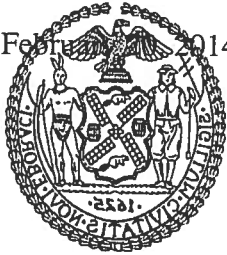




Board Meeting - February 20, 2014



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BOARD MEETING

Thursday February 20, 2014

Langston Hughes Library
100-01 Northern Blvd., Corona, N.Y

ATTENDANCE

Patrick Beckles
Emma Brant
Ann Brown
Shiv Dass
Sonya Davis Roberts
Vivian Dock
Margaret Dozier
Vasantrai Gandhi
Alfredo Gomez
Joyce Hucless-Julian
Stephen Kulhanek
Marta Lebreton
Lynda McDougald
Martin Maier
Bill Meehan
Ralph Moreno
Dorothy Phelan
Jessica Ramos
Fausto Rodriguez
Jairo Rodriguez
Edmund Rosenbaum
David Rosero
Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez
Jimmy Smith
Arthur Teiler
Shanel Thomas
Pat Thorpe
Hamlett Wallace
Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Kelit Brown
Elba Buendia
Howard Dent II
Raul Garcia
Norma Jimenez
Andrew S. Kim
Grace Lawrence
Brunilda Leon
Caridad Mak
Lisa Mesulam
Laverne Nimmons
Phillip Papas
Jose Rodriguez
Leoncio Romero
Sam Schiralli
Cheryl Tse
William Young

Giovanna A. Reid, District Manager
Mayra Ramirez (Recorder)

Guests

Michael Mallon, Rep., CM. Daniel Dromm
Joel Trinidad-Santos, Rep., CM. Julissa Ferreras
Lilly Pioche Rep., Assem. Hon. Jeffrion Aubry,
Juan Antigua, Rep. Assem. Hon. Moya
Gary Gilbert, Rep. Assem. Hon M. DenDekker
Deanna Foote Rep., Senator Hon Jose Peralta
Barbara Jackson, Rep., Congressman Crowley
Lisa Atkins, Rep., Borough President Office

Please note: The next Meeting will held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:45PM.

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:45PM and welcomed all in attendance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, said that many people may remember her as the Director of Community Boards when Claire Shulman served as Borough President. The Borough Presidents Office will have an extremely close working relationship with the Community Boards because they are the first line of defense with constituents to make sure their needs are taken care of and keeping streets safe. They have expanded their constituent services unit in order to help constituents of the Community Boards. A main goal is to support the Community Boards in solving problems. The Community Board always have a friend at Borough Hall and is looking forward to partnering with the Community Boards over the years to come.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, said that she is dedicated to saving the NYC Pavilion. The cost to save the Pavilion is approximately \$72 million dollars and \$14 million to tear it down. She wants to make the location safe and use the inside as an open ended theatre. She plans to invest the \$14 million dollars to save the Pavilion because it is money that would have been invested to tear it down. The Pavilion is a must see when visiting New York City.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz is working with the DeBlasio administration on making sure full day Pre-K is available. She said the Mayor wants to tax residents who make over \$500,000/ year and the Governor is insisting that Pre-K can be paid for already. She feels like this is a success because the argument is not if we should have Pre-K or not but whose going to pay for it. She feels this is very important because it allows parents to go to work.

There will be an Affordable Care Act event on March 11th at Elmhurst Hospital. There will be assistance offered in filling out the applications. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of the event. On February 25 at 6PM, African American History Month will be celebrated at Borough Hall.

Borough President Melinda Katz, thanked everyone for their time and dedication to the community.

Arthur Teiler, Board Member, asked if the funding for Pre-K was for both public and private organizations.

Borough President Melinda Katz, said that they will need to look for non for profit space throughout the City to place children since most schools already experience over crowding. She said Pre-K is currently a lottery and they want to open it to all students. They are not looking to close private organizations.

David Rosero, Board Member, asked if the Pre-K students would have to be documented.

Borough President Melinda Katz, said that the application process would work just like the school system.

Arturo Sanchez, Board Member, said that he supports saving the Pavilion because of its history and iconic architecture.

Borough President Melinda Katz, said she appreciates the Boards hard work and dedication to the community.

115th Precinct

Lieutenant McBride, 115th Precinct, said that he is in charge of Roosevelt Avenue. He said the comp-stats year to date for burglaries are up by four, 28 day burglaries are up 14,68%. There are patterns at 37-28 81st Street and 32-50 86th Street. Another pattern is near Ditmars Blvd at 96th – 98th Streets, break-ins happening at the rear or side window/door. The Inspector is using the Impact officers to address the problem.

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, thanked the NYPD for all their hard work.

N.Y.C. Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)

Representative, CCRB, said their goal is to make the community aware of the services they provide. They investigate immediate complaints of misconduct against New York City Police Officers. In some instances they prosecute officers who have showed misconduct. Police Officers have a code of conduct in which they must abide by. There are four main complaints that CCRB processes using the acronym E.A.D.O.

E – Excessive use of force: There is a certain amount of force an officer is allowed to use during an arrest. A greater amount of force can be used when someone is resisting arrest.

A – Abuse of Authority. An example would be if a police officer barges into your home without a warrant.

D – Discourtesy: Police officers must uphold CPR (courtesy, professionalism and respect) at all times.

O – Offensive Language. A police officer cannot use offensive language against you in regards to your race / ethnicity, sexual orientation, age and sex.

You can file a complaint online or by calling 311; a complaint can be made in person at a local precinct or by calling 1-800-341-CCRB (2272). There are two methods used, mediation and investigation.

David Rosero, Bored Member, asked if you can record or take pictures of any incidents.

Representative, CCRC, said yes you can.

Hamlett Wallace, Board Member, asked what is the best way to identify a police officer.

The representative said that the badge number and patrol number are best ways to identify officers.

NYC Family Justice Center

Susan Jacob, NYC Family Justice Center, said that they are a walk-in center for people who are victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Violence is not always physical but emotional as well. Any victim regardless of immigration status can walk into the center to receive services. Services include speaking

with the NYPD, filing for divorce and much more. Offices are located throughout the five boroughs.

Families Building Community

Representative, Family Building Community, said they are a community partnership comprised of not for profits, childcare providers, service providers and other community services. They run a resource center to direct residents to the correct community partners. They also recruit foster families for the over 400 foster children in Queens. They work along with ACS with this procedure. They are having the 4th Annual Spring Community Fair at the Rock Church on Saturday, May 18th at 11AM. The purpose of the Spring Community Fair is to inform the community about the resources available to them, to address health and safety issues that affect children and the community at large. Numerous community based organizations across New York City will be participating at this event.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Business / Economic / Development – Arthur Teiler, Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chairs)

Puerto Colombia Inc. - 83-28 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY (Alt – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the representatives of Puerto Colombia.

The representative, said that the establishment serves Colombian food and they have filed an application for an alteration for a full liquor license.

Arturo Sanchez, Board Member, complimented the restaurant and said that they serve a fine cuisine and have reasonable prices.

Mi Pequena El Salvador Rest. – 94-16 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owner of Mi Pequena El Salvador Rest.

The owner was not present.

There were no questions / concerns from the public.

Dimension Latina Tapas Bar – 91-13 31st Avenue, East Elmhurst, NY (New – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the representatives of Dimension Latina Tapas Bar.

The owner was not present.

There were no questions / concerns from the public.

Executive Session

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion # 7 - Adoption of the February 20, 2014 Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Patrick Beckles to adopt the agenda, was passed unanimously.

Motions by Committee

(Business / Economic / Development – Arthur Teiler, Edmund Rosenbaum Co-Chairs

Puerto Colombia Inc. - 83-28 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY (Alt – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends that the application be approved.

Motion # 8 Puerto Colombia Inc. - 83-28 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY (Alt – Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Pat Beckles to approve the application for full liquor license, was passed unanimously.

Mi Pequena El Salvador Rest. – 94-16 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, advised the Board that the committee recommends that the application be approved.

Motion # 9 Mi Pequena El Salvador Rest. – 94-16 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Arthur Teiler to approve the application for a new, full liquor license, was passed unanimously.

Dimension Latina Tapas Bar – 91-13 31st Avenue, East Elmhurst, NY (New – Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends that the application be disapproved.

Motion # 10 Dimension Latina Tapas Bar – 91-13 31st Avenue, East Elmhurst, NY (New – Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ralph Moreno to disapprove the application for a new, full liquor license, was passed with a vote of 28 in favor and 1 opposed.

Chairman's Report

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, said he is very excited to begin his term as Chairman and thanked Marta Lebreton for her incredible work during her two terms as Chairperson.

Mr. Kulhanek, Chairman, reminded the Board that the monthly minutes are a reflection of the actions that took place at the meeting and not a transcript.

District Managers Report

Giovanna Reid, District Manager, thanked Marta Lebreton for her dedication to the community and also working so closely with the staff. She said that "we will miss her and don't be a stranger."

Ms. Reid, District Manager, announced that Stephen Kulhanek, Lisa Mesulam, Leoncio Romero and Ed Westley celebrated their birthdays this month.

Motion # 11 - Adoption of the December 19, 2013 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Bill Meehan, to adopt the December Monthly Minutes, was passed unanimously.

Motion # 12 - Adoption of the January 16, 2013 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Shiv Dass, to adopt the January Monthly Minutes, was passed unanimously.

Legislators Report

Barbara Jackson, rep., Congressman Crowley, thanked everyone who attended the African American History event last night. She mentioned that NYC's First Lady was the guest speaker.

Gary Gilbert, rep., DenDekker, said that the Assemblyman is working on improving pedestrian and traffic safety. The Assemblyman recently passed a bill which will place crossing guards at all four corners of public and private schools from Kindergarten to eighth grade.

Michael Mallon, rep., Council Member Dromm, said that the Council Member recently became Chair of the Education committee and held his first public hearing regarding universal Pre-K. His next meeting will concentrate on the experiences of LBGT youth in NYC Public Schools.

Joel Trinidad Santos, Rep., Council Member Julissa Ferreras, said that the Council Member is hosting a Housing Expo on Saturday, March 15th at 10AM at the LaGuardia Marriot Hotel.

Borough Presidents Report

Lisa Atkins, representative, reminded everyone to take advantage of the Affordable Care Act event on March 11th at Elmhurst Hospital. There will be assistance offered in filling out the applications. The next time to fill out applications won't be until October.

Ed Westley, Board Member, informed the Board of the death of Donna Raymond mother. He said that there is a funeral mass tomorrow at Our Lady of Fatima at 9:45AM. He also informed the Board of the death of Bill Kresse who had passed away last month.

Motion # 13 Motion to Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by David Rosero to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Sabrina McGinley

