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March 21, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Ann S. Brown
 Elba Buendia
 Sonya Davis Roberts
 Vivian Dock
 Margaret Dozier
 Renetta English
 Vasantrai Gandhi
 Larinda Hooks
 Kevin Hughes-Noboa
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Marta Lebreton
 Bill Meehan
 Richard A. Mink
 Nuala O'Doherty
 Philip Papas
 Dorothy Phelan
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Jairo Rodriguez
 Leoncio Romero
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 David Rosero
 Lobsang Salaka
 Jimmy Smith
 Marlene Tapper
 Frank Taylor
 Arthur Teiler
 Toi Washington-Simon
 Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Shiv Dass
 Patricia Glunt
 Pastor Peter Herron
 Joyce Julian
 Nabaraj Kc
 Edward Kiernan
 Carlos Andres Lopez
 Caridad Mak
 Lisa Mesulam
 Ralph Moreno
 Richard Mullings
 Laverne Nimmons
 Veronica Ng
 Esteban Peralta
 Ladisla Perez
 Agha Muhammad Saleh
 Shanel Thomas
 Pat Thorpe
 Hamlett Wallace
 Camilo Zamora

Guests

Council Member Costa Constantinides
 Ran Yan, Lewis Latimer House Museum
 Carlos Ortiz, Department of Consumer Affairs
 Reyna Wang, Flushing Meadows Park
 Rebecca Pryor, Guardians of Flushing Bay
 Lisa Atkins, Rep., Qns Boro President Office
 Michele Hernandez Rivera, Rep., Hon. Cortez
 Rep., Sen. Ramos 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

Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:30pm

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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 that time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Queens Distance Runners

James Mongeluzo announced that Sunday, April 21st is the 4th Annual Queens Marathon at Flushing Meadows Park. Registration is still open. Mr. Mongeluzo said that volunteers and sponsors are needed.

Flushing Meadows Corona Park Stewardship

Reyna Wang, representative for Flushing Meadows Corona Park, announced that the Environmental Stewardship Team of FMCP is looking for volunteers to join. They will enhance the beauty of the Park's natural areas with planting, trail maintenance and more. Contact Reyna Wang at reyna.wang@parks.nyc.gov.

Guardians of Flushing Bay

Rebecca Pryor, Program Coordinator, announced that Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. is the third annual 5K on the Bay Fun Run. The run will take place on Flushing Bay Promenade.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Council Member Costa Constantinides

Council Member Costa Constantinides thanked Ms. English for coming out to the "Mother Language Day" event in February. He said he looks forward to working with the new CB3 Chairperson.

CM Constantinides reported:

- Moser Playground ribbon cutting took place in the Fall
- One Room Schoolhouse Playground renovation will begin in the summer
- North Queens Homeowners is seeking library space in Northern Queens
- Gorman Playground renovations will cost \$5 million; CM Constantinides is working with CB3 and Elected Officials to get funding
- Senior affordable housing is in desperate need in the District; CM Constantinides asked the public to let him know about any vacant lots
- To avoid Sunny Day Flooding (i.e., temporary inundation of low-lying areas), CM Constantinides is working on a legislation that will retrofit 50,000 buildings citywide

Board Member Edwin Westley suggested to CM Constantinides that he look into churches that have land to find space for affordable housing.

CM Constantinides said he will look into any suggestions. They will have to make sure that it's welcomed by the neighborhood.

Board Member Arthur Teiler said that the senior housing should have parking spaces.

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CM Constantinides said that before they build they will conduct a study to see how much parking space is needed.

Board Member Frank Taylor stated that the air quality around LaGuardia Airport should be looked into now. He said that trees were knocked down at an area of the highway and that trees act as filters.

CM Constantinides agreed with Mr. Taylor that those issues should be addressed now.

Board Member Marlene Tapper asked, "What would you do so that if a building was built that everyone would have equality to move into the building"?

CM Constantinides said that it will have to be 100% affordable. Then a lottery will take place that is open to everyone.

Lewis Latimer House Museum

Ran Yan, Executive Director for Lewis Latimer House Museum, said that the museum is the historic home of African American inventor Lewis Latimer. She said that Latimer had an instrumental role in the revolutionary of electric lighting technology. He worked with Alexander Bell to patent the telephone. The museum building is a landmark and owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Throughout the years, programs at the museum have grown (e.g. Tinker Lab, which focuses on S.T.E.M subjects for children) and that some of the courses are free for underprivileged children.

Ms. Yan stated that attendance at Lewis Latimer House Museum has increased throughout the years. She invites all in the community to visit the museum and to learn more, visit: latimernow.org.

Department of Consumer Affairs

Carlos Ortiz, Director of Consumer Affairs, said that Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has been renamed to New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection. They protect and enhance the daily economic lives of New Yorkers to create thriving communities. Mr. Ortiz said that they still take complaints about businesses but they do more now. They offer NYC Financial Empowerment Centers to provide free one-on-one professional financial counseling and coaching to support individuals in reaching their goals. The counselors will work on reducing debt, strengthening credit scores, balancing a budget and they can also act as advocates in negotiations. Mr. Ortiz said the program has shown to be successful in helping increase client's savings and decreasing debts.

DCA also offers Free Tax Prep in different locations. Anyone who made \$66,000 or under can use the free tax prep online. Visit: MyFreeTaxes.com

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bus. Eco. Develop. – Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair

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

**Samcom 48 (DE) LLC/DBA Holiday Inn LaGuardia – 37-10 114th Street, Corona
(New – Full Liq.)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Samcom 48.

A representative for Samcom 48 stated that the owners of the hotel are taking over.

Board Member Jairo Rodriguez asked what kind of food will the restaurant serve.

The representative said it is an Italian restaurant and the menu will stay the same.

**El Palo Bar & Restaurant Inc. – 38-12 104th Street, Corona
(Renewal – Wine/Beer)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of El Palo Bar & Restaurant.

The owner said he is renewing his license.

Board Member Ed Westley said that according to the Business Economics report there were a lot of visits from NYPD.

The owner said it was not the restaurant's fault. Drunken patrons who walk pass his establishment get in trouble and the restaurant gets blamed.

Board Member Leoncio Romero asked about the report that the restaurant sold to a minor.

The owner said the policy of the restaurant was to ask for identification at the door only. The security guard was paid by the minor to be let inside. The owner said that once he found out he fired the security guard. Now the new policy is to check identification at the door and at the bar.

Mr. Rosenbaum commented that it is the responsibility of the bartender to ask for ID and went on to ask about the nature of the business.

The owner said his business is a restaurant with a bar inside. After midnight they serve finger food to go with the drinks. "In 18 years of business, I have never had a problem like this before."

**Estey Corp. /DBA El Otro Rollo – 79-05 Roosevelt Ave, 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 Estey Corp.

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The owner has worked as a French chef in restaurants in Manhattan.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez noticed that the Business Economics report has the restaurant as Bar/Nightclub.

The owner said that it is a restaurant.

Mr. Rosenbaum said it was a typo but there will be entertainment.

The owner said that the entertainment might be a comedian or band for a dinner engagement. There will be no dancing.

El Pasillo Corp. – 37-69 103rd Street, Corona ***(Corp. Change)***

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

The owner was not present.

El Tri Mex Restaurant & Bar Corp. – 99-12 Northern Blvd. Corona ***(New – Full Liq.)***

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of El Tri Mex Restaurant & Bar Corp.

The owner said that he agreed to the Stipulation.

Board Member Toi Washington-Simon asked if there were any plans to have security.

Mr. Rosenbaum said it was included on the Stipulation.

Traffic/Transportation - Stephen Kulhanek- Chairman **N 180411ECQ – DCA #: 7514 -2018 ASWC - 90-31 37th Ave -** **Application for an enclosed Sidewalk Café**

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair of Traffic/Transportation, reported that the application is to erect an enclosed sidewalk café in the front of the building continuing around the corner along 91st Street. Mr. Kulhanek called upon the owner of El Trigal Bakery and Restaurant.

The owner said that having a sidewalk café would allow to provide an additional 16 seats.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked if there is enough space on the sidewalk for additional seating.

Mr. Kulhanek said that there will be enough space because the restaurant is on the corner.

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Board Member Leoncio Romero said that “sidewalk café” doesn’t mean that it will take up the sidewalk. “It doesn’t mean that it will interfere with the people walking. It is within the property line.”

Mr. Kulhanek said that the applicant has to meet certain standards from Consumer Affairs when they apply.

Board Member Edwin Westley asked how much street is going to be left for pedestrians to walk.

The owner replied that there will be 6 feet where there used to be 12 feet.

Board Member Jairo Rodriguez said that Consumer Affairs will review the application to make sure that the owners will comply with the appropriate amount of space.

Chair Renetta English stated that she attended the Traffic/Transportation meeting. She said that Board Member Arthur Teiler brought up the point about distance and the owners have been accommodating to the Committee’s suggestions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion #18 – Adoption of the Agenda

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

Motions by Committee

Bus. Eco. Develop. – Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair

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

Samcom 48 (DE) LLC/DBA Holiday Inn LaGuardia – 37-10 114th Street, Corona (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends approval of an application for a Hotel Liquor license & an on-premise Full Liquor license for this applicant.

Motion # 19 - Samcom 48 (DE) LLC/DBA Holiday Inn LaGuardia – 37-10 114th Street, Corona (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Arthur Teiler, to approve the application, was passed unanimously.

El Palo Bar & Restaurant Inc. –

38-12 104th Street, Corona (Renewal – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends disapproval of an application for renewal of an on-premise Wine &

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Beer license for this applicant due to repeated NYPD infractions & violent activities at the location.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez wanted the Board to recognize that the applicant stated he has been in business for 18 years without any incidents.

Mr. Rosenbaum clarified that the owner was in business for 14 years at a business located in Community Board 4. The owner has been in business for 4 years in Community Board 3 where he sold liquor to a minor.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty asked about the outcome of the ruling against the owner.

Mr. Rosenbaum said that Criminal Court does not give out that information. The applicant can provide it if they want.

Board Member Frank Taylor said he asked the owner at the committee meeting about the disposition. The owner said that it wasn't his fault.

Motion # 20 - El Palo Bar & Restaurant Inc. - **38-12 104th Street, Corona (Renewal - Wine/Beer)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to disapprove the application, was passed by 19 in Favor, 6 Opposed and 3 Abstentions.

Estey Corp. /DBA El Otro Rollo - **79-05 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights (New - Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported the committee recommends approval of an application for an on-premise full liquor license for this applicant provided they agree to a stipulation.

Motion # 21- Estey Corp. /DBA El Otro Rollo - **79-05 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights (New - Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Jairo Rodriguez, to approve the application, was passed by 26 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

El Pasillo Corp. - **37-69 103rd Street, Corona (Corp. Change)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported the committee recommends disapproval of an application for a Corporate Change of an on-premise Tavern Wine license for this applicant due to the problematic nature of the current licensed premise.

Board Member Leoncio Romero asked if the Board can vote without the applicant being present. He asked if the owner was notified.

Mr. Rosenbaum said the applicant was notified in advance. He said the Board can proceed to vote.

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Ms. English asked if applicant attended the Committee meeting.

Mr. Rosenbaum said that the applicant was present for the Business Economic meeting.

Moton # 22 - El Pasillo Corp. - **37-69 103rd Street, Corona (Corp. Change)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to disapprove, was passed by 26 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

El Tri Mex Restaurant & Bar Corp. - **99-12 Northern Blvd. Corona (New - Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported the committee recommends the committee recommends approval of an application for an on-premise Full Liquor license for this applicant provided that they agree to a Stipulation.

Motion # 23 - El Tri Mex Restaurant & Bar Corp. - **99-12 Northern Blvd. Corona (New - Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to approve, was passed by 26 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

Traffic/Transportation - Stephen Kulhanek- Chairman

N 180411ECO – DCA #: 7514 -2018 ASWC - 90-31 37th Ave - Application for an enclosed Sidewalk Café

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends approval of the application with the condition that the applicant reduce the width of the enclosed café along the 37th Avenue portion by 6 inches.

Board Member Ed Westley urged that the applicant make sure that the landlord be on board with the sidewalk café to avoid future problems.

Board Member Philip Papas noted that the applicant, in good faith, agreed to give up 6 inches on the 37th Avenue side because there are trees that take up sidewalk space.

Motion # 24 - N 180411ECO – DCA #: 7514 -2018 ASWC - 90-31 37th Ave - Application for an enclosed Sidewalk Café

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Jairo Rodriguez, to approve, was passed by 28 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Chairperson's Report

Renetta English, Chair, reminded the Board Members the importance of attending their chosen committee meetings. She added that members should try to make the Business Economics meetings at least twice a year.

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Board Member Lobsang Salaka will be the Chair of the new Immigration Committee.

Ms. English announced that Board Members have the opportunity to participate in 20 projects for Community Board 3.

Ms. English announced that Community Board 3 jackets are available for \$5. Board Members should contact CB3 office staff.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that the Board Members met on Monday, March 11th to discuss projects for the community. The City Council gave all Community Boards \$40,000 to use however they wanted. Ms. Reid said that there are a lot of upcoming projects and volunteers are needed. "Stay tuned but most importantly, stay involved."

Ms. Reid wished happy birthday to Board Members Vivian Dock, Fausto Rodriguez, and Jimmy Smith (who turned 90 years old).

Motion # 25 - Adoption of the February 2019 Monthly Minutes

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

Committee Reports

Health/Social Services Committee Report

Vivian Dock, Health & Social Services Chair, reported that on Thursday, March 7th the committee met to discuss CB3's annual "Leon Von Holden Memorial Health Care Expo 2019", to be held on Saturday, June 8th at the Corona Health Center, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Dock said that as of to date Save the Date Flyers, Letter of Invitation to Participate, Needs List and Letter of Response have been sent to Health Care Providers/Participants by the office staff.

She said that the committee is in the process of planning for Entertainment throughout the day, seeking raffle donations for the free raffles held throughout the, give-a-way items for CB3 table, refreshment donations, breakfast and lunch items. The committee is also attempting to put together a biography of "Leon Von Holden."

Ms. Dock invited all CB3 Members and community residents to come to the next meeting on April 4th, 6:30 p.m. at the Board office. She said that with all the support this year's event should be another successful one.

Internet/Social Media/Technology Committee

Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Internet/Social Media/Technology Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. at CB3 Office. The committee discussed:

- Social Media & Internet Policies

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- Bi-Annual Meeting & Reporting of Web Analytics
- Search for New QCB #3 “Facebook Master”
- Establishment of New QCB #3 Instagram Handle
- Continuing Discussion on QCB #3 Web site Design
- Technology Upgrades

Mr. Hughes-Noboa said that the committee’s job is to reach people who can’t attend meetings or who don’t know what is happening around the neighborhood. He thanked Stephen Kulhanek and Edmund Rosenbaum for their work on the CB3 website.

Mr. Hughes-Noboa thanked Philip Papas for his work as “Facebook Master” and increasing viewers. Any Board Member who would like to be the new “Facebook Master” should contact Mr. Hughes-Noboa.

Traffic & Transportation Committee

Stephen Kulhanek, Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair, reported that the committee met on Tuesday, March 12 and discussed:

- Grow NYC Farmers Market presented their request to close 79th Street while the market is operational, including set up and breakdown.
- The suspension of Alternate Side Parking rules from 114th Street between 112th Place & 34th Ave and 112th Place between Northern Blvd and 114th Street.
- Department of Transportation gave an update on the Big Jump cycling initiative.

Borough President’s Report

Lisa Atkins, representative for Borough President Melinda Katz, reported that they had successful African History month. She wished everyone a Happy Purim. Ms. Atkins acknowledged that District Manager Giovanna Reid will be honored on March 26, 2019 at Borough Hall for Women’s History Month.

Legislators’ Report

Councilmember Daniel Dromm Office

Qibin Ye, representative for Councilmember Daniel Dromm, announced that free Immigration legal services is offered at the office weekly.

On Sunday, April 7th from 10:00 a.m. – to 2:00 p.m. there will be free vaccines for dogs and cats at Veterans Grove. To pre-register, call 347-396-7998 or visit: www.nyc.gov/doglicense.

On April 20th and 27th from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thai New Year celebration, “Songkran”, celebration on Woodside Ave.

Senator Jessica Ramos Office

A representative for Senator Jessica Ramos reported that on March 22, at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Community Town Hall meeting at Beacon P.S. 149.

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NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Office

William Giron, representative for NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer, reported that on April 17th there will be a Town Hall meeting co-sponsored by Community Board 3. It will be held at Elmhurst Hospital from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mr. Giron encouraged all areas of CB3 to attend.

Assembly Member Michael DenDekker Office

George Hadjiconstantinou, representative for Assembly Member Michael DenDekker, announced that the office is having a Book Drive. Books can be brought to Assembly Member DenDekker's Office.

On March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., there will be a Shredding Event at the Jackson Heights Shopping Center.

On May 11th between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., the Mammography Mobile Unit will be in front of Assembly Member DenDekker's Office. To pre-register, please call: (844) 396-2666.

Council Member Francisco Moya Office

Barbara Jones, representative for Council Member Francisco Moya, reported that in fiscal year 2019 CM Moya helped fund \$25 million for city library programs. He fought for Corona Library to be allocated for \$25 million for renovations and expansions. CM Moya requested alternative side be suspended for residents effected by the street sidewalk collapse. It is in effect until April 22nd. The residents will have to maintain the area during this time.

As a result of CM Moya's Town Hall Meeting, they are in discussions with DOB and other agencies to provide a comprehensive report on what happened and what measures have been put in place to insure an incident like that doesn't occur again.

Assembly Member Jeffrion L. Aubry Office

Lili Pioche, representative for Assembly Member Jeffrion L. Aubry, reported that Assy. Aubry is in Albany working on the Budget due by April 1st. She said that Assy Aubry wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Michele Hernandez, representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, announced that on March 20th the office had its grand opening. She welcomed anyone to visit them at 74-09 37th Ave., Suite 305. Or, call: 718-866-2597

Motion # 26 - To Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English and seconded by Stephen Kulhanek to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon

Reviewed and Edited by
Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Board Secretary