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January 16, 2020

**ATTENDANCE**

Ann Brown  
Elba Buendia  
Muquith Choudhury  
Haiko Cornelissen  
Shiv Dass  
Sonya Davis Roberts  
Vivian Dock  
Renetta English  
Vasantrai Gandhi  
Ulrick Gedeon  
Pastor Peter Herron  
Larinda Hooks  
Abdur Rahim Howlader  
Kevin Hughes-Noboa  
Edward Kiernan  
Stephen Kulhanek  
Marta Lebreton  
Bill Meehan  
Lisa Mesulam  
Richard Mullings  
Laverne Nimmons  
Veronica Ng  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Philip Papas  
Esteban Peralta  
Dorothy Phelan  
Megan Rockwell  
Fausto Rodriguez  
Jairo Rodriguez  
Leoncio Romero  
Tammy Rose  
Edmund Rosenbaum  
David Rosero  
Lobsang Salaka  
Jimmy Smith  
Frank Taylor  
Arthur Teiler  
Shanel Thomas-Henry  
Hamlett Wallace  
Toi Washington-Simon

**ABSENT**

Margaret Dozier  
Joyce Julian  
Nabaraj Kc  
Carlos Andres Lopez  
Richard Mink  
Ralph Moreno  
Ladislava Perez  
Marlene Tapper  
Pat Thorpe  
Edwin Westley

**Guest**

Sharon Lee, Acting Qns Boro President  
Dennis Walcott, Queens Library President  
NYS Senator Ramos  
Assy. Michael DenDekker  
Jose Tejada, Dominican American Society of Qns  
Lisa Atkins, Rep., Qns President Office  
James Mongeluzo, Rep., NYC Comptroller  
Michele Hernandez, Rep., Congresswoman  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Qibin Ye, Rep., CM Dromm Office  
Phiveline Solano, Rep., CM Moya's Office  
Lili Pioche, Rep., Assy. Aubry's Office  
Jennifer Diaz, Rep., Assy. Cruz Office

**Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:30pm.**

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**

### **Assembly Member Michael DenDekker**

Assembly Member Michael DenDekker announced that on January 25, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., there will be a “Pet Adoption Event” at the Petco located at the Jackson Heights shopping center.

Assy DenDekker reported that on January 16, 2020 residents showed up to express their disapproval for the new bus redesign in Queens. The new bus redesign will have major changes to buses in the neighborhood. It will affect the Q32, Q33, Q66, Q47 and eliminate the Q49. The elimination of the Q49 bus will make it difficult for seniors who rely on the bus to take them to the wheelchair accessible subway station on 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. Assy DenDekker announced it was a significant cut in service to our community and went on to say, “The MTA New York City Transit President Andy Byford told me that this plan is going to increase service – it may increase service somewhere else – but it’s not increasing service in our area.”

To voice opinion on the new bus redesign go to: [new.mta.info/queensbusredesign](http://new.mta.info/queensbusredesign)

### **Together We Can**

Sue Panurach, representative for Together We Can, said that they are a non profit 501 (c) 3 organization that links residents in Community Board 3 to community resources and provides education opportunities for free. For more information email at [togetherwecanrc@gmail.com](mailto:togetherwecanrc@gmail.com) or call 917-514-3291.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

### **Borough President Sharon Lee**

Sharon Lee, Acting Queens Borough President, said that the new District Attorney Melinda Katz asked her to serve as Borough President until the special election for Queens Borough President on March 24, 2020. She assured all in attendance that Borough Hall continues to focus on its priorities.

Acting President Lee reported that she attended the BSA hearing for 112-51 Northern Blvd. She put on the record that they had concerns due to lack of good faith that the applicant had demonstrated despite countless opportunities to act in good faith and stay within the law.

Acting President Lee encourages the community to speak up on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the “Public Budget Meeting” at Borough Hall.

Board Member Nuala O’Doherty asked if she is going to appoint vacant positions.

Acting President Lee said she hopes so and is taking inventory of the vacancies. But, she is mindful that her position is not long term and the new Borough President will take over in April.

### **Dennis Walcott, Queens Library President and CEO**

Dennis Walcott, Queens Library President and CEO, reported that the Queens libraries are working closely with the city to support the community with the Census 2020 online. The City invested \$1.4 million toward funding library census outreach and education. They will have translation devices and staff in place. The libraries have also been working with the City’s cyber security center to make sure everything is secured.

Mr. Walcott reported that \$30 million will go towards renovating and expanding the Jackson Heights Library as well as \$27 million will go into expanding the Corona Library.

Mr. Walcott said that they are always looking for ways to reach out to the community. The Queens Library participated in the Pride Parade and Lunar Parade. They are open to hearing about how they can better serve the community.

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Board Member Fausto Rodriguez asked Mr. Walcott what he thinks of the future of printing books in the next 10 years.

Mr. Walcott said that even though some people read eBooks most people prefer the feel of a real book. They have added an extra \$500,000 to library collection for the next six months.

Board Member Arthur Teiler asked if eBooks are available to borrow at the library.

Mr. Walcott said that eBooks are available online. He noted that eBooks cost more money and you can't own them.

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Treasurer, asked what the Libraries are doing to engage the schools.

Mr. Walcott said that they have a community division that is part of the Libraries that go out to try to sign up children for Library cards.

### **Dominican American Society of Queens, Jose Tejada, Executive Director**

Jose Tejada, Executive Director of the Dominican American Society of Queens, said that the organization focuses on Adult literacy and job training for residents who live in Community Boards 3 and 4. Some of the programs include Adult Computer Literacy, Financial Literacy and ESL classes. Mr. Tejada said they also help adults with career related training. They have been involved with helping those who want a job working with Census 2020.

Dominican American Society helps over 60 children with homework at their after-school program. They teach college and career readiness for teenagers.

Dominican American Society also participates at "Carnaval De La Cultura Latina" in September as well as Community Board 3's Leon Van Holden Health Fair in June.

### **NY State Senator Jessica Ramos**

NY State Senator Jessica Ramos announced that on Friday, January 24, 2020, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., there will be a "Queens Bus Network Redesign Town Hall" at First Baptist Church. She said that the proposed Bus Redesign plan is a serious problem and the community has to come out strong against it. "We can't have service cuts in our District."

Senator Ramos went on to say that the AirTrain is a bad idea. It is being built for commuters from Manhattan and Long Island to get to LaGuardia Airport comfortably. She said it's the wrong use of \$2 billion.

Board Member Nuala O'Doherty asked what the community can do to show their disapproval against the AirTrain.

Sen. Ramos said she is looking into legislation for Regulatory Capture and until the final report from the FAA on the AirTrain comes out she will continue to speak out against the AirTrain for the community.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

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

#### **9107 Bakery Corp. d/b/a La Nueva Colombia – 91-07 31<sup>st</sup> Ave, 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 La Nueva Colombia.

The owner was present with a translator. The owner wants to transfer the Liquor license to her name since they have a new 12-year lease.

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### **Art-Mar Beer Corp. – d/b/a Qns. Beer Factory – 86-13 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 Queens Beer Factory.

The owner said that they have a different concept to attract a different crowd that wants to relax at their restaurant sports bar.

### **Cantina Sports Bar Corp. – 37-64 103<sup>rd</sup> 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 Cantina Sports Bar Corp.

The owner said her restaurant is located at 37-64 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Board Member Bill Meehan asked how long has she been the owner and has there been any negative activities at the location.

The owner said she has been the owner for six months but they are not open yet.

### **River Valley Corp. – 78-01 Roosevelt Ave Basement, 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 River Valley Corp.

The owner was present with a representative. The representative said that renovations at the restaurant will be completed in two months.

### **Emilye Restaurant Inc. – 95-08 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 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 Emilye Restaurant Inc.

The owner was present with a representative. The representative said that the applicant is seeking a transfer of ownership. The current owner had a Full Liquor license.

### **Estrella Latina Bar & Grill Corp. – 39-07 104<sup>th</sup> 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 Estrella Latina Bar & Grill Corp.

The owner was present with a representative. The representative said that the owner is taking over the restaurant from the last owner who is retiring. They are also refileing because the application was not filed correctly last year.

### **Suenos Americano Bar & Rest. Corp. – 35-14/16 Junction Blvd., Corona (Method of Operation Change)**

Chair Edmund Rosenbaum reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Suenos Americano Bar & Restaurant.

The owner was not present.

### **Land Use – (Hamlett Wallace, Chair)**

#### **BSA CAL. No. 42-97 BZ 93-20 Astoria Blvd.**

Chair Hamlett Wallace reported that the application is to extend and amend previously granted variance to permit the operation of a Walgreens drug store.

Marvin Mitzner, from Rothkrug Rothkrug & Spector LLP, said that in 1998 the applicant obtained a variance from BSA for the location that at the time was residential. In 2013, the zoning was changed to commercial with exception of 10%. A small portion of the location surrounding Walgreens needs a variance. The applicant is requesting removal of the variance on the portion that doesn't need it and have it remain on the other portion. The applicant is also asking to remove the terms of extension.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Jimmy Smith, 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, Pastor Peter Herron, Ed Kiernan, Marta Lebreton, Veronica Ng, Philip Papas, Ladisla Perez and Toi Washington-Simon. Ms. Dock reported that the Nomination Committee met and the Nominees are as follows:

Renetta English, Chairperson  
Edmund Rosenbaum, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Dr. Laverne Nimmons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Leoncio Romero, Treasurer  
Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Secretary  
Jario Rodriguez, Lobsang Salaka, Frank Taylor and Hamlett Wallace, Members at Large

Ms. Dock thanked Shiv Dass, Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Sonya Davis Roberts and Leoncio Romero for serving three conservative terms.

Vivian Dock opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Committees:**

#### **Business Economic Development. – (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)**

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

##### **9107 Bakery Corp. dba La Nueva Colombia – 91-07 31<sup>st</sup> Ave, 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.

**Motion # 2 - 9107 Bakery Corp. dba La Nueva Colombia** – Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Kiernan, to **approve** the application for a Full Liquor license was passed by 35 in Favor, 4 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

##### **Art-Mar Beer Corp. – dba Qns. Beer Factory – 86-13 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 Full Liquor license for this applicant.

##### **Motion # 3 - Art-Mar Beer Corp. – dba Qns. Beer Factory – 86-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Vasantrai Gandhi, to **approve** the application for a Full Liquor license was passed by 36 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

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### **Cantina Sports Bar Corp. – 37-64 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Corona**

#### ***(New – Full Liq.)***

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 adverse history at the location.

Board Member Bill Meehan asked if the new owner was present during the adverse history at the location.

Mr. Rosenbaum said both owners were at the location at the same time.

Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Secretary, asked if the problematic behavior that is described in the report happened before the applicant took over the business.

Mr. Rosenbaum replied that she been there a few months and the activity happened between September and New Year's Day.

### **Motion # 4 - Cantina Sports Bar Corp. – 37-64 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Corona (New – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to **disapprove** the application for a Full Liquor license was passed by 31 in Favor, 5 Opposed and 3 Abstentions.

### **River Valley Corp. – 78-01 Roosevelt Ave Basement, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)**

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 past license cancellation at the location & lack of information provided by the applicant.

Board Member Tammy Rose said that the new owner is not related to the previous owner and shouldn't be punished.

Mr. Rosenbaum said the recommendation for disapproval is based upon history of the location.

District Manager Giovanna Reid stated that sometimes licenses are denied by The State Liquor Authority based on the address for previous negative history. The Community Board submits its recommendation but many times the SLA will not allow a license in the premises where it was problematic.

Kevin Hughes-Noboa, Secretary, asked if the owner ever appeared at the Committee Meeting and/or provided all of the necessary documents requested.

Mr. Rosenbaum said that in the beginning the owner appeared at the meetings and was present at this meeting. The owner did not provide all documents that were requested.

Board Member David Rosero said that the new applicant shouldn't be compared to the old applicant actions.

### **Motion # 5 - River Valley Corp. – 78-01 Roosevelt Ave Basement, Jackson Heights**

#### ***(New – Full Liq.)***

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Stephen Kulhanek, to **disprove** the application for a Full Liquor license was passed by 33 in Favor, 5 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

### **Emilye Restaurant Inc. – 95-08 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights**

#### ***(New – Full Liq.)***

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

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### **Motion # 6 - Emilye Restaurant Inc. – 95-08 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights**

***(New – Full Liq.)***

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Fausto Rodriguez, to **approve** the application for a Full Liquor license was passed by 36 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

### **Estrella Latina Bar & Grill Corp. – 39-07 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Corona**

***(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. The Stipulation was signed.

### **Motion # 7 - Estrella Latina Bar & Grill Corp. – 39-07 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Corona**

***(New – Full Liq.)***

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Jimmy Smith, to **approve** the application for a Full Liquor license was passed by 38 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

### **Suenos Americano Bar & Rest. Corp. – 35-14/16 Junction Blvd., Corona**

***(Method of Operation Change)***

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economics, reported that the committee recommends **disapproval** of an application for a Method of Operation Change, requesting an extension of the hours of operation for an existing on-premise Full Liquor license for this applicant due to negative NYPD actions & not being in compliance with the Stipulation signed and submitted to Community Board 3 in December 2018.

### **Motion # 8 - Suenos Americano Bar & Rest. Corp. – 35-14/16 Junction Blvd., Corona**

***(Method of Operation Change)***

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to **disapprove** the application for a Method of Operation Change, was passed unanimously.

### **Land Use – (Hamlett Wallace, Chair)**

#### **BSA CAL. No. 42-97 BZ 93-20 Astoria Blvd.**

Hamlett Wallace, Land Use Chair reported that in the matter or an application regarding, 93-20 Astoria Boulevard, Queens, New York, (aka, Walgreens. Drug store), NDC Elmhurst, LLC – Owner, is seeking to extend and amend the BSA variance granted under BSA Calendar Number 42-97-BZ (the Variance) and is filed pursuant to Section 1-07.1(a)(1) and Section 1-07.1(a)(2) of the Board's Rules of Practices and procedures. Specifically this application requests the following:

- (1) And extension of term of the previously approved variance granted pursuant to ZR Section 72-21 that expired on March 3, 2018;
- (2) An amendment to the prior variance to eliminate the portion of the site now located within a C1-3 overlay district; and
- (3) To eliminate the terms of the variance. The original variance approval was granted on March 3, 1998, with a term that expired on March 3, 2018, more than 30 days ago. Therefore, this application is also to request a waiver under Section 1-07.3(b)(2) of the Board's Rules to initiate the above amendments to the application.

Resolution:

The Land Use Committee, after review of this matter, recommends modification to this application to Extend the variance, extend the Term of a Variance for a term of 10 years (at the R6B district portion of property), eliminate variance for portion in C1-3 Zone, and maintain parking for 14 cars.

The Committee recommends the application be approved with the following provisos:

- Storm water drainage system at the parking area to be corrected due to flooding
- Maintain and comply with green tree sustainability and infrastructure

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- Comply with rules and regulation of the Department of Sanitation regarding snow removal at all sidewalks at 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, 94<sup>th</sup> Street and Astoria Boulevard

### **Motion # 9 - BSA CAL. No. 42-97 BZ 93-20 Astoria Blvd.**

Upon motion duly made by Hamlett Wallace, seconded by Muquith Choudhury, to approve the application was passed unanimously.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Renetta English, Chairperson, reported that January is the month where we recognize the sacrifices and achievements of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and that the community has the opportunity to participate in numerous "National Day of Service" activities throughout our community. <https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve/search>

Ms. English said that full participation of Board Members is needed at Committee Meetings. The meetings give you the opportunity to share new ideas, express concerns and vote on recommendations.

Ms. English announced that Inspector Carlos Ortiz was promoted to manage the NCO Officers at One Police Plaza. She welcomed the new Commanding Officer, Deputy Inspector Juan Duran, who stopped by earlier before the Full Board meeting started.

Ms. English reported that District Manager Giovanna Reid testified at the BSA Hearing for the Diblasi Ford property located at 112-51 Northern Blvd.

Ms. English encouraged all in attendance to attend meetings on the Bus Network Redesign. Very important for our voices to be heard. New plans will not be implemented until 2022. Post comments: <https://new.mta.info/queensbusredesign>

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Community Board 3's Youth Service & Education are having "Human Trafficking Matters – Stop It!! Before it Starts" event at Elmcors.

### **District Manager's Report**

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 she testified at the Board of Standard and Appeals hearing for the application concerning 112-51 Northern Boulevard. She stated that the Land Use Committee had difficulty because little to no information was provided with the application. No plans were made available to the Community Board to review.

BSA Chair Perlmutter instructed the Developer to provide drawings of the proposed structure to the Commission, Borough President's Office and the Community Board. Next hearing date is 3/17/2020.

### **Motion # 10 - Adoption of the December 19, 2019 Monthly Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Shiv Dass, to adopt the December 19, 2019 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Public Safety Committee**

Sonya Davis-Roberts, Public Safety Chair, reported that two twins were found unresponsive at the Landing Hotel by their father. They were pronounced dead at Elmhurst Hospital. Authorities are waiting on toxicology reports.

Ms. Davis reported that a 22 year old man is facing charges for pushing his 71-year-old landlord down a flight of stairs to his death.

On January 23, 2020 from 5:30pm – 8:00pm, Attorney General Brooklyn Regional Office will be on site at Jackson Heights Public Library to receive complaints. The event is sponsored by New York State Attorney General Letitia James.



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### **Traffic & Transportation Committee**

Stephen Kulhanek, Traffic & Transportation Chair, encouraged all in attendance to attend the MTA events and express concerns. "It's important that the community register their comments. It's the opportunity to make the system better."

### **Immigration Committee**

Lobsang Salaka, Immigration Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met on December 11, 2019. They discussed recent local and state government legislations, legal services, employment service agencies, social services, and community activities.

Mr. Lobsang said that Committee Member Bill Meehan proposed to share information about NYS Driver Licenses for undocumented immigrants with community members. The committee acknowledges that the NYS DL is helpful for undocumented immigrants when it comes to employment, driving to school and work, insurance and public safety.

The Committee is going to create a list of immigration service providers in the district and share information about immigration, employment, and child services with community members. The Committee will work with the Mayor's Office of Immigration Affairs and other Immigration legal service providers and invite them to our upcoming Community Board meetings to learn about their services for our community members.

### **Airport Committee**

Bill Meehan, Co-Chair of the Airport Committee, reported that he attended a meeting on historic sites and how it will affect the AirTrain. At the end of the meeting, they found nothing can stop the AirTrain from happening.

Ann Brown, Co-Chair of the Airport Committee, reported that on January 14 and 15, 2020 the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) held a Public Information Session on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed LaGuardia AirTrain in Queens, NY.

In the following months, there will be meetings about the AirTrain and MTA Queens Bus Redesign Plan. Ms. Brown stated that it's very important for the community to come out in numbers to these meetings.

### **Housing Committee**

Arthur Teiler, Co-Chair of Housing Committee, reported that the Committee met on December 10, 2019. There was a presentation by The New York City Housing Ambassadors Program. Housing Ambassadors help people prepare and apply for affordable housing. Mr. Teiler said that the New York City Department of Housing Preservation is looking for volunteers to be Housing Ambassadors.

### **ELECTIONS RESULTS**

Chair Vivian Dock informed the Board of the results from the elections:

Renetta English, Chairperson

Edmund Rosenbaum, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Leoncio Romero, Treasurer

Kevin Hughes, Secretary

Jairo Rodriguez, Lobsang Salaka, Frank Taylor and Hamlett Wallace, Members at Large

### **Committee Referrals**

#### **Borough President's Report**

Lisa Atkins, representative for the Borough President Office, reported that on February 11, 2020 the Department of Finance for Homeowners will host "Notices of Property Value Sessions" at Queens Borough Hall.

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### **Legislators' Report**

#### **Council Member Daniel Dromm Office**

Qibin Ye, representative for Council Member Daniel Dromm, announced that on Saturday, February 1, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., there will be a “Celebrate Lunar New Year” event at St. James Episcopal Church.

#### **Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz Office**

Jennifer Diaz, representative for Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz, reported that on January 24, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., representatives from Legal Services will be at Assy Cruz’s office.

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

Phiveline Solano, representative for Council Member Francisco Moya, announced that all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays there will be “Tax Preparation” for people who earn less the \$66,000 until April 15, 2020.

On January 30, 2020 there will be a “Census Workshop” at CM Moya’s office. There will be people on hand to help people fill out the Census Job application online.

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

Michele Hernandez, representative for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, announced that Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is having her 13<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The Congresswoman is committed to having a Town Hall Meeting every month.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is waiting on a response from the FAA in response to a letter sent on January 10, 2020 about the proposed AirTrain to Willets Point. She is asking for careful consideration and further explanation of dismissal of reasonable alternatives.

The Congresswoman, along with Elected Officials, have written a joint letter to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson and FEMA to ensure that the people of Puerto Rico receive the necessary funds they need.

#### **NYC Comptroller Office**

James Mongeluzo, representative for NYC Comptroller Office, announced that there is a “Policy Reports on Aging” available. It offers ideas to agencies on how to use resources to keep aging New Yorkers in their homes.

On January 28, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., there will be a “New Year Lunar” event at the New York Public Library.

On February 12, 2020, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., there will be a “Trailblazers” event at the Kumble Theater for The Performing Arts located inside Long Island University.

#### **Assembly Member Jeffrion L. Aubry Office**

Lili Pioche, representative for Assembly Member Jeffrion L. Aubry, said that Assy Aubry is in Albany and wishes everyone a happy New Year. He thanks all the Board Members for their service.

#### **Motion # 11 - To Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, and seconded by Kevin Hughes-Noboa to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:50pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Clara Colon*

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