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*Lisa Mesulam-Treasurer*  
*Edmund Rosenbaum-Secretary*  
*Marta E. Lebreton- Past Chair*

### **BOARD MEETING**

Thursday June 19, 2014

Diversity Plaza  
 37<sup>th</sup> Rd between 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Streets

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Emma Brant  
 Ann Brown  
 Kelit Brown  
 Elba Buendia  
 Shiv Dass  
 Sonya Davis Roberts  
 Margaret Dozier  
 Vasantrai Gandhi  
 Joyce Hucless-Julian  
 Stephen Kulhanek  
 Marta Lebreton  
 Caridad Mak  
 Bill Meehan  
 Lisa Mesulam  
 Ralph Moreno  
 Laverne Nimmons  
 Philip Papas  
 Dorothy Phelan  
 Jessica Ramos  
 Leoncio Romero  
 Edmund Rosenbaum  
 David Rosero  
 Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez  
 Arthur Teiler  
 Shanel Thomas  
 Pat Thorpe  
 Hamlett Wallace  
 Edwin Westley

#### **ABSENT**

Patrick Beckles  
 Vivian Dock  
 Andrew S. Kim  
 Grace Lawrence  
 Brunilda Leon  
 Lynda McDougald  
 Martin Maier  
 Ladisla Perez  
 Fausto Rodriguez  
 Jairo Rodríguez  
 Jose Rodriguez  
 Sam Schiralli  
 Jimmy Smith  
 Cheryl Tse

Giovanna A. Reid, District Manager  
 Sabrina McGinley (Recorder)  
 Mayra Ramirez  
 Keisha Howard

#### **Guests**

Vinnie Maniscalco, Rep., CM. Daniel Dromm  
 Keyana Reaves, Rep., CM. Julissa Ferreras  
 Lillie Pioche Rep., Assem. Hon. Jeffrion Aubry,  
 Elyse Nagiel, Rep. Assem. Hon. Moya  
 Gary Gilbert, Rep. Assem. Hon M. DenDekker  
 Deanna Foote Rep., Senator Hon Jose Peralta  
 Barbara Jackson, Rep., Congressman Crowley  
 Dev Awasthi, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer  
 Lisa Atkins, Rep., Borough President Office

**Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7:45PM.**

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Make Queens Safer**

Laura Newman, Make Queens Safer, said her organization was created in response to the pedestrian vehicular tragedies that have occurred. She said that her organization supports the traffic improvements, the proposed Slow Zone by Council Member Daniel Dromm and the Vision Zero initiative, which includes engineering, education and enforcement. She thanked police enforcement for reducing the number of pedestrian fatalities. She urged the members of the Community Board to support the Slow Zone proposal in order to save lives.

### **Metropolitan Learning Institute**

Monica Sanchez, representative, Metropolitan Learning Institute, said that her organization is a not for profit. They provide ESL, bookkeeping, accounting assistant courses and more. They offer classes during morning and evenings. They are located at 82-11 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

### **Deputy Inspector Michael Cody**

Deputy Inspector Michael Cody, said that identity theft is one of the major crimes within the community. Identity theft includes ATM and Green dot scams. When a device is attached to an ATM at a local store, gas station, bank, etc. that is how identity theft occurs. The second is the phone scams. Someone calls saying that they are from the government and request money. The money usually goes to an off shore account.

The Inspector said that due to the increase in complaints he will dedicate two operation impact officers to cover Diversity Plaza from 6PM-2AM.

### **Council Member Dromm's Office**

Vinnie Maniscalco, Chief of Staff, Council Member Daniel Dromm, congratulated the Board for the second annual June Monthly Board Meeting held at Diversity Plaza. He said that he is glad that the Plaza is living up to its promise for providing a location where everyone can gather and programs can take place.

### **Vaughn College**

Sharon Devino, Vaughn College, said that the college is under a 40 million dollar renovation which will come to completion during June 2014. The institution qualified for funds because of its proximity to LaGuardia Airport. The funding is for soundproofing, new windows, a roof and a heating and ventilation system.

Sharon Devino, Vaughn College asked the Community Board for support to obtain a grant to have a bi-monthly farmers market at the Vaughn College Parking Lot. They also plan on working with local hospitals to do nutritional programming.

## **Universal Pre- K**

Kelit Brown, Board Member, said that the Universal Pre-K program is working on having any child born in the year 2010 attend Pre-K this year. He asked for assistance in helping spread the word about this opportunity.

Resident, asked how the Department of Education will employ enough teachers in a short period of time.

Kelit Brown, Board Member, stated check with the DOE website. There is a plan in place for community organizations outside the school system.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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

### **ULURP # C140385PQQ – CEQR12DOT21Q – Roosevelt Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation**

Hamlett Wallace, Chair, informed the Board that the New York City Department of Transportation (along with DCAS) has submitted a ULURP Application to the Department of City Planning for the acquisition of temporary easements in private and public property in Flushing, New York. The temporary easements will be used for the rehabilitation of the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge. The 10 selected temporary easement sites surrounding the bridge shall be used for access, circulation and staging areas for construction activity.

Hamlett Wallace, Chair, said that the project is located along Roosevelt Avenue in Queens between 126<sup>th</sup> Street and College Point Boulevard. Tax Blocks and Lots: Block 1833 Lots (1& 101), Block 2018, Lots (75, 83 & 300), Block 5066, Lot (1), Block 4963, Lots (1& 7) and Zoning Districts C4-4, M3-1 and C4-4.

Deborah House, Department of Transportation, asked for the Community Board support regarding the rehabilitation of the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge. She said the current bridge condition is in bad shape and was built over 75 years ago. The Department of Transportation will meet with the Board again in the fall to review the final designs for the Bridge.

Vasantrai Gandhi, Board Member said that the Bridge is in poor condition because NYCDOT did not make the necessary repairs in time.

Ed Westley. Board Member, said that that there is a large parking lot located at Citi Field where the City would be able to store equipment.

Deborah House, DOT, said that it will take a lot of time to transport the equipment from the parking lot to the location.

### **Mexicana Car Service – 70-18 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (Renewal)**

Hamlett Wallace, Chair, informed the Board that the applicant is seeking to renew its base license for an additional two years from the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission.

Mr. Jimenez, Manager, said that they have applied for license renewal for an additional three years as per TLC requirements. The establishment has been in business for over 25 years.

**(Traffic / Transportation – Stephen Kulhanek, Chair)**

### **Neighborhood Slow Zone, Jackson Heights, NY**

Scott Johnson, DOT, informed the Board that Neighborhood Slow Zones is an application-based program that creates defined areas where the speed limit is reduced from 30mph to 20 mph and safety measures are added in order to adjust driver behavior on local streets. The goal of the Neighborhood Slow Zone program is to lower the incidence and severity of crashes and to enhance quality of life by reducing cut through traffic and traffic noise on residential neighborhoods. NYCDOT uses signs, markings and speed bumps to calm traffic within the Zone. He said that the Jackson Heights Slow Zone was proposed by Council Member Daniel Dromm.

Scott Johnson, DOT, said that the Jackson Heights Slow Zone covers 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north, 82<sup>nd</sup> Street to the east, Roosevelt Avenue to the south and 69<sup>th</sup> Street to the west.

Ralph Moreno, Board Member, said that he is in favor of the Jackson Heights Slow Zone. He said that he is also concerned about 84<sup>th</sup> Street to Junction Blvd on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue as well.

Arthur Teiler, Board Member, asked what effect will speed bumps have on emergency vehicles when they drive through the streets.

David Rosero, Board Member, said that 20mph is too slow for a commercial area.

Resident, proposed that slow zones be enforced only during school times and hours to enhance safety.

### **Northern Boulevard Safety Program – 62<sup>nd</sup> – 102<sup>nd</sup> Streets**

Chris Brunson, DOT, said that Council Member Daniel Dromm requested a traffic study of Northern Blvd. The Department of Transportation conducted a study from 69<sup>th</sup> to 102<sup>nd</sup> Streets. He said that Northern Blvd is in the top 10% of all Queens's corridors. Of the 108 pedestrian injury crashes within the corridor, 50 (46.3%) were crossing with the walk signal. This injury is also known as a failure to yield crash. The 70' width of Northern Blvd makes pedestrian crossings difficult for slow pedestrians.

Chris Brunson, DOT, said that safety improvement locations are selected with three tiers of analysis which include high crashes, land use and traffic network needs and engineering feasibility. Within a 5 year period there are a total of 154 pedestrian injuries along Northern Blvd. There are 9 proposed safety islands along Northern Blvd. He said that pedestrian islands have been shown to decrease pedestrian crashes by 46% and reduce vehicle crashes by 39%.

Ann Brown, Board Member, said that the study should have been extended to 114<sup>th</sup> Street to accommodate students of PS 330.

Ed Westley, Board Member, said that currently many pedestrian islands are in disrepair. They are not kept up and will be an eye sore for the community. He said that if the trees are knocked down they are never replaced.

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

**Okawa Japanese Rest. Inc. – 77-05A 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Wine/Beer)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the representatives of Okawa Japanese Rest. Inc.

The representative, said that the establishment will operate as a Japanese restaurant. They will operate from 11AM-11PM on Sunday to Thursday and 11AM-11:30PM on Friday and Saturdays.

Shiv Dass, Board Member, said that the owner should be present during Board Meeting.

**Restaurant De La Mora Inc. – 84-19 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY (Alt. – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the representatives of Restaurant De La Mora Inc.

The owner, said that the establishment is located at 84-19 Northern Blvd.

Ralph Moreno, Board Member, asked how long the establishment has been in business.

The owner, stated that they have been in business for over 1 year.

**Almonte Entertainment Corp. – 107-11 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owner of Almonte Entertainment Corp.

The owner, said that the establishment is located at 107-11 Northern Blvd. and will serve modern Dominican cuisine,

**Gimega Corp. – 83-27 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the representatives of Gimega Corp.

Representative, said that the establishment serves Colombian food and is called La Prequena Colombia. They are located at 83-27 Roosevelt Avenue.

**La Troncalena Lounge & Rest. – 102-10 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Corona, NY (New – Wine / Beer)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the representatives of La Troncalena.

The representative, informed the Board that the establishment has recently opened last week. They have filed an application for a new, wine / beer license.

### **Executive Session**

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

### **Motion # 30 - Adoption of the June 19, 2014 Agenda**

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

### **Motions by Committee**

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

### **ULURP # C140385PQQ – CEQR12DOT21Q – Roosevelt Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation**

Hamlett Wallace, Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends that the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project's be approved with the following proviso:

NYCDOT keep Community Board 3 and other affected Community Boards informed of their progress, alert us to construction issues and vehicular conditions that may create adverse impacts on the community. We request NYCDOT to provide to the community their construction schedule and pertinent information concerning vehicular and pedestrian circulation changes.

### **Motion # 31 ULURP # C140385PQQ – CEQR12DOT21Q – Roosevelt Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation**

Upon motion duly made by Hamlett Wallace, seconded by Ralph Moreno, to approve the application for the Roosevelt Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation with the aforementioned provisos, with a vote of 27 in favor and 1 abstention, was passed.

### **Mexicana Car Service – 70-18 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (Renewal)**

Hamlett Wallace, Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends that the request for renewal of the base license for an additional two years be approved.

### **Motion #32 Mexicana Car Service – 70-18 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (Renewal)**

Upon motion duly made by Hamlett Wallace, seconded by Marta Lebreton, to approve the application for the renewal of license for Mexicana Car Service, was unanimously passed.

**(Traffic / Transportation – Stephen Kulhanek, Chair)**

**Neighborhood Slow Zone, Jackson Heights, NY**

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends that the Neighborhood Slow Zone be approved.

**Motion # 33 Neighborhood Slow Zone, Jackson Heights, NY**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, to approve the Jackson Heights Neighborhood Slow Zone, seconded by Caridad Mak, with a vote of 25 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions, was passed.

**Northern Boulevard Safety Program – 62<sup>nd</sup> – 102<sup>nd</sup> Streets**

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends approval for the Northern Blvd Safety Program.

**Motion # 34 Northern Boulevard Safety Program – 62<sup>nd</sup> – 102<sup>nd</sup> Streets**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Sonya Davis Roberts, to approve the Northern Blvd Safety Program, with a vote of 25 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention, was passed.

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

**Okawa Japanese Rest. Inc. – 77-05A 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Wine/Beer)**

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

**Motion #35 Okawa Japanese Rest. Inc. – 77-05A 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Wine/Beer)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Marta Lebreton, to approve the application for a new, wine/ beer license, with a vote of 27 in favor and 1 opposed, was passed.

**Restaurant De La Mora Inc. – 84-19 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY (Alt. – Full Liq.)**

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

**Motion #36 Restaurant De La Mora Inc. – 84-19 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY (Alt. – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Shiv Dass, to approve the application for an alteration of a full liquor license, with a vote of 25 in favor and 3 opposed was passed.

**Almonte Entertainment Corp. – 107-11 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

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

**Motion #37 Almonte Entertainment Corp. – 107-11 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Marta Lebreton, to approve an application for a new, full liquor license, with a vote of 21 in favor and 6 opposed, was passed.

**Gimega Corp. – 83-27 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

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

**Motion #38 Gimega Corp. – 83-27 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

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

**La Troncalena Lounge & Rest. – 102-10 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Corona, NY (New – Wine / Beer)**

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

**Motion #39 La Troncalena Lounge & Rest. – 102-10 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Corona, NY (New – Wine / Beer)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ralph Moreno, to approve the application for a new, wine/beer license, with a vote of 23 in favor and 4 opposed, was passed.

**Chairman's Report**

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, informed the Board that at the Queens Borough Presidents swearing in ceremony, Marta Lebreton was acknowledged for 10 years of service, Joyce Hucless-Julian was acknowledged for 15 years of service and Emma Brandt and Vivian Dock for 30 years.

Mr. Kulhanek, Chairman, informed the Board that the Leon Von Holden Memorial Health Care Expo 2014 which was held last weekend was a huge success. He thanked everyone for their participation.

**District Managers Report**

Giovanna Reid, District Manager, thanked SUKHI for putting together the second outdoor Board Meeting. She also thanked Council Member Daniel Dromm, Vinnie Maniscalco, Chief of Staff, and crew for their hard work in organizing the meeting.



Ms. Reid, District Manager, informed the Board that on June 21<sup>st</sup> there will be an event at Diversity Plaza called Make Music New York. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Ms. Reid, District Manager, presented Fatima Baryab with a certificate of appreciation. She said that Fatima is a young person who is dedicated to serving the community. She thanked her for all that she does.

Agha Saleh, Sukhi New York, said that the second Community Board 3 outdoor meeting has been a huge success. He asked everyone to imagine what the meetings at Diversity Plaza will look like in 10 years from now. He said Sukhi's vision is to bring people together from all different cultures.

Agha Saleh, Sukhi, presented Marta Lebreton, Edmund Rosenbaum, Detective Johnson and Officer Clinkscales with certificates of appreciation.

### **Motion #40 - Adoption of the May 15, 2014 Monthly Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Marta Lebreton, to adopt the March Monthly Minutes, was passed unanimously.

Arturo Sanchez, Board Member, said that in the April Monthly minutes, one of the elements that he included in his presentation was not captured in the minutes. Someone brought up the idea to invite Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras to speak before the Board on the BID issue. This was not included in the minutes.

### **Committee Report**

#### **Housing**

Dorothy Phelan, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the committee met on May 27<sup>th</sup> to begin the review of the Mayors Five Borough 10 year plan. The plan is available at [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov). She invited all members of the Board to attend the next meeting which will take place on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

#### **Legislators Report**

Deanna Foote, representative, Senator Peralta, informed the Board that there will be a job fair on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Queens Center Mall from 8AM-3PM.

Elyse Nagiel, representative, Assemblyman Moya, informed the Board that the summer sports clinic is coming up, it is for children ages 5 – 14. The event will take place on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Frank De O'Conner Playground.

### **Motion #41 Motion to Adjourn**

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

The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sabrina McGinley