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November 21, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Ann Brown
Elba Buendia
Muquith Choudhury
Haiko Cornelissen
Sonya Davis Roberts
Vivian Dock
Margaret Dozier
Renetta English
Ulrick Gedeon
Pastor Peter Herron
Abdur Rahim Howlader
Kevin Hughes-Noboa
Joyce Julian
Nabaraj Kc
Edward Kiernan
Marta Lebreton
Bill Meehan
Lisa Mesulam
Ralph Moreno
Richard Mullings
Laverne Nimmons
Veronica Ng
Philip Papas
Esteban Peralta
Ladislav Perez
Dorothy Phelan
Fausto Rodriguez
Edmund Rosenbaum
David Rosero
Lobsang Salaka
Marlene Tapper
Frank Taylor
Shanel Thomas-Henry
Arthur Teiler
Hamlett Wallace
Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Shiv Dass
Vasantraï Gandhi
Larinda Hooks
Stephen Kulhanek
Carlos Andres Lopez
Richard Mink
Nuala O'Doherty
Megan Rockwell
Jairo Rodriguez
Leoncio Romero
Tammy Rose
Jimmy Smith
Pat Thorpe
Toi Washington-Simon

Guest

James Fitzgerald, NYC Veterans Alliance
PO Robert Worsthorn, 115 Pct NCO
PO Anthony Alvarez, 115 Pct NCO
Lisa Atkins, Rep., Qns President Office
Michele Hernandez, Rep., Congresswoman
Ocasio-Cortez
Taiquan Coleman, Rep., NYS Senator
Ramos
James Mongeluzo, Rep., NYC Comptroller
Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy. Aubry's Office
Jessica Tang, Rep., Assy. Cruz Office
George Hadjiconstantinou, Rep., Assy.
DenDekker Office
Phiveline Solano, Rep., CM Moya

Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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Renetta English, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken at that time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Bill for Seniors to Receive SNAP

Barbara Luisa, CUNY School for Public Health, said she is advocating for the proposed Bill that Council Member Margaret S. Chin introduced for seniors who are eligible to receive SNAP. The legislation will help identify older New Yorkers who may be homebound, isolated or lack English-language proficiency. Ms. Luisa wants to raise awareness of the Queens community that has 10% of seniors who live under the poverty line.

Civilian Complaint Review Board – Youth Advisory Council

Maroua Righi, Outreach Coordinator at the Civilian Complaint Review Board, announced that CCRB is accepting applications from youths who are between 10-24 to be part of a Youth Advisory Council. CCRB is seeking young people who are interested in social justices and improving police-community relations. They will be able to share their experiences with policing, identify problems in their communities and recommend solutions. The Policy Department will take a serious look at the policies the Youth Council provides.

Apply at nyc.gov/ccrbyouthcouncil by November 26, 2019.

Jackson Heights Orchestra

Board Member, Ed Westley, announced that on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:30pm the Jackson Heights Orchestra will perform at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Mr. Westley thanked Community 3 Board Members for showing up to the Halloween Parade and making it a great event for the neighborhood.

NYC Compost Project

Duke Yun, Outreach Coordinator with NYC Compost Project, announced that there is a compost map of available locations to bring food scraps at grownyc.org. He also added that leaf collections days for Community Board 3 are November 23rd and December 7th after 4:00pm.

Queens NYC Children Services

Robin Church, Deputy Director for Queens NYC Children Services, announced that the agency is available to come out to community organizations for presentations. The agency investigates allegations of child abuse and neglect. Any family in need can contact the agency for services.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

New York City Veterans Alliance, James Fitzgerald, Deputy Director

James Fitzgerald, Deputy Director of NYC Veteran's Alliance, said that Queens has the most veterans out of all boroughs. Mr. Fitzgerald wants to get the word out to the 59,000 veterans about services available for them, military families, caregivers and supporters.

Mr. Fitzgerald served nine years in the Army. During his tour of duty in Afghanistan, he was shot and thrown off a mountain. That led to him being medically retired from the Army. He went on to say that he (as well as a lot of other veterans) found that the toughest challenge is figuring out how to go back into the community – and that there needs to be services that veterans can be connected to as they are entitled to receive these services.

He informed the community that NYC Veterans Alliance has free services that can connect veterans with resources and services as well as advocacy when they return back to their communities.

For more information go to: nycveteransalliance.org or ourveterans.nyc

Email: hello@nycveteransalliance.org

115th Precinct Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs)

Police Officer Robert Worsthorn, 115 Precinct Neighborhood Coordination Officer, said that he is part of "Sector Adam," which covers East Elmhurst from 104th Street, Grand Central Parkway and LaGuardia Airport. He said that Neighborhood Coordination Officers work closely with the

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Detective Squad and Community Partners. They work together to better understand and address the needs that are important to each neighborhood. The NCO Officers work as a Liaison between the community and agencies. Officer Worsthorn introduced his new partner, Police Officer Anthony Alvarez.

Police Officer Alvarez said he has been on the force for 13 years and looks forward to his new detail as a Neighborhood Coordination Officer.

Contact information: Robert.Worsthorn@nypd.org 929-383-9243

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bus. Eco. Develop. – (Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair) **S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:**

Sabor Hispano Inc. – 37-29 103rd Street, Corona (New Wine/Beer)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor License. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Sabor Hispano Inc.

A representative spoke for the owner who could not be present. She said that the restaurant has been open for seven months. The owner and manager have restaurant experience.

El Nuevo Polanco Rest. Inc. – 33-13 108th Street, Corona (New – Wine/Beer)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer Liquor License. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of El Nuevo Polanco Restaurant Inc.

The owner said he is applying for a Wine/Beer license to compliment the International dishes his restaurant serves.

Lalilie – 91-01/05 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst (New – Full Liq.)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor License. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Lalilie.

The owner said he grew up in the neighborhood and owns a couple of businesses. He said Lalilie will be a full service restaurant and will make deliveries.

A resident expressed concern over the restaurant staying open until 3:00am.

The owner said he will have security guards similar to his other businesses.

Board Member Hamlett Wallace asked when sound proofing will be installed. The owner said he installed sound proofing to the walls and ceiling.

Blue Angel Lounge Corp. – 112-51 Roosevelt Ave, Corona (Corp. Change)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Corporate Change. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Blue Angel Lounge Corp.

The owner said that she is 24 years old and trying to start a business.

Rubirosa 8407 Corp. 84-07 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor License. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Rubirosa 8407 Corp.

The owner said he learned the restaurant business through working in his family's business. He said that Rubirosa is sound proofed and has security.

Board Member Ed Westley asked why it has to be open every day till 4:00am.

The owner said because all the other businesses are open until 4:00am.

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Centro Comunal Hermanos Unidos de Queens NY Inc. – 37-39 103rd Street, Corona (Corp. Change)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Corporate Change. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Centro Comunal Hermanos Unidos de Queens NY Inc.

The owner said that one of the Directors will be taking over because she can't be present all the time.

Centro Comunal Hermanos Unidos de Queens NY Inc. – 37-39 103rd Street, Corona (Class Change)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Class Change. Mr. Rosenbaum explained that Centro Comunal Hermanos Unidos has a Club/Wine License as a not-for-profit "Members Only" club. They are applying for Club Liquor License.

The owner said having a Club/Liquor License will raise more money to pay the rent.

La Morenita Ecuatoriana Rest. Corp. – 100-08 Northern Blvd., Corona (New – Wine/Beer)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer Liquor License. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of La Morenita Ecuatoriana Restaurant Corp.

The representative for the owner said the restaurant was in business since 2012 in Community Board 4 area. They had to move due to damage at the original location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Renetta English, Chair, opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion # 67 - Adoption of the Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Lobsang Salaka, to adopt the Agenda, was passed unanimously.

Motions By Committees:

Business Economic Development. – (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)

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

Sabor Hispano Inc. – 37-29 103rd Street, Corona (New Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premises Wine & Beer License for this applicant.

Motion # 68 - Sabor Hispano Inc. – 37-29 103rd Street, Corona (New Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Arthur Teiler, was passed by, 32 in Favor, 4 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

El Nuevo Polanco Rest. Inc. – 33-13 108th Street, Corona (New – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premises Wine & Beer License for this applicant.

Motion # 69 - El Nuevo Polanco Rest. Inc. – 33-13 108th Street, Corona (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Renetta English, was passed by, 30 in Favor, 5 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

Lalilie – 91-01/05 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premises Full Liquor License for this applicant provided a Stipulation has been signed. The Stipulation was signed.

Motion # 70 - Lalilie – 91-01/05 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Hamlett Wallace, was passed by, 24 in Favor, 11 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

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Blue Angel Lounge Corp. – 112-51 Roosevelt Ave, Corona (Corp. Change)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **disapproval** of an application for an on-premises Full Liquor License for this applicant due to availing of the currently active liquor license, and lack of experience and supervision by the applicant.

Motion # 71 - Blue Angel Lounge Corp. – 112-51 Roosevelt Ave, Corona (Corp. Change)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Arthur Teiler, was passed unanimously.

Rubirosa 8407 Corp. 84-07 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premises Tavern Wine License for this applicant provided a Stipulation has been signed. The Stipulation was signed.

Motion # 72 - Rubirosa 8407 Corp. 84-07 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Fausto Rodriguez, was passed by, 28 in Favor, 8 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Centro Comunal Hermanos Unidos de Queens NY Inc. – 37-39 103rd Street, Corona (Corp. Change)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for a Corporate Change of an on-premises Club Wine License for this applicant.

Motion # 73 - Centro Comunal Hermanos Unidos de Queens NY Inc. – 37-39 103rd Street, Corona (Corp. Change)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Laverne Nimmons, was passed by, 32 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

Centro Comunal Hermanos Unidos de Queens NY Inc. – 37-39 103rd Street, Corona (Class Change)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for a class change to an on-premises Club Liquor License for this applicant.

Motion # 74 - Centro Comunal Hermanos Unidos de Queens NY Inc. – 37-39 103rd Street, Corona (Class Change)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ralph Moreno, was passed by, 30 in Favor, 5 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

La Morenita Ecuatoriana Rest. Corp. – 100-08 Northern Blvd., Corona (New – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premises Wine & Beer License for this applicant.

Motion # 75 - La Morenita Ecuatoriana Rest. Corp. – 100-08 Northern Blvd., Corona (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Bill Meehan, was passed by, 31 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

Chairperson's Report

Renetta English, Chair, said that November is a special month where we recognize the service of our Veterans who have put their lives on the line for the protection of our country. We also have the opportunity to spend time with our family and friends as we reflect on the many things that we are thankful for on Thanksgiving Day.

Ms. English said she is thankful for the consistent support by the Board in attending meetings and numerous community events. There were events that were successfully attended; Census 2020 Job Fair, Department of Health Rat Academy, various Trainings and Jackson Heights Halloween

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Parade. She congratulated District Manager Giovanna Reid on receiving the Community Service Award by Dominico American Society of Queens.

2019 Community Gift Giving Project is accepting donations between November 11th and December 11th at Regal Heights and Cake Mio.

Ms. English announced that the Nominating Committee appointees are: Pastor Peter Herron, Ed Kiernan, Veronica Ng, Ladisla Perez, Toi Washington-Simon, David Rosero, Marta Lebreton, Philip Papas and the Chair will be Vivian Dock.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid announced that Sanitation provided a guide for the community to know their responsibilities for snow removal.

On Monday, December 9th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, NAACP will have a "Census 2020 Recruitment Drive" at Langston Hughes Library.

On Saturday, December 14th from 11:00am – 7:00pm there will be a "Kwanzaa Celebration" at Langston Hughes Library.

On Saturday, December 14th the 115 Precinct is having a Children's Holiday Party at Elmcour.

Treasurer Report

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Treasurer, reported that Board Members have contributed over \$200 for the Holiday Party following the Full Board Meeting on December 19, 2019.

Motion #54 - Adoption of the October 17, 2019 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Ed Westley, to adopt the October 17, 2019 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Airport Committee

Bill Meehan, Airport Committee Co-Chair, reported that there was a meeting to update on the EIS study, which is mandated before the construction of the AirTrain. They reviewed all the possible options that were submitted for consideration. Both in writing and those collected at the scoping sessions held this past fall, and then used a matrix showing whether or not they met the needed requirements to be considered further. Only two made it to the second stage, one that was mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration and AirTrain.

There was another meeting on the construction's impact on various landmarks (i.e., landmarks that were named by a NYS Landmark commission). There were very few to be considered as they had to meet specific chronological and historic specifications and be with a narrow parameter of the AirTrain route. A portion of an old bridge within the FMCP, which was constructed to deal with flooding and the Passerelle Bridge at the entrance to FMCP, needs to be repaired and moved several feet to the East to make room for an AirTrain if built.

Mr. Meehan said there will be a Committee meeting in the next few weeks to review the LaGuardia buildout and what can be done to address and mitigate problems.

Ann Brown, Airport Co-Chair, reported that the presentation by the Port Authority has been rescheduled for January 2020. She also added that in January, the FAA will have public workshops.

Traffic & Transportation Committee

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that Stephen Kulhanek, Chair of Traffic & Transportation Committee, conducted a meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2019 to review renewal applications. The Committee recommended approval for Dalton's Bar & Grill and Saeta Car Service.

Ms. Reid noted that renewals usually don't come through Community Boards but if there are any issues with any businesses the Community Board office must be informed.

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Youth Services & Education Committee

Renetta English, Chair of Youth Services, announced that on January 30, 2020, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm, there will be a “Human Trafficking Forum” at Elmcot.

Lisa Mesulam, Education Committee Co-Chair, thanked Board Members, residents and Elected Officials who made “Career Day” a bigger success than expected. She welcomed more to participate next year.

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Education Committee Co-Chair, announced that in the spring the Committee will be meeting with school principals to discuss getting Elected Officials to meet the needs of the public schools.

Housing Committee

Dorothy Phelan, Housing Committee Co-Chair, reported that she and her Co-Chair Arthur Teiler attended a training at HPD on November 8, 2019. They attended a citywide program called “Housing Ambassadors.” HPD is going to partner with community-based service providers in New York City who can help people prepare and apply for Housing Connect affordable housing lotteries. Housing Ambassadors will provide information and assistance with the application process.

On December 10th at 7:00pm there will be a Housing Committee meeting at the Community Board 3 office. Representatives from the “Housing Ambassadors Program” will be present.

Committee Referrals

Borough President’s Report

Lisa Atkins, representative for Borough President Melinda Katz’s Office, announced that applications by seniors up for graduation are being accepted for “African American Heritage Scholarships.” There will be an award ceremony in February 2020. Anyone interested contact: 718-286-3000.

Legislators’ Report

NYC Comptroller Office

James Mongeluzo, representative for NYC Comptroller’s Office, reported that according to published report on “Making the Grade: New York City Agency Report Card on Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprises,” New York City overall earned a “C” grade.

Mr. Mongeluzo said that the NYC Comptroller Office looks into all contracts and conducts audits on City agencies. They also take claims of damage to property. If there are any concerns contact: jmongel@comptroller1.nyc.gov or call: 646-689-6509.

Assemblyman Michael DenDekker Office

George Hadjiconstantinou, representative for Council Member Michael DenDekker Office, reported that on December 14th from 10:00am – 4:00pm children can have their picture taken with Santa at the office.

On January 4th there will be a “Paper Shredding Event” from 10:00am – 2:00pm and “E-Waste Event” from 10:00am – 4:00pm at the Jackson Heights Shopping Center.

Assy. DenDekker’s Office is still collecting books for its book drive.

Assemblywomen Catalina Cruz Office

Jessica Tang, representative for Assembly Member Catalina Cruz Office, announced that from November 4th – December 16th the office will have a “Coat & Clothing Drive.”

On December 12th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm there will be “Holiday Activity: Gingerbread Houses & Civics” at the Assy. Cruz Office.

On November 16th from 11:00am – 2:00pm and December 12th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm Assy. Cruz and the Mobile Office will be in from of Corona Library.

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Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry Office

Lili Pioche, representative for Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry Office, said that the Assy. Aubry thanks all the Board Members for their dedication and wished all in attention a Happy Thanksgiving.

NY Senator Jessica Ramos Office

Taiquan Coleman, representative for NY Senator Jessica Ramos Office, announced that on November 22nd at 7:00pm there will be a “Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway” at East Elmhurst Community School.

On December 4th at the Lexington School for The Deaf there will be a “Town Hall Meeting.”

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Office

Michele Hernandez, representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Office, reported that they had a successful Town Hall meeting at P.S. 71 in the Bronx. All Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez Town Hall Meetings will be live-streamed.

Ms. Hernandez announced that Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez introduced a bill called “Green New Deal for Public Housing Act” to improve the quality of life for public house residents by upgrading and modernizing housing.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez, as part of the “Quiet Skies Caucus,” which talk about solutions to noise pollution, co-signed a letter requesting the FAA to commit to hiring a Community Liaison.

Council Member Francisco Moya Office

Phiveline Solano, representative for Council Member Francisco Moya Office, announced that on November 24th there will be a “Turkey Giveaway” at Park of the Americas.

On December 2nd at 6:00pm there will be a “Tree Lighting Ceremony” at William F. Moore Park.

Any issues or concern contact the office at 718-651-1917.

To Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, and seconded by Edmund Rosenbaum to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:21pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon*

*Reviewed and Edited by
Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Board Secretary*