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January 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Ann S. Brown
Elba Buendia
Shiv Dass
Sonya Davis Roberts
Vivian Dock
Renetta English
Patricia Glunt
Kevin Hughes
Nabaraj Kc
Edward Kiernan
Stephen Kulhanek
Marta Lebreton
Carlos Andres Lopez
Bill Meehan
Richard A. Mink
Ralph Moreno
Laverne Nimmons
Veronica Ng
Nuala O'Doherty
Philip Papas
Esteban Peralta
Ladislá Pérez
Dorothy Phelan
Fausto Rodriguez
Jairo Rodriguez
Leoncio Romero
Edmund Rosenbaum
David Rosero
Lobsang Salaka
Agha Muhammad Saleh
Frank Taylor
Arthur Teiler
Shanel Thomas
Hamlett Wallace
Toi Washington-Simon
Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Margaret Dozier
Vasantraï Gandhi
Pastor Peter Herron
Larinda Hooks
Joyce Julian
Caridad Mak
Lisa Mesulam
Richard Mullings
Jimmy Smith
Marlene Tapper
Pat Thorpe
Camilo Zamora

Guests

NY State Senator Jessica Ramos
Dorothy Lewandowski, former Qns Boro
Parks Commissioner
Det. Johnson, 115 Precinct
Tarik Coles, Rep., Sen. Ramos Office
Lisa Atkins, Rep., Qns Boro President Office
Qibin Ye, Rep., CM Dromm's Office
Barbara Jones, Rep., CM Moya's Office
Jennifer Diaz, Rep., Assy Cruz Office
George Hadjiconstantinou, Rep., Assy
DenDekker's Office
Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy Aubry Office
Barbara Jackson

Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:30pm

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Philip Papas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken at that time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Board Member Ed Westley announced that former Board Member Tom Lowenhaupt, Board Member Joyce Julian's son Kenny and the President of the Jackson Heights Jewish Center, Steve Noble, are all going through some health problems. He asked everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

Jackson Heights Orchestra

Board Member, Pat Glunt, announced that on Saturday, February 9th at 4:00pm the Jackson Heights Orchestra will perform at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. There will be a reception afterwards. The suggested donation is \$20.00.

Winter Pride

Board Member Bill Meehan announced that on Saturday, January 19th is the annual Winter Pride gala at Astoria World Manor. He encouraged all to support the event.

Martin Luther King Day of Service

Board Member Dorothy Phelan announced that on Monday, January 21st will be the 5th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Mitzvah Day of Service. The event begins at 9:30am at The Renaissance Charter School.

LaGuardia Airport

David Burgoa, representative for Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens, reported that NHS and Elmcors have partnered with Council for Airport Opportunity. For additional information on jobs at LaGuardia Airport visit in person Elmcors Youth & Adult Activities at 107-20 Northern Blvd, Corona, NY.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

State Senator Jessica Ramos

NY State Senator Jessica Ramos announced that her office at 32-37 Junction Blvd., East Elmhurst, is open to the community. The office staff is on hand to help with any concerns.

Albany appointed Senator Ramos City Committee, Cultural Affairs, Parks & Tourist, Transportation and Corporation Authorities and Commission as to Chair of Labor Committee. The Senate will be voting on the Reproductive Health Act, Property Tax Cut and The Dream Act. Senator Ramos said she is looking for to a productive session.

Resident Donald Young asked NY Senator Ramos her stance on the Reproductive Health Act.

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Sen. Ramos stated that she will vote for the Reproductive Health Act. The Senator encouraged Mr. Young to read more about the bill.

Dorothy Lewandowski, former Queens Borough Parks Commissioner

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked former Queens Borough Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski for all the years of supporting Community Board 3. Community Board 3 is grateful to Ms. Lewandowski and her team for upgrading our area parks.

Philip Papas, Ms. Reid and Parks Chair Marta Lebreton, presented Ms. Lewandowski with a certificate on behalf of Community Board 3.

Ms. Lewandowski said it is extremely special to be recognized by Community Board 3. She recognized that the community is in need of more park space. She said they did their best to keep park spaces clean and green. Ms. Lewandowski hoped to see everyone at the Tavers Park ribbon cutting.

Ms. Reid thanked Ms. Lewandowski for 40 years of service and wished her a happy retirement.

U.S. Census Bureau 2020

A representative for U.S. Census 2020 encouraged everyone to take time to fill out the 2020 U.S. Census. She reported:

- In the constitution every 10 years there is a count of the U.S. population.
- Based on the findings the Federal government gives money.
- House of Representatives is selected based on the U.S. Census.
- U.S. Census can be done online, by phone or by mail.
- Job opportunities are available.

Det. Johnson

Det. Johnson reported that due to the water main break at Northern Blvd the traffic going east bound is back to normal. Northern Blvd exit coming off Grand Central Park westbound is closed indefinitely. One lane of traffic on Northern Blvd from 114th – 111th Street then it becomes two lanes only for traffic and buses. For approximately 3 weeks trucks won't be allowed westbound. Access to Northern Blvd is through Flushing, Flushing Meadows Park or Roosevelt Ave.

Det. Johnson asked all in attendance to be vigilant when mailing letters. Mail Phishing continues to be a problem. Residents should go to mail letters at the post office.

She reminded the community that IRS will never call to ask for money nor will Con Edison call to ask personal information. Utilities companies will send a letter then have service discontinue if the problem is not resolved. Utilities would not call to ask for money or personal information because they have in their records.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bus. Eco. Develop. – *Arthur Teiler and Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chairs* S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:

La Hueca Restaurant Inc. – 93-21 37th Ave., JHS (New – Wine/Beer)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of La Hueca Restaurant.

The owner was not present.

El Atico Restaurant Corp. – 103-11 39th Ave., Corona (New – Full Liquor)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of El Atico Restaurant Corp.

The representative said that the owner wants to open a restaurant/lounge on the second floor that has been vacant for years.

Inspa Inc. d/b/a Namaste – 35-21 Junction Blvd., Corona (New – Full Liquor)

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

The representative said that the restaurant will be serving Indian food. It will have a small bar, no music and no dancing.

Mr. Pancho's Café – 86-09 Roosevelt Ave., JHS (New – Wine/Beer)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Mr. Pancho's Café.

The owner said that he has nine years experience in the restaurant business and looks forward to opening another restaurant in the Community.

Board Member Ed Westley asked the owner why does he have late hours of operation?

The owner said in order to make money to pay the rent he has to stay open later. He noted that he has never had any problems.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Philip Papas, Chair, opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Papas asked for a moment of silence for former Board Member Anna Lopez.

District Manager Giovanna Reid said that Ana Lopez was the former Chair of Heath & Social Services Committee, Director for Father Billini, served on advisory Boards for Elmhurst Hospital and Queens Library. Ms. Lopez main intention was to serve the youth of the community. Ms. Reid said that her legacy lives on and she will be sorely missed.

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Adoption of the Agenda

Motion # 1 – Adoption of the Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Philip Papas, seconded by Ann Brown, to adopt the agenda, was passed unanimously.

Election of Board Officers

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Vivian Dock, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked the members of the nominating committee: Vasantrai Gandhi, Marta Lebreton, Richard Mink, Veronica Ng, Fausto Rodriguez and David Rosero. Ms. Dock reported that the Nomination Committee met and the Nominees are as follows:

Renetta English, Chairperson

Shiv Dass, 1st Vice Chair

Edmund Rosenbaum, 2nd Vice Chair

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Treasurer

Kevin Hughes, Secretary

Sonya Davis Roberts, Leoncio Romero, Frank Taylor and Hamlett Wallace, Members at Large

Ms. Dock thanked Elba Buendia for serving three conservative terms as Member at Large. She also thanked Philip Papas for serving two conservative terms as Chair.

Vivian Dock opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Members-At-Large.

There were no nominations from the floor. Ms. Dock closed the nominations and instructed the Board Members to mark their ballots.

Motions by Committee

Bus. Eco. Develop. – Arthur Teiler and Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chairs **S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:**

La Hueca Restaurant Inc. – 93-21 37th Ave., JHS (New – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends approval of an application for an on-premise Wine/Beer license.

Motion # 2 - La Hueca Restaurant Inc. – 93-21 37th Ave., JHS (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes, to approve the application for a Full Liquor license was passed, unanimously.

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El Atico Restaurant Corp. – 103-11 39th Ave., Corona (New – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economics, reported that due to an oversaturation of licenses in the immediate area of the location, citing the 500 foot rule. The committee recommends disapproval of an application for an on-Full Liquor license.

Motion # 3 - El Atico Restaurant Corp. – 103-11 39th Ave., Corona (New – Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Westley, to disapprove the application for a Full Liquor license was passed, 32 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 2 Abstention.

Inspa Inc. d/b/a Namaste – 35-21 Junction Blvd., Corona (New – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends approval of an application for an on-premise full liquor license for this applicant.

Motion # 4 -Inspa Inc. d/b/a Namaste – 35-21 Junction Blvd., Corona (New – Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Bill Meehan, to approve the application for a Full Liquor license was passed, 33 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Mr. Pancho's Café – 86-09 Roosevelt Ave., JHS (New – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends approval of an application for an on-premise Tavern Wine license for this applicant provided that the applicant has agreed and signed the stipulations

Motion # 5 - Mr. Pancho's Café – 86-09 Roosevelt Ave., JHS (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Fausto Rodriguez, to approve the application with the proviso that the applicant agrees and signs stipulations was passed, 25 in Favor, 11 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Chairman Report

Philip Papas thanked the Board Members for believing in him as the Chair for Community Board 3. A sincere thanks to Stephen Kulhanek and Marta Lebreton for their support. A special thanks was given to Renetta English and Shiv Dass for filling-in at events he could not attend. Mr. Papas said it was a pleasure and a great experience being the Chairman of Community Board 3.

Motion # 6 – Exit Executive Session

Upon motion duly made by Philip Papas, seconded by Ann Brown, to exit Executive Session, to allow a report by the Comptroller, was passed unanimously.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer spoke on:

- Investing in updating the Transportation system.
- Total reworking of the bus maps in Brooklyn and Queens for more convenience.
- Propose 85,000 units for people making less than \$30,000 a year.
- Out of the 11,000 vacant lots 600 could be used to build Affordable Housing.
- Raise the Real Transfer Property Tax to 8% which will create a revolving fund of \$400 million a year for Housing.
- Integrate the school system to give kids the resources they need.

Board Member Richard Mink asked if purchases of apartments are in cash should be investigated for money laundering.

Comptroller Stringer said it's called parking money. It's not a crime for people of wealth to put their money in real estate.

Board Member Lobsang Salaka asked the Comptroller what his thoughts regarding the Amazon headquarters.

Comptroller Stringer responded that the appropriate way is to go through the Community Board. The deal was done in secret. He said there should have been some kind of negotiation.

Board Member Frank Taylor said that property taxes doubling in East Elmhurst.

Comptroller Stringer said that the Mayor has a Committee discussing high property taxes among the middle class and poor. The Committee is meeting and making recommendations to Albany.

Board Member Carlos Andres Lopez asked about the subway system.

Comptroller Stringer said they have to figure out a plan to fix the subway system before it gets any worst.

Shiv Dass, 1st Vice Chair, asked about commercial rents.

Comptroller Stringer said the City Council is researching on commercial rents and he will have more information on a later date.

Margaret, resident, asked if he will target agencies that use private placards.

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Comptroller Stringer said that he is aware of the problem and his office is in discussions on doing audits. Comptroller Stringer hopes to have a report in the near future.

Motion # 7 – To Re-enter Executive Session

Upon motion duly made by Philip Papas, seconded by David Rosero, to re-enter Executive Session, was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Youth Services and Education Committee

Renetta English, Youth Services Chair, thanked the Board Members and organizations for the success of the 2018 Community Gift Giving Project.

Borough President's Report

Lisa Atkins, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz representative, reported that on Friday, February 8th is the deadline renewing Community Board Member membership.

She reported that February 1st will be Borough President Budget Consultation at Borough Hall.

Community Board swearing in will take place on April 30th and June 25th will be the awards ceremony.

February 13th the Borough Cabinet will be at Antun's.

Friday, January 25th The State of the Borough Address will be at LaGuardia College at 10:00am.

Legislators' Report

Assembly Member Catalina Cruz Office

Jennifer Diaz, representative for Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz, announced that their office is located at 82-11 37th Ave., Suite 607 in Jackson Heights. To make appointments for referrals, Tax Preparation or Notary call: 718-458-5367 or email: governmentcruzny@gmail.com.

Council Member Daniel Dromm Office

Qibin Ye, representative for CM Daniel Dromm, announced that on Sunday, January 27th there will be a City Agency Resource Fair at 41-01 75th Street from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

February 16th at St. James Church will be Lunar New Year celebration from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

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Council Member Francisco Moya Office

Barbara Jones, representative for Council Member Francisco Moya Office, reported that residents can check their Facebook page for the latest updates on the Northern Blvd collapse.

The FY 2020 Discretionary Funding application will begin on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 and the submission deadline will be on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Any questions or concerns call 718-651-1917. The office is located at 106-01 Corona Ave.

Assembly Member Michael DenDekker Office

George Hadjiconstantinou, representative for Assembly Member Michael DenDekker Office, reported that there will be a shredding event in March.

LaGuardia Airport

Shanel Thomas, Community Outreach Liaison, LaGuardia Redevelopment Program, announced that Monday, January 21st is the deadline for Summer Internship program.

The Council for Airport Opportunity Office is now open at Elmcor Youth & Adult Activities located at 108th Street and Northern Blvd.

Mass for NY State Senator Jose Peralta

Board Member Marta Lebreton announced that on Sunday, February 10th there will be a mass for NY State Senator Jose Peralta at Our Lady of Sorrow Church at 8:30am.

ELECTIONS RESULTS

Chair Vivian Dock informed the Board on the results from the elections.

Renetta English, Chairperson

Shiv Dass, 1st Vice Chair

Edmund Rosenbaum, 2nd Vice Chair

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Treasurer

Kevin Hughes, Secretary

Sonya Davis Roberts, Leoncio Romero, Frank Taylor and Hamlett Wallace, Members at Large

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District Manager Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked Philip Papas for an outstanding job as Chair of Community Board 3. She also thanked outgoing Member at Large, Elba Buendia. She congratulated newly elected Chairperson Renetta English. She said Ms. English had been volunteer for 10 year prior to becoming a Board Member. Ms. Reid congratulated all of the incoming Officers.

Motion # 8 - To Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Philip Papas and seconded by Ann Brown to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon