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ATTENDANCE

Ann Brown
 Elba Buendia
 Muquith Choudhury
 Haiko Cornelissen
 Shiv Dass
 Sonya Davis Roberts
 Vivian Dock
 Margaret Dozier
 Renetta English
 Vasantrai Gandhi
 Ulrick Gedeon
 Pastor Peter Herron
 Larinda Hooks
 Abdur Rahim Howladar
 Kevin Hughes-Noboa
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Marta Lebreton
 Carlos Andres Lopez
 Bill Meehan
 Lisa Mesulam
 Ralph Moreno
 Veronica Ng
 Laverne Nimmons
 Nuala O'Doherty
 Philip Papas
 Esteban Peralta
 Ladisla Perez
 Dorothy Phelan
 Megan Rockwell
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Jairo Rodriguez
 Leoncio Romero
 Tammy Rose
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 Jimmy Smith
 Marlene Tapper
 Frank Taylor
 Shanel Thomas
 Hamlett Wallace
 Toi Washington-Simon

ABSENT

Joyce Julian
 Nabaraj Kc
 Edward Kiernan
 Richard Mink
 Richard Mullings
 David Rosero
 Lobsang Salaka
 Arthur Teiler
 Pat Thorpe
 Edwin Westley

GUEST

CM Fernando Cabrera
 Shakira Smalls, Langston Hughes Library
 Thomas Moulton, MD SCTPN
 Rosemary Lopez, ACQC
 Michele Hernandez, Rep., Congresswoman
 Ocasio -Cortez
 Qibin Ye, Rep., CM Dromm Office
 Dante Arnwine, Rep., CM Moya
 Jennifer Diaz, Rep., Assy. Cruz Office
 George Hadjiconstantinou, Rep., Assy.
 DenDekker Office

Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 7:00pm

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kevin Montalvo, Founder of Queens Distance Runners, announced that on May 18th & 19th “God Spell” will be performed by teenagers from Unity Stage at PS 212. Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for seniors.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Langston Hughes Community Library – Shakira Smalls, Executive Director

Shakira Smalls, Executive Director for Langston Hughes Cultural Center, announced that Langston Hughes Library is celebrating its 50th anniversary. She welcomed all in attendance to join in the celebration by signing up for upcoming events. To get an email blast sign up at Langston Hughes Library or go to www.queenslibrary.org.

Council Member Fernando Cabrera – Bronx CD14

Council Member Fernando Cabrera stated that as he became Chair of Government Operation he realized that Community Boards have only had a \$23,000 increase since 2012. He said some Community Boards cover bigger areas than Council Members and provide a lot of services for the community. CM Cabrera said that he along with other Council Members they were able to get \$42,500 to all 59 Community Boards. “But, it can’t be used for salary”. CM Cabrera is asking all Community Boards to pass a resolution for funding and salary increase. He thanked the Board Members for volunteering their time to their community.

Thomas Moulton, MD SCTPN (Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patient's Network)

Thomas Moulton, Pediatric Hematologist-oncologist, reported that there is difficulty in passing a law in New York State to improve care for patients with Sickle Cell Disease. Patients die at an early age because of no adult programs.

Dr. Moulton explained that Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited disorder of the blood. The most frequent symptoms in adults is severe pain, which severely limits the ability to go to school or work. The Centers for Disease Control states that Sickle Cell Disease is a major health concern. Recent calculated mean age of death was 33 for men and 37 for women. Dr. Moulton said, “New York State has 10% of the nation’s Sickle Cell Disease population. Federal, State and private funding for Sickle Cell Disease is severely lacking”.

- NYS Sickle Cell Disease/Trait Bill – The bill would:
 - Create 8 Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) treatment demo programs (DPs) throughout the state and one coordinating center
 - The purpose of the SCD DPs would be to develop and establish systemic mechanisms to improve the prevention of complication and treatment of SCD and sickle cell trait (SCT) in NYC
 - Educate physicians, other health care providers, patients and community about SCD and SCT
 - Provide basic care to improve outcomes such as full-time social workers, encourage the use of day hospitals to decrease hospitalization, determine best practices for different regional care, etc.
 - Collect data on the true cost of care for SCD improvements in care and costs, and devise ways to implement learnings throughout the state

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- Make sure that monies go for improvement of care and encourage hospital administration to actively participate in the process

Dr. Moulton is asking everyone to contact Elected Officials and educate them about the bill. He said that the Governor needs to act and put the full funding into his 2020 budget. There is a resolution with the NY City Council put in by Council Member Daniel Dromm to encourage the State Legislation and Government to fund and pass the Sickle Cell Bill. Dr. Moulton encouraged all in attendance to attend the Public Hearing on September 9, 2019.

A resident from East Elmhurst asked if it was true that Harlem Hospital has a research clinic for SCD.

Dr. Moulton said Harlem Hospital has a great care for SCD but not adult care.

Board Member Veronica Ng asked about how much funding is needed.

Dr. Moulton said that it's in the millions that is needed for SCD care.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked if insurance companies cover Marrow Stem Cell Implant and how much would it be if it was out of pocket.

Dr. Moulton said that most Insurance companies cover it but some try not to because they see it as experimental therapy. He said out of pocket would be \$250,000.

ACQC - Rosemary Lopez, Director

Rosemary Lopez, Director of ACQC, stated that ACQC (Aids Center of Queens County) has services for people of color who are too sick to go into Manhattan. There are six sites throughout Queens that service over 10,000 clients. They provide services that include comprehensive medical care, case management, harm reduction, health education, prevention services, transitional and permanent housing services, legal services, a licensed mental health clinic, and a food pantry program. The food pantry services 150 people twice a week at each site. Ms. Lopez said that there is a mobile unit that provides various tests not just HIV testing.

Board Member Ralph Moreno asked if ACQC receives help from any politician.

Ms. Lopez said that Council Member Daniel Dromm has been a great supporter of ACQC. CM Dromm as a former teacher has shown a special interest in the LGBT Teen Center. Over 60 kids come to the Teen Center to shower and get a meal. The center tries to connect kids to family or permanent housing as well encourage them to go back to school.

District Manager Giovanna Reid asked about the Syringe Exchange Program.

Ms. Lopez said the mobile unit goes through different areas in Queens each day. They will make home deliveries if someone doesn't want to come to the mobile unit. They will pick up a syringe on the street if someone reports it.

Ms. Lopez emphasized that syringes are not just used by drug users but are used for other medical purposes.

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LGA Redevelopment

The LGA Redevelopment team presented a PowerPoint presentation. Rich Schmidt, Project Executive for LaGuardia Redevelopment, gave a construction update:

- The east and west parking garages are completed
- The pile driving is completed for garages
- Eastern Concourse was completed in December 2018
- Concourse G will be activated in the fall of 2019
- Terminal B Head house will be open next year
- Western Concourse completed in summer of 2020
- Decking being done on the roadways
- Terminal C Head house to open in 2021
- Security Guard placed at cow path to monitor gate

Larry Callegos, Community Outreach Manager, reported on community outreach:

- \$2.8 million committed to community programs by Port Authority
- Over \$130,000 in partnerships with local groups and community based organizations
- Six students from East Elmhurst and Corona received a Vaughn College scholarships
- LaGuardia Career Center opened at Elmcors
- Outreach Mobile Office at local events
- New community office coming to East Elmhurst
- Local artists display their work at Marine Air Terminal
- Over \$1.2 billion contracts awarded to date

Matt DiScenna, Senior Program Manager for AirTrain Program, presented on the AirTrain:

- Some of the benefits of an AirTrain:
 - Reduce airport-related traffic on Grand Central Parkway, local streets and ease parking problems by taking up to 28,000 cars off the road weekly
 - Anticipated to support more than 3,000 union jobs each year during construction
 - Opportunities for improvements to the Flushing Bay Promenade, subject to community input
- Port Authority's Preferred Alignment:
 - Fully on public land
 - Minimal parkland that would be acquired is either paved parking lots or on narrow strip directly adjacent to westbound GCP
 - Does not require parkland alienation
- Solar Opportunities:
 - Potential for approximately 170,000 sq.ft. total thin-film PV solar panels
 - Approximately 1900 to 2200 MWh total estimated annual electricity generation
 - Equivalent to electricity used by 230 to 270 homes each year
- New York City Coordination:
 - Legislation signed into law by Governor Cuomo on June 25, 2018 (Assembly Bill A11158) allows NYS DOT acquire certain property rights for the proposed AirTrain project if it proceeds along a route within a specified corridor of public land

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- The Legislation provides that The Port Authority and the City of New York execute a memorandum of understanding that provides for the renovation of the Passerelle Bridge
- The Port Authority and City signed a Memorandum of Agreement in March 2019
- Port Authority commits to address potential impacts to City property, such as the World's Marina and Flushing Bay Promenade, if the Port Authority's preferred alignment is selected
- Including a framework for improving the Flushing Bay Promenade
- Port Authority commits to design and construction of the Passerelle pedestrian bridge at Willets Point as part of AirTrain project
- New York City Passerelle Bridge:
 - Replacement to be rebuilt by PA design-build contractor concurrent with the rest of AirTrain project
 - Design to take into account USTA event space and provide access to David Dinkins Circle during construction
 - Design will be fully reviewed by the NYC Public Design Commission, which includes Community Board consultation at the 30% and 90% milestones
 - City agencies (Parks, DOT, etc.) will be provided opportunities for input on the design
 - City to maintain and operate the Passerelle Bridge after construction is completed
 - City to contribute existing budgeted amount towards design and construction
- EIS Opportunities for Public Input:
 - Scoping comment period is open through June 17, 2019 and written comments can be provided to FAA by mail, email: comments@lgaaccessseis.com or through the EIS website at www.lgaaccessseis.com
 - Public meetings to be held during the scoping process on June 5-6, 2019
- Future opportunities for public input:
 - Public workshops in Fall 2019 on Purpose and Need and Alternatives
 - Public workshops and comment period on Draft EIS

Two public scoping meetings will be held to provide an opportunity for public input on the scope of the alternatives to be considered and the issues to be addressed in the EIS related to the Port Authority's proposed project.

FAA is the lead agency on the preparation of the EIS and will be hosting meetings on June 5th and 6th between 6:30pm – 8:30pm at LaGuardia Airport Marriott.

Mr. DiSenna encouraged everyone to get involved in the scoping process.

District Manager Giovanna Reid said that at a previous meeting with Port Authority she requested images of how the AirTrain and structure will look. Ms. Reid was very disappointed her request was not granted.

Resident Majorie Clark asked if there will be long term parking for LGA. It is needed for the travelers taking parking space in the neighborhood.

Mr. DiSenna said there will be no long term parking at LGA. There will be employee parking at Willets Point.

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The owner of World's Fair Marina Restaurant and Banquet stated that with all the improvements they are going to make no one has contacted him.

Mr. DiSenna said that they are still in the starting stages and will have a conversation with him.

Resident James Mongeluzo asked if the money going into the project be used to fund MTA.

Mr. DiSenna said that they have partnered with MTA and Long Island Railroad to support the AirTrain program and there will be an upgrade at Willets Point.

Dr. Thomas Moulton asked what is the estimated start date and completion.

Mr. DiSenna said that the Port Authority's goal is to start in 2020 and be completed by 2023.

Board Member Frank Taylor expressed his concerns about the air quality in East Elmhurst. He said there is no monitoring.

Mr. Schmidt said that there are several monitors throughout the community.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty asked how anyone goes about making a proposal. There should be options.

Mr. DiSenna said the FAA studied the alternatives that the Port Authority submitted.

Marie James, representative for FAA, stated that anything presented that is feasible will be considered.

Board Member Tammy Rose said to Ms. James that the residents will not be taken seriously. She said they are not rich and are the ones that are going to be impacted.

A resident stated that LGA Redevelopment is paying FAA.

Ms. James said there is a third party contractor agreement in place. FAA has 100% authority on what that money goes to and the Port Authority has no say.

Ann Brown, Airport Co-Chair, asked how the solar opportunities benefit the community. "Will our electricity be reduced?"

Mr. DiSenna said that they are looking into it.

Ms. Brown asked will there be parking for the 3000 workers.

Mr. DiSenna said that two sites will have parking for workers. One is at Willets Point and the other closer to the Airport.

Bill Meehan, Airport Co-Chair, said that the community is still considering if they need an AirTrain, but it looks like a done deal.

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Mr. DiSenna said they needed to submit a proposed project to FAA in order to start an environment review.

Mr. Meehan said that the anger level is raising. "We need better information. The trust lever is not where it should be."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Bus. Eco. Develop. –*Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair*)

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

ReEncuentro Latino Corp. – 100-11 37th Ave, Corona, NY 11368 (New – Wine/Beer)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer license.

Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of ReEncuentro Latino Corp.

The owner said he wants to serve wine and beer to compliment the Argentinian food he will be serving.

Raices Colombianas Corp. – 86-02 37th Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Full Liq.)

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

Board Member Dorothy Phelan asked if the previous owner had a Liquor License.

The owner said yes, the previous owner had a Liquor License.

Board Member Stephen Kulhanek asked if they open the doors on the side of 86th street.

The owner said yes but they will not use the sidewalk.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked when they open the doors is there loud music.

The owner said that they had noise complaints before, but agreed with the Business Economics Committee that the music will be lowered and doors closed at a certain times. They are also working on sound proofing the restaurant.

Estrella Latina Bar & Grill Corp. 39-07 104th Street, Corona, NY 11368 (New – Full Liq.)

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor License. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Estrella Latina Bar & Grill Corp.

The owner said the restaurant is a family business in existence for 25 years.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion # 33 - Adoption of the Agenda

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

Motions by Committees:

(Bus. Eco. Develop. -*Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair*)

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

ReEncuentro Latino Corp. - 100-11 37th Ave, Corona, NY 11368 (New - Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends approval of an on-premise Wine & Beer license for this applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed.

Motion # 34 - ReEncuentro Latino Corp. - 100-11 37th Ave, Corona, NY 11368

(New - Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes, was passed unanimously.

Raices Colombianas Corp. - 86-02 37th Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New - Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends approval of an on-premise full liquor license for this applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed. Included in the stipulation, there will be live and recorded music with no dancing permitted, & music volumes will be controlled as not to disturb residents in the neighboring buildings.

Motion # 35 - Raices Colombianas Corp. - 86-02 37th Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New - Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Jimmy Smith, to approve the application, was passed by 34 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Estrella Latina Bar & Grill Corp. 39-07 104th Street, Corona, NY 11368 (New - Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends approval of an on-premise full liquor license for this applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed.

Motion # 36 - Estrella Latina Bar & Grill Corp. 39-07 104th Street, Corona, NY 11368 (New - Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to approve the application, was passed by 33 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

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Chairperson's Report

Renetta English, Chair, reported in the month of May we celebrated Mothers, Teachers, Cinco de Mayo and were made aware of our Mental Health needs. It is the time that cycling enthusiast boldly take to the streets of NYC. This month is also the time that Memorial Day is celebrated, where our veterans and heroes are remembered and honored for the sacrifices that they made to keep us safe and free.

Ms. English said that 6 new Board Members and 22 renewals attended training at Queens Borough Hall.

On May 1st, there were over one hundred people in attendance for a Census 2020 Public Meeting. The main issue at the meeting was that many people are afraid to answer the citizenship question on the census form. For Census 2020, part time jobs go to: 2020census.gov.

Saturday, June 1st is Family Day.

On Sunday, June 2nd, Community Board 3 will be marching in the Jackson Heights Pride Parade.

Community Board 3 has three cars entered in the Soap Box Derby. Donations are being accepted to sponsor the cars. Donations are being collected for the end of year celebration on June 20th.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that on May 14th the Airport Committee had a meeting that was attended by LaGuardia Airport. There were specific things that were requested from LaGuardia in regards to the AirTrain proposal. Ms. Reid said that she is very disappointed that LaGuardia did not comply.

She announced that on Wednesday, May 29th there will be a meeting regarding the AirTrain at 72-24 Broadway at 6:30pm.

The East Elmhurst Civic Association will host the New LaGuardia Group on Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm.

On June 11th Community Board 3 along with the Civic Association and Council Member Francisco Moya will be holding a Town Hall Meeting. Many City agencies will be present to answer any concerns.

On Sunday, June 9th between 8:30am - 11:30am Queens Zoo is having its annual Community Leaders Breakfast.

Ms. Reid thanked John Crowe, Executive Director of Langston Hughes Library, and Shakira Smalls for accommodating the Full Board Meeting and the warm welcome. Ms. Reid said, "Langston Hughes Library is Community Board 3's favorite place in Queens".

Motion # 37 - Adoption of the April 17, 2019 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Bill Meehan to adopt the April 17, 2019 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

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Committee Reports:

Health & Social Services

Vivian Dock, Health & Social Services Chair, reported that on Thursday, May 2nd, a meeting to plan CB3's annual "Leon Von Holden Memorial Health Care Expo 2019" was held at the CB3 office. It will be held on Saturday, June 8th at the Corona Health Center, 34-33 Junction Blvd., Corona, NY from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

"I would like to thank all who have committed so far to volunteering their time; donations for refreshments; raffle donations and give-a-ways for Community Board Table."

Refreshments are for Health Care Providers/Volunteers and Health Center Employees working with the Health Fair (i.e., Breakfast and Lunch Items).

Raffles are held throughout the day for the public who have screenings. At the conclusions of the event a raffle is held for Health Care Participants/Providers and Health Center Employees working with the Health Fair.

Monetary Donations are accepted and distributed where needed for refreshments and purchase of gift cards for raffles.

There will be a DJ throughout the day, dancers from different community organizations, vocalists, face painting, United States Tennis Association demonstration, Costume Characters, Zumba demo, Yoga demo and Bike NY/Class. If you know of anyone or groups who would like to participate in any other entertainment, contact Ms. Dock or CB3 office.

Mass distribution of flyers has begun and will continue up to and including the day of the event.

Thursday, May 23rd will be the next Health & Social Services meeting, 6:30pm at the CB3's office.

Housing

Dorothy Phelan, Housing Chair, reported that the Housing Committee met on April 16th and May 14th to review issues related to the renewal of NYS Rent Regulations. The current bill expires June 15th.

- The Committee discussed:
 - Expand the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (S5040/A7046)
 - Prohibit evictions "without" good cause (2892/A5030)
 - End vacancy decontrol (S2591/A1198)
 - Eliminate vacancy bonus (S185/A2351)
 - Make preferential rents permanent until vacancy occurs
 - End rent hikes for major capital improvements (S3693/A6322)
 - End rent hikes for individual apartment improvements (S3770/A6465)
 - Extend time for overcharge complaints (S4169/A5251)
 - Rent control and rent stabilization parity (S299A/A167)

Ms. Phelan said that the Housing Committee voted to support the above listed bills and recommended that a letter to that effect be sent to all state legislators serving Community Board 3 communities.

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Motion # 38 – Letter to State Legislators

Upon motion duly made by Marta Lebreton, seconded by Frank Taylor, to write a letter of support to all State Legislators, was passed unanimously.

Airport

Ann Brown, Airport Co-Chair, reported on some of the items discussed at the Airport Committee Meeting.

- The committee asked for a breakdown as to how the 2.8 million dollars was spent that went into community programming
- Six full scholarships went to residents of East Elmhurst and Corona; The Committee was told no one from Jackson Heights applied
- Mobile office to be sited around CB3 (Jackson Heights not listed); The committee asked for a siting in Diversity Plaza
- The committee requested a list of local participants of the 245 contracts worth \$394 million that was awarded
- Through the Career Center, a number of jobs have been secured; The committee requested that a list of jobs, categories and salaries of jobs by zip code be provided
- The need for Community Board 3 participation in the interagency meetings was requested

Ms. Brown said that the committee is asking the public to participate in the scoping meetings to be held on June 5th and 6th at LaGuardia Airport Marriott

Ms. English noted that anytime CB3 met with Airport they have made adjustments in their presentations when they have come in front of the Board. She said this time they chose not to when it came to the jobs and AirTrain.

Traffic & Transportation

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair, reported that the Traffic & Transportation Committee met Monday, May 6th and was updated on the following:

The MTA

The MTA gave a presentation on the Queens Bus Network Redesign Project. The transit authority will work in conjunction with the NYC Department of Transportation to alter redundant or indirect bus routes and change the spacing between bus stops. As part of the redesign, the MTA is reviewing all aspects of bus service that impact the ridership including steps to improve bus speed, addressing rampant fare beating, and introducing next generation fare payment system. As part of the project, the MTA is welcoming public comment. Locally, the MTA will be conducting a bus redesign workshop on Monday, May 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 at P.S. 69.

DOT

DOT reported that Northern Boulevard Safety Improvements will continue over the spring and summer. Pedestrian safety islands will be installed at numerous locations along the corridor from the 70s to 90s. The larger safety redesign project is still underway and DOT will provide additional information when available.

The Big Jump and DOT gave an update on the ongoing cycling initiative.

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90th Street/Roosevelt Avenue Safety Improvement Project. This project builds out previous safety improvements to clarify vehicle movement and improve the pedestrian safety.

The agency continuing working toward a resolution on the issue regarding the northern area of Travers Park and will advise when developments occur.

Youth Services & Education

Renetta English, Youth Services Chair, reported that the Youth Services/Education Committee met at the Community Board Office on Monday, May 13th at 6:00pm. There were two guest speakers – Police Officer Alexander Avila and Sargent Carlene Alexander – New York City Police Department – Patrol Borough Queens North.

- The Committee discussed:
 - Healthy Relationships and Human Trafficking
 - Education – The committee wants to bring the School Construction Authority for a discussion on different schools that are being built in the area
 - Census 2020
 - Community Board 3 Projects with schools

Next meeting scheduled on June 10th at 6:30pm.

Legislators' Report

Council Member Francisco Moya

Dante Arnwine, representative for Council Member Francisco Moya, reported that on June 11th between 7:00pm – 9:00pm there will be a Town Hall Meeting at East Elmhurst Community School.

On June 15th there will be free vaccine shots at CM Moya's Office.

June 22nd there will be a Rain Barrel Event. One per address and residents must RSVP.

Mr. Arnwine said that residents had complaints about the Q66 Bus not stopping at one side of the street on Northern Blvd and 114th Street. CM Moya's Office has been in touch with MTA and Con Edison. Service should resume back to normal after Con Edison's permit expires on May 17, 2019.

Assembly Member Michael DenDekker's Office

George Hadjiconstantinou, representative for Assembly Member Michael DenDekker's Office announced that on May 18th between 10:00am – 2:00pm there will be a Shredding Event at 93rd Street and Northern Blvd.

On Friday, June 24th at 6:00pm there will be an "Immigration Know Your Rights Town Hall" at PS 149.

On Friday, May 31st between 1:00pm – 3:00pm the Metro Card Bus will be at 37th Ave and 87th Street.

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Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office

Qibin Ye, representative for Council Member Daniel Dromm, reported that on May 29, 2019, CM Dromm introduced a bill to require DOE to distribute Traffic & Safety information to students.

On June 17th between 5:00pm – 8:00pm there will be the “Council Pride Celebration” at the Joyce Theater.

Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz's Office

Jennifer Diaz, representative for Assy. Cruz Office's, reported that on May 18th between 11:00am – 1:00pm there will be an “Emotional Wellness Workshop” at Elmhurst Hospital.

Thursday, May 30th between 5:00pm – 8:00pm the “Pride Prom” will take place at New York Hall of Science in Corona, NY. The event is for ages 14 – 20 years of age.

Saturday, June 1st between 12:00pm – 4:00pm the ACC Mobile Adoption Event will be at the new Assy. Cruz's Office location, 41-40 Junction Blvd., Corona, NY 11368.

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Michele Hernandez, representative for Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's Office, reported that 150 people attended Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's Town Hall Meeting at Elmcors in April.

Ms. Hernandez said that Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is encouraging the community to submit public comments to what is best for the community regarding the AirTrain.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is working with Senator Bernie Sanders to introduce a “Loan Shark Prevention Bill”. The legislation imposes a 15-percent federal cap on interest rates and empowers individual states to establish lower limits to protect American consumers.

Motion # 39 – To Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English and seconded by Frank Taylor to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 10:35pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon*

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