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January 19, 2023

**ATTENDANCE**

Pat Beckles  
Ann Brown  
Elba Buendia  
Mark Buhrmester  
Muquith Choudhury  
Sonya Davis Roberts  
Vivian Dock  
Margaret Dozier  
Renetta English  
Oscar Escobar  
Ulrick Gedeon  
Pastor Peter Herron  
Larinda Hooks  
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  
Dawn Siff  
Jimmy Smith  
Frank Taylor  
Arthur Teiler  
Shanel Thomas-Henry  
Hamlett Wallace

**ABSENT**

Haiko Cornelissen  
Shiv Dass  
Michael De Valera  
Rhoda Dunn  
Joyce Julian  
Laverne Nimmons  
Dorothy Phelan  
Megan Rockwell  
Fahad Solaiman  
Marlene Tapper  
Edwin Westley

**Guest**

Robert Sakota, NYC Kiosks  
Stacy Gardner, Office of Technology & Innovation  
Deputy Inspector Jamiel Altaheri  
Rep., Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez  
Taquoia Jones, Rep., CM Moya's Office  
Jolly Patel, Rep., Assy. Steven Raga  
Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy Aubry's Office

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

## January 19, 2023, Community Board 3 Full Board Meeting

Chairman Frank Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:15pm and welcomed all in attendance to Community Board's in person meeting at Langston Hughes Library.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

#### **NYCOTI – Cable Companies/5G/LinkNYC Kiosks**

Robert Sakota, representative for NYC Kiosks, reported on the deployment of the LinkNYC Kiosks in Community Board 3. The Kiosks will replace the spaces where pay phones used to be. He said it's a more useful piece of infrastructure for the public. The Kiosks have free phone calling and a tablet which provides limited internet access, a 911 button and it has free Wi-Fi. Mr. Sakota said that two years ago the City of New York decided to expand on the program by expanding the size of Kiosk so it can be used for infrastructure in the placement of radios and antennas for mobile services. In order to go from the fourth generation of mobile phone services to the fifth generation, it's going to require a new infrastructure to provide a higher level of service. The carriers are facing every day increasing demands on their existing networks as people use their phones more.

The base of the kiosk is 18 x 18 inches. Three of the sites are in shopping areas. Four of them by parking lot. One of them is next to a Delicatessen. There will be two of them 400 feet apart. Mr. Sakota said that they are measured for distance and check underneath the ground.

#### **Proposed 5G Tower:**

73-01 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue

72-15 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue

77-19 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue

75-20 Astoria Blvd. – There will be two 400 feet apart.

#### **5G towers can't:**

Be close together

Be close to a tree pit

Be close to a curb cut

Block sidewalk

Block the line site for cars

Board Member Jairo Rodriguez asked about the height of the towers. He expressed concern that it will block the view.

Mr. Sakota said that the 5G Towers will be 32 feet in height. They are the same size as the light post. He said it shouldn't block the view.

Board Member Arthur Teiler asked if there is a membership or easy to use for a child to call home.

Mr. Sakota said that anyone can use the phone for free.

Board Member Dawn Siff asked if 5G Towers are the same as the kiosks on Roosevelt Ave that has advertisements.

Mr. Sakota said that the one on Roosevelt Ave are the first generation. The proposed kiosks are much larger. There are currently two on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and one on Northern Blvd.

District Manager Giovanna Reid requested handouts so that the Board Members can see how the kiosks are going to look. Or, to provide a website to access more information.

Board Member Sonya Davis Roberts asked if there will be one near the Lexington School for the Deaf and will it provide ASL access.

Mr. Sakota said there is a feature where people can utilize the screen on tablet to dial up for services so they can do Sign Language.

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Stacy Gardner, Senior Director of External Affairs for Office of Technology and Innovation, introduced herself. She stated that she is part of the government agency that oversees deployment of LinkNYC kiosks and mobile telecommunications franchises. The Office of Technology and Innovation has the authority to work with companies to use the city's right of way to deploy telecommunications functions. There are 12 companies that have contracts to reserve light poles, traffic light poles or existing infrastructure and put attachments on the poles pursuant to that franchise.

A resident asked about the 5G Towers being radioactive.

Ms. Gardner said it is not radioactive.

Mr. Sakota said that the Federal Government regulates all radio emissions.

Chairperson Frank Taylor said that at a committee meeting it was said several times that it was not tested as far as health concerns. Mr. Taylor asked if something has changed since that meeting.

Ms. Gardner said, "In the case of a pull-top attachment, we are not able to move them based on health concerns. That is in the Federal Law. That is because the Federal government regulates it. It's not because we said, *We don't care about your health concerns.*"

Mr. Taylor said that Community Board 3 does not take generic answers. If the speakers don't know the answer they should just say so.

Ms. Gardener said she works for a City agency and New York City doesn't regulate it and she is not a radioactive expert. She said there are regulations in place in the contracts.

Board member Ann Brown asked about locations on 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Astoria Blvd. If they will interfere with airport.

Mr. Sakota said that there will be no effect on airport.

Richard Mullings, Secretary, asked if the 5G Towers will prevent hackers such as the "Evil Twin".

Ms. Gardener said she will check and get back with to the Board.

Board Member Potrirankamanis Queano Nur said that the Office of Technology and Innovation should get in touch with Bureau of Environment Disease and Injury Prevention.

Ms. Gardener agreed that she should get in touch with Bureau of Environment Disease and Injury Prevention.

A student from LaGuardia Community College asked if Community Board 3 was a testing site for the kiosks.

Ms. Gardener said that it's a 5 Borough rollout. There are 2000 over the City.

Board Member Mark Buhrmester asked about health risk with towers with service range when phone connects to it because that's when there is radio frequency radiation and if there is concerns then 5G can be disable in phone.

Mr. Sakota said he didn't have the answer to his question.

Ms. Reid asked what is the reach of the 5G Tower.

Mr. Sakota said as 5G evolves there are going to be more frequencies that are going to be used which provide better service. That means it will work faster but they going to go a smaller distance probably won't go more than 500 feet. Some will go 500 feet or 1000 depending on how the carrier decides to utilize the radio.

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Ms. Reid suggested they should go back and look at another design.

Ms. Gardener said the design went through the Public Design Commission.

Second Vice Chair Kevin Hughes-Noboa asked if they got a vote of support from any Community Board for installation.

Ms. Gardener said that no. The only feedback they received was advisory.

Mr. Hughes-Noboa asked who gives the final stamp of approval.

Ms. Gardener said the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) gives the final approval.

Mr. Hughes-Noboa asked who gives the Chief Technology Officer final approval.

Ms. Gardener said they have a franchise agreement and they have to hold LinkNYC accountable to the agreement. That is from the New York City Charter.

### **Inspector Altaheri 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct**

Inspector Altaheri reported that the Officers of the 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct pulled over an unregistered vehicle that was driving recklessly. They found a loaded firearm in the vehicle. The individual is known gang member who was involved in multiple shootings.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty asked about a shooting the night before if it was gang related.

Inspector Altaheri said there was a shooting on January 18<sup>th</sup> that was not gang related. It looked like the individuals knew each other and it was personal. The investigation is still ongoing.

The Inspector said that lately there hasn't been any gang violence because there are Police cars placed around 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 89<sup>th</sup> Street, Roosevelt Avenue and 90<sup>th</sup> Street during the night time. Also, the new Officers are patrolling along 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He said that 94<sup>th</sup> Street changed drastically for the better.

Inspector Altaheri said that there was a 11 year old arrested for multiple robberies. The Inspector said that he sees him as a victim not a perpetrator and the 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct is trying to help him. He encouraged Principals, teachers, parents and the community to work together to lead young people toward a positive direction.

Inspector Altaheri said that he was invited to Michigan to help with recruiting. While on his trip he reflected how the NYPD reflects the community they serve. It's important to support the Officers and for the Officers to serve the community. He thanked the community for their support.

### **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, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liquor)**

The applicant was not present.

#### **Jakaru NY Corp – 108-59 Roosevelt Avenue, Corona (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer/Cider license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Jakaru NY Corp.

The owner said that there are not many Paraguay restaurants in the area. His restaurant offers traditional Paraguay dishes.

Board Member Pat Beckles asked about security at the restaurant.

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The owner said that he has security to prevent any problems.

Board Member Marta Lebreton asked if the restaurant was open now.

The owner said that the restaurant is operating now.

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

Postponed until February.

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

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer/Cider license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Polleria Azoguenita Inc.

The owner said that the restaurant specialty is Ecuadorian style food and chicken.

### **Meat House Inc. d/b/a Chivito De Oro** – 84-02 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights ***(New – Wine/Beer/Cider)***

Postponed until February.

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

Postponed until February.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **Motion # 1 – Adoption of the Agenda**

Upon motion duly made by Frank Taylor, seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to adopt the agenda, was passed unanimously.

### **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Vivian Dock, Nominating Committee Co-Chair, thanked the members of the nominating committee: Pat Beckles, Ann Brown, Muquith Choudhury, Sonya Davis Roberts, Margaret Dozier, Stephen Kulhanek and Co-Chair Edward Kiernan. Ms. Dock reported that the Nomination Committee met on December 7, 2022 and decided on a slate of nominees:

Chairperson - Frank Taylor

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Dr. Laverne Nimmons

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Kevin Hughes-Noboa

Secretary – Richard Mullings

Treasurer – Jairo Rodriguez

#### **Members at Large:**

Ulrick Gedeon

Tammy Rose

Fahad Solaiman

Theresa Parson-Jones

Ms. Dock opened the floor for nominations.

A motion was made by Larinda Hooks, to nominate Shanel Thomas-Henry for Chairperson, seconded by Mark Buhrmester.

Shanel Thomas-Henry accepted the nomination.

A motion was made by Tammy Rose, to nominate Nuala O’Doherty for Member At Large, seconded by Dawn Siff.

A motion was made by Nuala O’Doherty, to nominate Oscar Escobar for Member At Large, seconded by Dawn Siff.

### **Abstention and Conflict of Interests Rules**

Chair Frank Taylor requested Board Member Ann Brown to read the Bylaws pertaining to abstentions. He said it was important to understand the circumstances in which one should abstain.

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Ms. Brown read from the Bylaws in regard to abstentions:

*Any Board Member who shall abstain from voting on any matter before the Board must then state the reason for his or her abstention. A Board Member must abstain on any matter before the board if he or she has a conflict of Interest.*

Second Vice Chair Kevin Hughes-Noboa gave an example of a Conflict of Interest. If a Board Member owns a restaurant that is in the immediate area of restaurant that is being voted on, it's a conflict of interest and the Board Member should abstain. "Just because you don't want to vote, is not a conflict of interest."

### **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, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liquor)**

Tabled until February 2023 Full Board Meeting.

#### **Jakaru NY Corp – 108-59 Roosevelt Avenue, Corona (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **disapproval** of an application for an on-premise Wine/Beer/Cider license for this applicant due to concerns regarding hours of operation and proximity to an area with a large sector of schools.

#### **Motion # 2 - Jakaru NY Corp – 108-59 Roosevelt Avenue, Corona (New - Wine/Beer/Cider)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to **disapprove** the application did not pass with 19 in Favor, 17 Opposed and 2 Abstention.

**Discussion ensued. The matter has been referred back to committee and will be taken up at a future Board meeting.**

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

Tabled until February 2023 Full Board Meeting.

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

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-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 # 3 - Polleria Azoguenita Inc. – 91-23 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights (New – Wine/Beer/Cider)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to **approve** the application was passed with 38 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

#### **Meat House Inc. d/b/a Chivito De Oro – 84-02 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights (New – Wine/Beer/Cider)**

Tabled until February 2023 Full Board Meeting.

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

Tabled until February 2023 Full Board Meeting.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chairman Frank Taylor said that it was an honor to serve as Chair CB3. The Board was very active in events throughout the community.

Communication has improved between Board members and the community. One reason is that the monthly Board meetings are being moved around to East Elmhurst, Corona and Jackson Heights.

Mr. Taylor that all the hard work could not have been accomplished with his Executive Board, CB3 Staff and the District Manager.



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### **Motion # 4 - Adoption of the December 15, 2022, Monthly Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, seconded by Muquith Choudhury, to adopt the December 15, 2022, Minutes, was passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Education/Youth Services**

Renetta English, Chair of Youth Services, reported that the 2022 Community Gift Giving Project collection was an overwhelmingly success. Over 2000 items were collected and distributed. Ms. English thanked everyone for their generosity.

Lisa Mesulam, Co-Chair of Education Committee, reported that the families got to choose from the items and were very appreciated. It was a long day but the volunteers had a good experience helping their community.

#### **Health & Social Services Committee**

Vivian Dock, Co-Chair of Health & Social Services Committee, announced that the Leon Von Holden Memorial Healthcare Expo will be on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at the Corona Health Center.

### **Legislator's Report**

#### **Council Member Francisco Moya Office**

Taquoia Jones, representative for Council Member Francisco Moya Office, reported that in hundred toys were distributed in the community. They distributed over a thousand fresh produce bags.

Every Thursday is CUNY Citizenship at the district office by appointment.

On Tuesdays Urban Outbound is offering free tax services at the district office.

There are applications for discretionary funding on City Council website. The deadline is February 21, 2023.

#### **Assembly Member Steven Raga Office**

Jolly Patel, representative for Assembly Member Steven Raga, reported that the office covers Woodside, Elmhurst, Maspeth, Middle Village, Astoria and Western part of Jackson Heights.

The office offers language assistance in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, Nepali and Cebuano.

The office is located at 55-19 69<sup>th</sup> Street in Maspeth, NY 11378

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

A representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez reported that all their community project funding requests made it into the final fiscal year 23 Appropriations bill that was signed into law in December. In total New York got \$16 million to fund community projects run by organizations such as ElmcOR and Queens Hall of Science.

Saturday, January 21, 2023 there will be a Town Hall.

The office is looking for two Bronx Constituent Liaisons.

### **ELECTIONS RESULTS**

Chairperson - Frank Taylor  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Dr. Laverne Nimmons  
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### **District Manager's Report**

District Manager Giovanna Reid praised the Youth & Education for doing an outstanding job with the Gift Giving Project. Over 400 hundred people walked away with something they needed.

Ms. Reid said that the Health & Social Services Committee reaches a lot of people with the annual Leon Von Holden Healthcare Expo which will coming up on June 10, 2023.

Ms. Reid congratulated the re-elected Officers of the Board and looks forward to working with them. She thanked her staff for working hard to serve the members of the Board and the community.

### **Motion # 5 - To Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by Frank Taylor and seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa, to adjourn the meeting, was unanimously passed. Adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Clara Colon*

*Reviewed and edited by  
Richard Mullings, Board Secretary*