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Vivian Dock
Margaret Dozier
Renetta English
Vasantraï Gandhi
Ulrick Gedeon
Pastor Peter Herron
Larinda Hooks
Abdur Rahim Howlader
Edward Kiernan
Stephen Kulhanek
Marta Lebreton
Lisa Mesulam
Richard Mullings
Laverne Nimmons
Nuala O'Doherty
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Leoncio Romero
Tammy Rose
Edmund Rosenbaum
David Rosero
Dawn Siff
Jimmy Smith
Shanel Thomas-Henry
Fahad Solaiman
Marlene Tapper
Frank Taylor
Arthur Teiler
Hamlett Wallace
Toi Washington-Simon
Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Kham Blatta
Haiko Cornelissen
Kevin Hughes-Noboa
Joyce Julian
Ralph Moreno
Marco Munoz
Veronica Ng
Ladislá Pérez
Dorothy Phelan
Fausto Rodriguez
Lobsang Salaka

Guest

Jessica Cronstein, DOT
Jason Banrey, DOT
Nicole Garcia, DOT Qns Commissioner
John O'Neil, DOT
Jessica Rivera, Project STIQ
James Mongeluzo, Rep., NYC Comptroller
TaQuoia Jones, Rep., CM Moya's Office
Qibin Ye Rep., CM Dromm's Office

Please Note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Teleconference.

Renetta English, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken at that time.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Project STIQ – Supporting Teens in Queens

Jessica Rivera, Director for Project STIQ (Supporting Teens in Queens), reported that Project STIQ focuses on comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and care in collaboration with schools and other community stakeholders within Queens Community Board 3.

Project STIQ provides free sexual and reproductive health education programs to:

- Youth ages 11 – 17 (7th – 10th grade)
- Parents/Caregivers
- Youth Providers (schools and CBOs)

There are free based programs focusing on prevention and helping young people in decision making that will impact their future. The educators can connect them to appointments in the health centers or other services. Educators are available in-person or virtual. There is a Youth Advisory Board that provides information and feedback.

Ms. Rivera said there is a four-part workshop series for parents and caregivers that covers information on how parents can communicate with their youth at home as well as a Professional Developmental four-part series. These workshops are conducted in both English and Spanish. Project STIQ also provides free referral service, community services and network opportunities.

Project STIQ Partnership ask:

- Sign MOU
- Youth recruitment (with support)
- Parent engagement and enrollment support
- Completer community assessments
- Professional Development Enrollment

For more information or to register: www.ProjectSTIQ.org or email: ProjectSTIQ@ppgreaterny.org

DOT – 34th Avenue Open Streets

Jason Banrey, Queens Deputy Borough Commissioner, NYC-DOT, reported that the 34th Avenue proposal has continued to conduct meetings with Community Board 3 over the last year. On Monday, October 18, 2021 the Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting held a meeting with the DOT. Mr. Banrey said they made a lot of changes in an effort to further explain the features of the 34th Avenue proposal for 2022.

Mr. Banrey told all in attendance that Nicole Garcia, Queens Commissioner, DOT, and John O’Neil, Queens Liaison, DOT, were present.

Jessica Cronstein, Senior Project Manager, DOT, gave a presentation on Open Streets. She said that Open Streets was started citywide in 2020 as an emergency response during the pandemic. The goal was to have space so that people could feel comfortable outside. She said that the program has been successful, especially the 34th Avenue Open Streets. Opens Streets on 34th Avenue is 26 blocks from 69th Street to Junction Blvd and open every day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Temporary full closures Monday through Friday at PS 149 and PS 398.

Throughout the year, DOT worked with the 34th Avenue Open Street Coalition to host several bike helmet giveaways and educational outreach events to address cycling conflicts. In addition, the 34th Avenue Open Streets Coalition sends out a calendar of activities to the Community Boards. Ms. Cronstein said that all the programming is permitted through the Street Activity Permit Office. The 34th Avenue Open Streets Coalition have taken on the responsibility of moving the barricades every day and keeping an eye on everything.

In the summer of 2021, DOT brought in Maintenance & Operations through the contract with the HORT to provide barricade services, litter removal, horticultural services and storm drain clearing.

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Safety Impacts on 34th Avenue:

- Crashes with Injuries
 - 3-year average before: 43
 - After: 38
- Pedestrian Injuries:
 - 3-year average before: 11
 - After: 7
- Total Injuries:
 - 3-year average before: 56
 - After: 43
- Total Crashes:
 - 3-year average before: 153
 - After: 89

Ms. Cronstein said that there was a lot of outreach and community surveys.

Community Survey Responses:

- 93% of survey responses were local to the Jackson Heights neighborhood
- Nearly a third (27%) of participants who took the survey listed 34th Avenue as the closest intersection to their home
- 90% of participants say they live nearby, close in proximity to 34th Avenue

Out of the survey 77% (1,600) responded that they would like to see permanent changes to make 34th Avenue a pedestrian and/or cycling priority corridor. Ms. Cronstein said that DOT monitored how many pedestrians walk through 34th Avenue throughout the day.

Ms. Cronstein said the design considerations will focus on access and will enhance school safety.

Project Goals:

- Ensure that each block has at least the public space benefits it has today
- Make the street more engineered for local access and less reliant on French barricades
- Add car-free spaces, where appropriate, with shared spaces that could be made car-free for events

There are barricades and planters currently. Part of the new design are diverters. They will demarcate the edge with a granite block as well as paint in markings in addition to planters; however, parking and delivery access will be maintained. DOT will maintain barricades with Open Street signage yet crossings will be shortened with bump-outs. Bike operations will be maintained while North and South vehicular patterns are maintained; however, East to West traffic will be diverted off the corridor every block to maintain pedestrian prioritization. It will be everyday 24-hours a day.

The design includes plaza blocks and shared blocks. There will be protective bike lanes that will shift towards the median to allow for space. East to West traffic will be diverted off the corridor. Vehicular traffic through the shared space will be slowed. DOT will determine the need for barriers at each intersection.

For blocks from 69th to 73rd Streets

- Bump outs at 69th Street as gateway treatment
- Plaza Block at PS 398 to expand their programmable space
- Shared Block to slow traffic and maintain access to Bowlerama driveway
- Diverters at 72nd and 73rd Streets

For blocks from 73rd to 77th Streets

- Bus stop seating at Q47 stops
- Plaza Block to expand on IS 230 play yard
- Shared block at IS 230 main building and annex to allow school pick-up/drop off
- Diverters at 75th and 76th Streets

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For blocks from 77th to 81st Streets

- Plaza Block at 77th and 78th Streets to expand Travers Park programmable space
- Shared blocks at 77th and 79th Streets to maintain pick-up/drop-off to adjacent residential buildings
- Diverters at 79th and 80th Streets

For blocks from 81st to 92nd Streets:

- Shared block 82nd and 83rd Streets to slow traffic and shorten crossings near PS 212
- Diverters at 81st, 83rd, 84th and 85th to 88th Streets
- 89th and 90th Street work delayed because of fire
- Diverters at 91st and 92nd Streets

Blocks from 93rd Street to Junction Blvd:

- Plaza block at PS 149 to expand their programmable space
- Shared block to maintain vehicular access to adjacent residential building
- Shared block, Junction to 94th Street to act as gateway to the Open Street
- Shift bus stop South on Westside of Junction Blvd., in front of Food Bazaar

Next Steps:

- October 2021: Presentation of design proposals at CB3
- Fall 2021: Interagency Coordination:
 - MTA/NYCTA on Junction Bus Stop relocation
 - FDNY
 - NYPD
 - Sanitation
- Fall/Winter 2021: Incorporate feedback and finalize design proposal
- Spring 2022:
 - Implement Corridor improvements
 - Monitor Improvements

Chairperson Renetta English thanked the DOT for their presentation and opened the floor for questions from the public.

Gloria Contreras, resident, asked if they could have QR Codes for people who don't have access to a computer so they can take the DOT survey.

Jessica Cronstein said they could work to incorporate QR Codes into the signage.

Jason Banrey said that is a conversation that can be held down the road.

Noah, 34 Compromise, asked when DOT will have door to door data. Also, when will DOT sit with 34 Compromise who collected over 2,000 signature from paying residents.

Mr. Banrey said DOT has met with people from 34 Compromise several times over the last year. He said that they started with door to door outreach and hopes to use the Community Board's rolodex to get information out to residents about the project.

Kathy Farren, resident, asked if before the application process for Open Streets, could residents be heard. She also asked if barricades will still be at 34th Avenue which will affect handicap and seniors. Ms. Farren made reference to the American Disability Act.

Ms. Cronstein said that John O'Neil and Mr. Banrey are accessible and doing outreach. The long term goal is to move past the barricades but for now there will be barricades.

Ricardo Pacheco, JHCoops Alliance, said that in addition to the suggestion of QR Code there should be paper surveys for seniors who might not even have access to Wi-Fi.

Mr. Banrey said they had several meetings with JHCoops Alliance and had that discussion. They will keep in touch and have a meeting in near future.

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Ron Euitts, 34th Avenue resident, said that Open Streets was a measure introduced during COVID and was really a foregone conclusion that would be part of some polemical urban redesign to eliminate cars from the street. Residents were told that there were numerous hearings and conversations. Mr. Euitts said he attended a hearing which was to get input on the design. It was not to listen to residents who were opposing 34th Avenue Open Streets. He said that Open Streets has brought noise, trash and excess activity that is disturbing the peace by non-neighborhood people harassing people who live on 34th Avenue.

Ms. Cronstein said that 34th Avenue Open Streets was not a foregone conclusion but response to an emergency. She said that DOT did a lot of outreach on 34th Avenue, listening to people more than anywhere else.

Mr. Banrey said that there is a significant amount of maintenance resources from funding that was directly injected on 34th Avenue after having meetings with residents.

Nathan Chaffee, resident, asked for clarification of the renderings in the presentation if there will be barriers. He asked to clarify what the diversion is, how it works and how it won't be a hindrance to vehicular traffic.

(Ms. Cronstein illustrated with a diagram from presentation) She said that on the right people can turn onto the corridor. The diverter is engineered to allow for turns onto the corridor. But people are diverted off after a block.

Mr. Chaffee said that it sounds like a recipe for a lot of circular driving which will add more pollution and frustration for drivers.

Sherif Sadex, resident, asked who came up with the idea of putting children, bikes, scooters and mopeds on the same roadway. There are many unsupervised children on 34th Avenue. He said vehicular traffic closed off to 34th Avenue is causing more traffic on 35th Avenue and Northern Blvd resulting in air pollution and noise. There are low income immigrants who live in those streets and their needs are being ignored.

Ms. Cronstein said that pedestrian prioritization on shared streets is done worldwide. There are less accidents where there are Open Streets. She said that they are continuing to monitor traffic in the surrounding neighborhood.

Piper Josephine, resident, asked if the plan is for the corridor to be open 24/7.

Ms. Cronstein said across the corridor there are four plaza blocks adjacent to schools. It will be demarcated with granite blocks, planters, markings and gravel. It is never closed. It's the right of way so it is open 24 hours. There are 7 shared blocks across the corridor that will maintain vehicular access but at a slower speed at five miles per hour. People can still park their cars and have access to their homes.

Ms. Josephine asked will there be barricades.

Ms. Cronstein said that they are going to maintain barricades but hope to decrease them. They will monitor to see if they are needed.

James Taylor, resident, said some of the Access-A-Ride drivers don't get out to move the barricades because of a contractual union issue. Mr. Taylor asked what kind of communication is being done with Access-A-Ride to avoid any more confusion.

Mr. Banrey said that DOT has an accessibility coordinator that meets regularly with representatives from Access-A-Ride. He said to reach out to DOT if there are any issues with Access-A-Ride drivers.

A resident asked what other devices will prevent a driver from driving several blocks on 34th Avenue.

(Ms. Cronstein illustrated with a diagram from presentation) Ms. Cronstein said if someone is driving on the right they will be met with the painted space. The driver couldn't continue

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through because they will hit that corner and forced to turn left. It would be defined by paint markings, epoxy gravel and flexible delineators.

A resident asked what kind of work has the DOT done to study the health impacts of people who have used Open Streets.

Ms. Cronstein said they are in the process of studying how Open Streets impact mental and physical health.

Megan Rockwell, Board Member, referring to the presentation asked for clarification on bikes traveling on the south side of the street. She also asked what is being done to address the potential for collisions between pedestrians and cyclists.

Ms. Cronstein said one option DOT is looking at is marking bike lanes through the shared streets. Some delineation is needed and it will include chevrons. They will protect the edges of pedestrian space with flexible delineators along with planters and granite blocks.

Bill Bruno, resident, asked if they are thinking of putting protected bike lanes or anything that physically separates cyclists and mopeds from the pedestrians.

Ms. Cronstein said that they haven't been looking into anything except flexible delineators and markings. There is no space for protected lanes.

A resident asked Mr. Banrey when he is going to reschedule the meeting with Terrace View that was canceled in July.

Mr. Banrey said that it was canceled because of safety concerns. He said the resident should get in touch with him to reschedule.

Len Maniace, resident, asked about the other modes of transportation that have not been following the 5 mile per hour rule.

Mr. Banrey said that they will be working with the NYPD for enforcement and education.

Shelly Brevda, 35th Avenue resident, said that she is disabled and elderly. Her asthma has gotten worse and wants to know when the data on the traffic impact environmental studies for all of the Avenues in Jackson Heights will be released.

Ms. Cronstein said that once they have taken into consideration all the input from the Full Board Meeting, they will perform a more full traffic study that contemplates other Avenues. She said that with the environmental study she would have to get back to everyone.

Debbie DaGiau, resident, said that on other Open Streets in Queens, the hours are shortened during the cold weather.

Ms. Cronstein said they expanded the hours at 34th Avenue because there was high use.

Mr. Banrey added that every street is different and hard to compare. One of the successes of 34th Avenue is because of the support from the volunteers.

Henry Mei, resident, said he supports Open Streets for making it safe for children to go to school. He asked if DOT is considering expanding their design plans between 83rd Street and 93rd Street.

Ms. Cronstein said that the blocks above 85th Street haven't been utilized as much.

Carlos Cortes, Southridge Sec 4 Coops Alliance, said in April he got a petition signed by 187 residents who opposed the status of the design of 34th Avenue Open Streets. He asked why DOT doesn't hire an unbiased group to collect data.

Ms. Cronstein said that they will continue to collect more data well into the holidays.

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Luz Maria Mercado, resident, asked Mr. Banrey when he will meet with the Linear Park and 34 Compromise groups.

Mr. Banrey said they can reach out to him, and he is happy to set up a date.

Marilyn Rogers, resident, asked what plan the City had about expanding public transportation before they closed a main artery that connects Grand Central and the BQE. "How could it go through without Public Hearings?" Ms. Rogers said and went on to ask what people can do who oppose the Open Streets permanency and only want to see it seasonally. She said it's dangerous with pedestrians walking on the bike lane. It forces bikers and mopeds on to the open area. There are cars that go around the barriers and planters make it worse for pedestrians to get out of the way.

Ms. Cronstein said they have been holding workshops to hear residents. There was more popularity in favor of Open Streets.

Mr. Banrey said that the City Council passed legislation to mandate the Open Streets Program. Community Education Council 30 passed a resolution overwhelmingly to support the plan.

A resident said that there should be some kind of traffic calming features like speed bumps or signage to ensure protection.

Ms. Cronstein said that signage is in the plan and they could look into speed bumps.

Julie Nymann, resident, said that the neighborhood is historic and the plans should be keeping up with the urban landscape. She asked if any of the materials could help with storm water.

Ms. Cronstein said they will be using in-house materials and can work with residents in the historical sections.

Ian McDermott, resident, said he is a supporter of the Linear Park. He asked if DOT is able to provide any data of the efficacy of the diverters to prevent car traffic.

Ms. Cronstein said that they go by how diverters have been used in the City and internationally.

Damaris Feliciano, resident, said that in the present meeting it seems that there is no consideration for a compromise. The residents are not being heard. Ms. Feliciano asked, "Could there be a compromise or this is just already set in stone and you're entertaining us tonight?"

Ms. Cronstein said it isn't set in stone but from responses it's what people want.

Mr. Banrey said that they feel that the redesign strikes a good balance with what people want from surveys and outreach.

Cristina Furlong, Co-Founder of Make Queens Safer, said she is happy everybody is paying attention to traffic safety. "It's safer for the children on 34th Avenue."

Mr. Banrey said they were in touch with Safety Education Commissioner.

John Leonard, resident, asked if DOT talked about residential parking permits with stakeholders. He also asked for clarification about the new plans. He asked if cars can pass through 34th Avenue.

Mr. Banrey said the agency can't push forward a residential parking permit plan because that falls under the State's authority.

Ms. Cronstein said that they will be decreasing the number of barricades and monitoring to see if they are needed. Where there are diverters there wouldn't be barricades.

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Abel Torres, resident, asked Ms. Cronstein why the Traffic Engineers can't present to Community Board 3 the data they studied for Open Streets so that the residents can ask questions.

Ms. Cronstein said that she works with the Traffic Engineers and she will be the one presenting.

Vicky Chan, Board Member, said that DOT needs to be mindful that there are a lot more residents who need to be heard but don't have the luxury to be at the Community Board 3 virtual meeting. That is why door-to-door surveying is important. Ms. Chan asked if there will be some kind of outreach informing residents of the changes in the regulations around the dividers.

Ms. Cronstein said there will be flyers and they will be standard DOT signage.

Ms. Chan asked if the 34th Avenue Coalition will receive any funding.

Ms. Cronstein responded that in the summer, DOT took over the maintenance and operations responsibility. People were hired from the Cleanup Corps. The 34th Avenue Coalition have turned their sights on programming.

A resident said that her child has been arriving to school late because the school bus pick up was moved to 35th Avenue since Open Streets. She said children are missing their first period class and breakfast. She also said it is concerning that emergency vehicles have a hard time getting through.

Ms. Cronstein said that DOT is in the process of reaching out to OPT (Office of Pupil Transportation) to coordinate with them. She said that they always work with fellow City agencies regarding emergencies access.

Mr. Banrey said that they have always been in conversation with OPT and there seemed to always be a challenge with busing children.

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked DOT for their presentation. She said that she hopes with the information provided by the residents that DOT has a better sense of what is happening. Ms. Reid asked that DOT take note that residents are asking that outreach be door-to-door for the people on 34th Avenue. Ms. Reid said that not everyone has access to a computer and the community is asking for written surveys and that Community Board 3 would be happy to assist with the outreach.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY2023 Capital & Expense Budget – (Elba Buendia & Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)

Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chair of Capital & Expense Committee, called upon the public for recommendations, concerns or suggestions to add to the Capital Budget.

Board Member Richard Mullings said that there should be MTA vending machines in selected areas in the district.

Andrew Sokolof, 89th Street Tenants Association, said that renovation to the 90th Playground should be included.

Board Member Muquith Choudhury requested lighting on 73rd Street between 37th Avenue and Broadway.

Board Member Megan Rockwell proposed moving 16) *MTA – Ensure system wide ADA complaint* to number 6.

Andrew Sokolof asked how much of an input goes into the priorities.

Renetta English, Chairperson, said that there was a Capital & Expense Committee Meeting where the public was invited to participate and give their input.

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Elba Buendia, Co-Chair of Capital & Expense Committee, called upon the public for recommendations, concerns or suggestions to add to the Expense Budget.

Board Member Megan Rockwell suggested expanding funding for curbside compost.

Business Economic Development. – (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)

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

Legend Tavern JH Corp. – 71-04 35th Ave, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Legend Tavern JH Corp.

The new owner said that he and his partner want to take over the business. He said that everything will stay the same.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked what kind of experience the new owners have.

The owner said he had two restaurants in Soho but no experience with a bar.

King Food Group, LLC dba Calle 81 – 81-14 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of King Food Group.

The owner said that they were approved for a Full Liquor license last year but because of COVID they were not able to open. There will be a Latin theme and live music.

Board Member Jairo Rodriguez asked to define live music.

The owner said the live music is going to consist of a salsa band and a DJ. He said it will be Latin fusion.

Mr. Rodriguez asked, “A nightclub?”

The owner said that it’s not a nightclub as they will not have a dance floor.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked if they going to make the restaurant sound proof.

The owner said that he is sure that they won’t make any more noise as the other establishments nearby or the Fire Department. But, he would provide a sound analysis if the Board would like.

Mister Cangrejo Corp. – 83-17 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Mister Cangrejo Corp.

The owner said that the business is a Family-style restaurant serving Colombian Pacific Coastal seafood. They would like to serve cocktails that go well with seafood.

The representative said family has a second restaurant on Roosevelt Avenue and 79th Street since 2015.

Mariscos El Submarino Corp. – 88-05 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Mariscos El Submarino Corp.

The owner said that they are a Mexican restaurant that will be open from 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily. The kitchen will be open at all hours.

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Mr. Rosenbaum mentioned that Mariscos El Submarino was featured in the Dining section of the New York Times.

Pichis Bar Restaurant Corp. dba Calipso Bar Rest. - 80-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New - Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Pichis Bar Restaurant Corp.

The owner said that the restaurant serves high quality food and would like to serve alcoholic beverages that pair well with the cuisine.

Cali Aji Con Sabor Rest. Corp. - 98-15 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst (New - (Wine/Beer/Cider)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the applicant is seeking a Wine/Beer/Cider license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of Cali Aji Con Sabor Restaurant Corp.

The owner said they serve Colombian-style food and it is their first time applying for a Wine/Beer/Cider license.

Elba Buendia said they have good food.

Jairo Rodriguez said they have good service and they are honest people.

The representative said that the owner is the brother of the owner of Mr. Cangrejo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion # 66 - Adoption of the Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Mark Buhrmester, seconded by Elba Buendia, to adopt the Agenda, was passed unanimously.

Motions By Committees:

FY2023 Capital Budget - (Elba Buendia & Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)

Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chair of Capital Expense Committee, reported that 16) MTA - *Ensure system wide ADA complaint* will be moved to number 6.

1st Vice Chair, Edmund Rosenbaum, said that number 25) *Construct a performing arts center above the Jackson Heights Post Office (seating for 300). Or, any space that becomes available in Jackson Heights.* should be corrected because the Post Office is owned by the Federal Government.

The Board Members agreed to change the wording to say to: *Construct a performing arts center (seating for 300). Or, any space that becomes available in the district.*

Rev. Herron said the following were added to the Capital Budget:

- MTA vending machines in certain areas in CB3
- Lighting on 73rd Street between 37th Avenue and Broadway placed as number 9
- Renovation to the 90th Playground placed as number 12

Motion # 67 - FY2023 Capital Budget - (Elba Buendia & Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)

Upon motion duly made by Rev. Peter Herron, seconded by Frank Taylor, to **approve** the Capital Budget with the changes was passed with 27 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

FY2023 Expense Budget - (Elba Buendia & Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)

Elba Buendia, Co-Chair of Capital & Expense Committee asked the Board to suggest where to add expanding funding for curbside compost on the Expense Budget.

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The Board agreed that it should be added as number 14.

Board Member Ann Brown said that number 13 and 24 was a duplicate: *Install free Wi-Fi in CB3 parks and plazas.*

Ms. Buendia said that number 24 will be removed and the item will stay at number 13.

Motion # 68 - FY2023 Expense Budget – (Elba Buendia & Rev. Peter Herron, Co-Chairs)

Upon motion duly made by Elba Buendia, seconded by Frank Taylor, to **approve** the Expense Budget with the changes was passed unanimously.

Business Economic Development. – (Edmund Rosenbaum - Chair)

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

Legend Tavern JH Corp. – 71-04 35th Ave, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, 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.

Motion # 69 - Legend Tavern JH Corp. – 71-04 35th Ave, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to **approve** the application was passed with 17 in Favor, 12 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

King Food Group, LLC dba Calle 81 – 81-14 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the committee recommends **approval** of an application for an on-premises Full Liquor license for this applicant provided that a stipulation has been signed stating that accordion doors will be closed at sunset, there will be live music on weekends and no dancing.

Motion # 70 - King Food Group, LLC dba Calle 81 – 81-14 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to **approve** the application was passed with 18 in Favor, 11 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Mister Cangrejo Corp. – 83-17 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, 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.

Motion # 71 - Mister Cangrejo Corp. – 83-17 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Lisa Mesulam, to **approve** the application was passed with 23 in Favor, 6 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Mariscos El Submarino Corp. – 88-05 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, 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.

Motion # 72 - Mariscos El Submarino Corp. – 88-05 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to **approve** the application was passed with 24 in Favor, 5 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Pichis Bar Restaurant Corp. dba Calipso Bar Rest. – 80-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair of Business Economic Committee, reported that the Stipulation was not received in time to be reviewed. The application will be tabled until the November Full Board Meeting.

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Cali Aji Con Sabor Rest. Corp. – 98-15 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst

(New – (Wine/Beer/Cider)

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

Motion # 73 - Cali Aji Con Sabor Rest. Corp. – 98-15 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst

(New – (Wine/Beer/Cider)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to **approve** the application was passed with 23 in Favor, 5 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Chairperson's Report

Renetta English, Chairperson, read her report:

In October, we recognize our cultural diversity, the importance of yearly mammograms and world mental health day. Despite still living with COVID-19 we finally can meet one another at yearly community events like the annual Diwali Celebration sponsored by the Jackson Heights Merchants Association and Halloween parade. Our involvement and support of the community does not go unnoticed, it makes an impact. I would like to thank the Jackson Heights Merchants association for recognizing the hard work done by CB3 members, Ms. Reid and the office staff.

Last month we received some complaints from CB3 attendees about the tone and some of the images displayed on the screen by attendees at our board meeting. Please note that the Queens Community board 3 meetings are to be informative and run professionally, from the committee to monthly board meetings. As Board Members you should not argue, attack, or use profanity in the chat area or during the meetings. In addition, there should be no disturbing images that appear on the screen. If this behavior is exhibited by any members of the board, we will speak after the meeting. If this behavior is exhibited by the public, they will be removed from the meeting because they're behavior is disruptive to the meeting. The chat area is to post any questions; and as time permits those who posted a question will either be called upon to speak, or the question will be read by me, Kevin Hughes or the Chairperson of the Committee.

Community Board 3 is a special board with members who have diverse opinions who want the very best for the East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and North Corona communities. Despite the fact we are meeting virtually because of the pandemic, I encourage you all to continue to be active participants in your Queens Community Board Committees and Community Events.

Ms. English thanked Korea Taekwondo-KTKD in Corona for welcoming CB3 to their Grand Opening Exhibition.

Ms. English will be sending the Board information on Queens Community Board 3 – Community Gift Giving Project

District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid reported that there is a long process for the Capital and Expense Budget. October through December are the busiest months because of budget consultations. A District Needs Statement goes to all Elected Officials, City Councils and City Planning.

Ms. Reid announced that Community Board 3 is partnering with the 115 Precinct for Halloween Trunk or Treat. Neighbors can decorate their vehicles in Halloween décor and then there will be a mini parade.

Ms. Reid thanked that all the residents who spoke up during the Public Information with DOT. She said it was the first time that the Board had an opportunity to have the residents participate in the discussions.

Ms. Reid reported that on October 4th Community Board 3 jointly met with the residents impacted by flooding. DEP is constructing sewer lines and connecting the homes located on Astoria and 24th Avenue. The sewer system is over 100 years old.

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Ms. Reid announced that Chairperson Renetta English was recognized for her hard work by the 74th Jackson Heights Merchants Association.

Motion # 74 - Adoption of the September 23, 2021 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, seconded by Mark Buhrmester, to adopt the September 23, 2021 Minutes, was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Health and Social Services Committee

Vivian Dock, Health and Social Services Committee Co-Chair, reported that the Health and Social Services Committee met on October 6, 2021 with Amanda Nasser, Queens Director for the Department of Homeless Services. They discussed the new homeless shelter coming to 112-15 Astoria Blvd that is scheduled to open January 2022. The location was originally intended to be a hotel to service LaGuardia. The homeless shelter will house 140 units. There will be 50 security guards that will offer outreach services. An advisory board of community leaders will be set up.

Ms. Dock said that at the September 23rd Full Board Meeting a motion was passed to send a letter to the Elected Officials regarding concerns having a permanent homeless shelter next to a new Junior High School.

The next Health and Social Services meeting will be held Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will include planning Community Board 3's 2022 Leon Von Holden Memorial Healthcare Expo.

Traffic and Transportation Committee Report

Edward Kiernan, Co-Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee, reported that the Committee met with DOT and discussed the Q66 bus stops removals. The Committee is expecting a response to the letter that was sent.

DOT notified the Committee that restaurants in Diversity Plaza will be removing their dining structures. If not, it will be removed by DOT.

QSWAB

Megan Rockwell, representative of the Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board for Community Board 3, announced that QSWAB was reconstituted earlier in the year. In April, Ms. Rockwell was sworn in. She said most of the meetings have been organizational in nature. They been establishing bylaws, setting up committees and appointing the Executive Committee.

QSWAB deals with issues like recycling, environmental justice and advocacy. Ms. Rockwell said that DSNY does not pick up curbside composting in CB3. She encouraged all in attendance to advocate for curbside composting in CB3 by visiting the website.

Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board Website: <https://queensbp.org/swab/>

Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board Organizing Committee Website:
<https://queensswab.nyc/state-of-waste-in-queens-report/>

The State of Waste in Queens – Executive Summary (prepared by Organizing Committee):
https://queensswab.nyc/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Executive_Summary_Recommendations.pdf

DSNY Composting and Food Scrap Sites and Requests:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scraps-and-yard-waste-page>

Legislators' Report

Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office

Qibin Ye, representative for Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, announced that CM Dromm along with Mayor de Blasio are going to allocate 2.7million to fund a new Jackson

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Heights Community Center that will provide free after school care and programs to children in Jackson Heights and surrounding neighborhoods.

The Community Legal Clinic is available by appointment, please contact or email at Dromm@council.nyc.gov or 718-803-6373.

Office of Council Member Francisco Moya

TaQuoia Jones, representative for the office of Council Member Francisco Moya, reported that CM Moya distributed “health bucks” to the patients at Elmhurst Hospital so that they can buy fresh food at the green market.

CM Moya put in \$12 million in the Capital to bring resources for parks.

CM Moya introduced Bill 2397, which was signed into law by the mayor to incentivize hotels to reopen and recall their workers or pay severance.

CM Moya introduced bill 2006 for shelter security guards and workers to receive prevailing wages and training.

On Friday, October 22nd there will be a clean-up event at the Helen Marshall Playground at PS 127 with the students doing planting. There will be a clean-up on Saturday, October 23rd in Corona with sanitation and members of the community.

Motion # 75 - To Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Renetta English, and seconded by Lisa Mesulam, to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously. Adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon*

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