, Chairman, opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by the Secretary.

Motion # 6 - Adoption of the Agenda

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

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Tabled until March Full Board Meeting.

La Kueva Bar & Grill Corp. dba Limoncito Con Ron – 105-02 Northern Blvd, Corona (New-Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **disapproval** of an application for an on-premise Full Liquor license for this applicant citing the 200 foot rule.

Board Member Mark Buhrmester asked if the school across the street opened.

Mr. Rosenbaum said he is not sure if the school is open. The interpretation that the Board takes is that it has to be 100% occupied by worship or school.

Motion # 7 - La Kueva Bar & Grill Corp. dba Limoncito Con Ron – 105-02 Northern Blvd, Corona (New-Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to **disapprove** the application was passed, with 33 in Favor, 9 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

Meat House Inc. dba Chivito De Oro – 84-02 37th Ave, Jhs. Hgts. (New – Wine/Beer/Cider)
Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **approval** for Wine, Beer & Cider for the applicant.

Motion # 8 - Meat House Inc. dba Chivito De Oro – 84-02 37th Ave, Jhs. Hgts. (New – Wine/Beer/Cider)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to **approve** the application was passed, with 31 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

107 Dominica Rest Corp. – 107-07 37th Avenue, Corona (New – Wine/Beer/Cider)
Tabled until the March Full Board Meeting.

Central Station Bar Corp. dba Central Bar Station – 81-03 Roosevelt Ave, Jhs. Hgts. (New-Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **disapproval** of an application for an on-premise Full Liquor license for this applicant due to the negative history at the location, being located within 500 feet of more than 3 licensed premises and not meeting the public convenience consideration of the 500 foot rule.

Motion # 9 - Central Station Bar Corp. dba Central Bar Station – 81-03 Roosevelt Ave, Jhs. Hgts. (New- Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Westley, to **disapprove** the application was passed, with 24 in Favor, 11 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Gia's Tea House – 80-11 Northern Blvd., Jhs. Hgts. (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premise Full Liquor license, and furthermore meets the public convenience consideration of the 500 foot rule.

Motion # 10 - Gia's Tea House – 80-11 Northern Blvd., Jhs. Hgts. (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Westley, to **approve** the application was passed, with 32 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Traffic and Transportation Committee – Chair Frank Taylor

Board Member Sonya Davis-Roberts reported that she chaired the Traffic Transportation Committee Meeting on January 30, 2023 to inform the committee members of LinkNYC's intention to erect five (5) Newly designed Tower within the vicinity of Community Board 3.

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The meeting was opened at approx. 7:15 pm by Sonya Davis who then read the information from the LinkNYC project website. Each site was given a fair and comprehensive chance of discussion by the committee members and a vote was taken.

In all of the locations, many committee members was extremely concerned with the lack of transparency from Link NYC on any radiations studies and would like to make the following recommendations:

- That LinkNYC be transparent on any and all studies of any radiation amounts expelled by the poles with the community Board and the community at large.
- That none of the poles are in or near residential areas
- That none of the poles are in or near Schools, playgrounds or Churches
- The community is allowed to make suggestions on where the poles should be. The community should have a say on their health decisions.

5G Tower at 73-01 25th Avenue

Sonya Davis Roberts reported that the Traffic Transportation Committee recommends **disapproval** of a newly designed Tower within the vicinity of Community Board 3.

Motion # 11 - 5G Tower at 73-01 25th Ave

Upon motion duly made by Sonya Davis-Roberts, seconded by Ed Westley, to **disapprove** the application was passed, with 27 in Favor, 8 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

5G Tower at 72-15 25th Avenue

Sonya Davis Roberts reported that the Traffic Transportation Committee recommends **disapproval** of a newly designed Tower within the vicinity of Community Board 3.

Motion # 12 - 5G Tower at 72-15 25th Avenue

Upon motion duly made by Sonya Davis-Roberts, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to **disapprove** the application was passed, with 27 in Favor, 8 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

5G Tower at 77-19 25th Avenue

Sonya Davis Roberts reported that the Traffic Transportation Committee recommends **disapproval** of a newly designed Tower within the vicinity of Community Board 3.

Motion # 13 - 5G Tower at 77-19 25th Avenue

Upon motion duly made by Sonya Davis-Roberts, seconded by Frank Taylor, to **disapprove** the application was passed, with 28 in Favor, 7 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

5G Tower at 75-20 Astoria Blvd.

Sonya Davis Roberts reported that the Traffic Transportation Committee recommends **disapproval** of a newly designed Tower within the vicinity of Community Board 3.

Motion # 14 - 5G Tower at 75-20 Astoria Blvd.

Upon motion duly made by Sonya Davis-Roberts, seconded by Richard Mullings, to **disapprove** the application was passed, with 29 in Favor, 6 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

5G Tower at 75-20 Astoria Blvd. (Highway)

Sonya Davis Roberts reported that the Traffic Transportation Committee recommends **approval** of a newly designed Tower within the vicinity of Community Board 3.

Motion # 15 - 5G Tower at 75-20 Astoria Blvd. (Highway)

Upon motion duly made by Sonya Davis-Roberts, seconded by Ed Westley, to **approve** the application was passed, with 24 in Favor, 9 Opposed and 2 Abstention.

Chairperson's Report

Chairman Frank Taylor told Board Members to keep the attendance up. He said Community Board 3 can overcome anything and encouraged to keep activism alive.

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District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that there are three new shelters in Community Board 3. The Department of Homeless Services have not been notifying the Community Board of new shelters in the area. Ms. Reid said that the Board supports the facilities and the housing of asylum seekers in the district but it is concerning that DHS is not informing the community in advance.

Ms. Reid reported that there are drastic cuts in the upcoming budget. It will affect the Board but maybe not much.

Ms. Reid said that Community Board 3 acknowledges African American History Month and hopes that all will take time to participate in the celebrations throughout the month of February.

Motion # 16 - Adoption of the January 19, 2023 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Frank Taylor, seconded by Ed Westley, to adopt the January 19, 2023 Minutes, was passed, unanimously.

Committee Reports

Health and Social Services Committee Meeting

Vivian Dock, Health and Social Services Committee Co-Chair, reported that the committee met on February 2, 2023 to discuss Leon Von Memorial Healthcare Expo to held on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at Corona Health Center.

Volunteers assignment forms will be sent to the Board Members to be filled out and returned to the office. Donations are needed for refreshments and raffles items.

Queens Borough President's Office

Representative for the Queens Borough President's Office announced that on February 22, March 1, 8 and 15, 2023 will be Rent Freeze and Homeowner Tax Exemption from 10:30am – 3:30pm.

February 21, 2023 there is a *Bystander Intervention and Self Defense Training*.

February 22, 2023 there will be a *Job and Recruitment Fair* at LaGuardia Community College.

February 25, 2023 *Immigration Fair* at 11:00am.

Legislator's Report

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Office

A representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez reported that the Congresswoman attended President Joe Biden's *State of the Union Address*.

NYC Youth and Community Development reached out to the office to invite them to their Advisory Board. Anyone interested in being on the Advisory Board should reach out to the office.

NYS Senator Jessica Ramos Office

Jessica Rosario, representative for NYS Senator Jessica Ramos, announced that on February 22, 2023 between 10:30am and 2:30pm is the NYS Budget Forum at Queens Borough Hall. They are opening the floor to different groups and organizations that have funding requests.

On March 4, 2023 will be the *Immigrant Family Resource Fair* from 10:00am – 1:00pm at I.S. 145.

Assembly Member Steven Raga Office

Jolly Patel, representative for Assembly Member Steven Raga, announced that any with disabilities or Veterans that needs help in filing applications can contact the office.

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Congresswoman Grace Meng Office

Jonathon Arias, Congresswoman Grace Meng Office, announced that there will be an Immigration Mobile at front of NYS Jessica Ramos Office on February 23, 2023 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Council Member Tiffany Cabán Office

Yousof Abdelreheem, representative for the office of Council Member Tiffany Cabán, announced that Melissa Correa is the new Director of Constituent Services. She is excited to work with the district.

CM Cabán introduced the Secure Job Act prevents unjust and random firing. It guarantees advance notice. New York City employers would have to provide "a good reason" before firing any employee.

Council Member Shekar Krishnan Office

Weilia Rice, representative for Council Member Shekar Krishnan, announced that they are working to finalize the Participatory Budgeting Ballots. The vote week will be from March 25 – April 2, 2023. Anyone over 11 years old are eligible to vote.

In February, CM Krishnan hosted a Small Business Resource Fair at the Jackson Heights Library.

On February 11, 2023 there was a Lunar New Year Celebration in Elmhurst well attended by the community.

Motion # 17 - To Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Frank Taylor and seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to adjourn the meeting, was unanimously passed. Adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon*

*Reviewed and edited by
Richard Mullings, Board Secretary*