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BOARD MEETING

Thursday May 15, 2014

I.S. 227 – The Louis Armstrong School, Cafeteria
 32-02 Junction Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY 11369

ATTENDANCE

Patrick Beckles
 Ann Brown
 Kelit Brown
 Elba Buendia
 Shiv Dass
 Sonya Davis Roberts
 Vivian Dock
 Margaret Dozier
 Joyce Hucless-Julian
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Grace Lawrence
 Marta Lebreton
 Lynda McDougald
 Caridad Mak
 Bill Meehan
 Ralph Moreno
 Philip Papas
 Dorothy Phelan
 Jessica Ramos
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 Jimmy Smith
 Arthur Teiler
 Shanel Thomas
 Hamlett Wallace
 Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Emma Brant
 Vasantrai Gandhi
 Andrew S. Kim
 Brunilda Leon
 Martin Maier
 Lisa Mesulam
 Laverne Nimmons
 Ladisla Perez
 Jairo Rodríguez
 Jose Rodriguez
 Leoncio Romero
 David Rosero
 Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez
 Sam Schiralli
 Pat Thorpe
 Cheryl Tse

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

Guests

David Bernal, 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
 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 INFORMATION

Department of Consumer Affairs

Marguerite Price, Department of Consumer Affairs, said that the NYC Earned Sick Time Act went into effect on April 1, 2014. Employers must provide employees paid sick leave. This will allow employees to take time off to take care of themselves or a loved one. You can find more information at www.nyc.gov/paidsickleave or by calling 311 and requesting a copy of employee rights. Employers with five or more employees must provide paid sick leave to those who works more than 80 hours per year in New York City. Employers with 1-4 employees must provide a copy of employee rights on the first day of employment and must be provided in their primary language.

Elmhurst Hospital

Shruti Kumar, Assistant Director, External Affairs, announced that May is mammogram month; they will be offering free mammogram screenings every Tuesday in May. She said to please call 718-334-1900 to make an appointment. She said that the EHC Green Market kick off begins June 3rd at 10AM. The Green Market will set up every Tuesday from 8AM-4PM on 41st Avenue between 80-81st Streets. On June 11th is the Healthy Taste of Queens food and wine event, which will raise money for the cardiology department. The annual Pediatrics Health Fair will take place on June 19.

PAL

Louis Deleon, Police Athletic League, said that their Teen Impact Center program uses gym space in the community which are not heavily utilized. Right now they are operating at the Florence E. Smith Community Center. The program runs four nights per week from Monday – Thursday. The program is open to teens from ages 14-19.

Louis Deleon, Police Athletic League, said that they plan to operate a Play Street on 78th St between 34th Avenue and Northern Blvd. He said that the Play Street Program is a staple of the PAL; the program has been around for the last 100 years and the past 2 years within the community. Children within the ages of 6-14 have the opportunity to engage in positive mentoring. Arts / crafts and sports activities are also provided. They will have bilingual staff members to meet the needs of the community.

Ed Westley, Board Member, complimented PAL for providing programs to the children.

Louis Deleon, PAL, thanked the Jackson Heights Beautification Group for their support. He informed the Board that their program is free.

Food Allergy Awareness

Marta Lebreton, Board Member, said that May is Food Allergy Awareness Month. She said that there are 15 million Americans who have food allergies which are considered serious medical conditions that can lead to death. Reactions vary from mild responses to anaphylactic shock, which is the most severe.

Anaphylactic shock can cause you to stop breathing and cause cardiac arrest. The main food allergens are milk, wheat, eggs, peanuts, soy, fish and shell fish. Of the 15 million people that are affected, 9 million are adults and 6 million are children. She said that she works with an organization called the Food Allergy Research & Education which is currently working with elected officials to get legislation passed to raise awareness regarding food allergens, especially in airports. She said airports consider peanuts a protein, which they normally would serve when flights are delayed. In 2006 a law was passed which mandates foods containing major food allergens be labeled. She mentioned that she suffers from a food allergy and almost died two years ago because of that. She always carries an Epi Pen in case of emergencies.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

La Rest. La Ruana Paisa, Inc. – 92-03 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owners of La Rest. La Ruana Paisa Inc.

The owner stated that they have filed an application for a new, full liquor license. He stated that his wife and sister in-law will operate the establishment. They have been open and operating for ten years. The establishment is family owned and currently has a wine/beer license.

Shiv Dass, Board Member, asked if the establishment has ever had a full liquor license.

The owner stated that the establishment currently has a wine/beer license.

Ralph Moreno, Board Member, said that this restaurant is the best in the neighborhood.

Lalile Inc. – 91-01 - 91-05 Astoria Blvd., E.Elmhurst, NY (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owners of Lalile Inc.

The owners, stated that they will operate as a family business. His family will work at the establishment.

Sonya Davis-Roberts, Board Member, stated that the establishment is in a problematic location.

The owner, said that he is aware of the problems at the location. He said his establishment will operate as a family business. He said his wife and kids will help run the restaurant.

Tarros Bar – 111-13 Roosevelt Avenue, Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owners of Tarros Bar.

The owner, stated that the establishment is located at 111-13 Roosevelt Avenue. He said they have filed an application for a new, full liquor license.

There were no questions/ comments from the public.

La Kueva Bar & Grill Corp. – 94-10 Astoria Blvd., E.Elmhurst, NY (New, Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owners of La Kueva Bar & Grill Corp.

The owner, stated that he is relocating his business from Sunnyside to East Elmhurst. He is moving his establishment of 15 years to 94-10 Astoria Blvd. He decided to move to the community because his costumers are located in the area.

Lynda McDougald, Board Member, asked if they will play music and how many people can they occupy.

The owner, stated that they have occupancy of 74 people and they will play background music.

Ralph Moreno, Board Member, asked if the establishment name is Spanish and whether it is spelled correctly.

The owner, said yes, they changed the C to a K.

Joyce Hucless- Julian, Board Member, said that their location is close to another applicant.

Sophia’s Pizzeria, Inc. – 76-23 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owners of Sophia’s Pizzeria.

The owner, said that they named their establishment after their daughter. They have filed for an application for a new, wine / beer license.

Grace Lawrence, Board Member, asked how many people the establishment can accommodate.

The owner, said they can accommodate up to 24 people. He will not make any changes to the business.

Ed Westley, Board Member, said he admires his courage because there are many pizzerias in the area.

The owner, said that the pizzeria is well known in the neighborhood.

Philip Papas, Board Member, said that the previous owner renovated the inside of the establishment; he asked if they planned on making any additional changes.

The owner, said that they will not make any other changes because the establishment looks beautiful inside. He said that they will only serve wine/beer after 3PM when the school day is over.

Las Delicias De La Casa Colombia Inc. – 90-01 31st Avenue, E. Elmhurst, NY (New – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owners of Las Delicias De La Casa Colombia Inc.

The owner, stated that they have filed an application for a new, wine / beer license. He has applied for the license so his customers can have a glass of wine with their dinner.

There were no questions / comments from the public.

Salon Corona Bar Corp. – 38-27 98th Street, Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owners of Salon Corona Bar Corp.

The owner, said that his establishment will operate as a family business. His two brothers are currently working on obtaining their bartending license. He said that he has filed an application for a new, full liquor license.

Grace Lawrence, Board Member, asked how the establishment will operate. Will there be dancing? What is occupancy?

The owner, said that the establishment's occupancy is up to 52-57 people.

Ed Westley, Board Member, asked if they will sell food.

The owner, said no they will operate as a bar.

Sonya Davis Roberts, said she was concerned about the hours of operation.

109-12 El Fogon Costeno Corp. – 109-12 Northern Blvd. – (New - Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the representatives of El Fogon Costeno Corp.

The representative, said that the establishment has filed an application for a new, full liquor license. The establishment is located over 215 ft. away from a new school. They have signed a stipulation with the Community Board that there will be no dancing. They will operate as a restaurant.

Lynda McDougald, Board Member, asked at what times they will serve alcohol.

The representative, said that the establishment will serve alcohol during regular business hours.

Executive Session

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

Motion # 19 - Adoption of the May 15, 2014 Agenda

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

Motions by Committee

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

La Rest. La Ruana Paisa, Inc. – 92-03 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)

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

Motion #20 La Rest. La Ruana Paisa, Inc. – 92-03 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)

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

Lalile Inc. – 91-01 - 91-05 Astoria Blvd., E.Elmhurst, NY (New – Full Liq.)

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

Motion #21 Lalile Inc. – 91-01 - 91-05 Astoria Blvd., E.Elmhurst, NY (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Shiv Dass, to disapprove the application for a new, full liquor license, with a vote of 22 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention, was passed.

Tarros Bar – 111-13 Roosevelt Avenue, Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)

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

Motion #22 Tarros Bar – 111-13 Roosevelt Avenue, Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Bill Meehan, to disapprove the application for a new, full liquor license, with a vote of 20 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions, was passed.

La Kueva Bar & Grill Corp. – 94-10 Astoria Blvd., E.Elmhurst, NY (New, Full Liq.)

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

Motion #23 La Kueva Bar & Grill Corp. – 94-10 Astoria Blvd., E.Elmhurst, NY (New, Full Liq.)

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

Sophia's Pizzeria, Inc. – 76-23 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Wine/Beer)

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

Motion # 24 Sophia's Pizzeria, Inc. – 76-23 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Westley, to approve the application for a new, wine/beer license, was passed unanimously.

Las Delicias De La Casa Colombia Inc. – 90-01 31st Avenue, E. Elmhurst, NY (New – Wine/Beer)

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

Motion #25 Las Delicias De La Casa Colombia Inc. – 90-01 31st Avenue, E. Elmhurst, NY (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Sonya Davis-Roberts, to disapprove the application for a new, wine/beer license, with a vote of 22 in favor and 2 abstentions, was passed.

Salon Corona Bar Corp. – 38-27 98th Street, Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)

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

Motion #26 Salon Corona Bar Corp. – 38-27 98th Street, Corona, NY (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Phillip Papas, to disapprove the application for a new, full liquor license, with a vote of 24 in favor and 1 abstention, was passed.

109-12 El Fogon Costeno Corp. – 109-12 Northern Blvd. – (New - Full Liq.)

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

Motion # 27 109-12 El Fogon Costeno Corp. – 109-12 Northern Blvd. – (New - Full Liq.)

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

Chairman's Report

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, thanked everyone who attended the Board Members Orientation Breakfast. It was a wonderful event. He thanked District Manager Giovanna Reid and Community Board Staff who helped put the event together. He thanked Marta Lebreton, who provided gifts to the members who attended the Breakfast. He thanked everyone who attended the training session. Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, said that in their Board packages there will be a letter from the NYC Council on appointing and reappointing Board Members. He said that the June Monthly Board Meeting will take place at Diversity Plaza.

District Managers Report

Giovanna Reid, District Manager, welcomed the new member of the Board. She looks forward to working with the reappointed Board Members for an additional two years.

Ms. Reid, District Manager, said that DDC is doing work in the district. They are in phase 3 with their “safe routes to schools” project. They are working on making our routes to schools and senior centers safer. The project entails new sidewalks, curbs, neck-downs, pedestrian ramps, drainage/road re-alignments, pavement markings, traffic signal upgrades, street lighting, landscaping and other improvements. Their objective to complete the project at the Learning Tree School is by the end of the year.

Ms. Reid, District Manager, said that Queens Library sent a notification that the Jackson Heights Library will be closed on May 27th – 29th as they will be doing upgrades.

Ms. Reid, District Manager, informed the Board that there will be a celebration of the World’s Fair this weekend. Anyone attending will get the opportunity to see what it was like at the World’s Fair back in 1939 & 1964. The event will be held on Sunday, May 18th. There will be games, rides, activities, memorabilia, a concert and fireworks at the end of the night.

Ms. Reid, District Manager, informed the Board Kelit Brown celebrated a birthday this month.

Motion # 28 - Adoption of the April 17, 2014 Monthly Minutes

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

Committee Report

Health & Social Services

Vivian Dock, Chair, informed the Board that the Leon Von Holden Health Care Expo current has 40 health care providers who will be providing either health care information or services.

Ms. Dock, Chair, said that all Board Members are expected to participate in the event by either or all of the following: donating time, refreshments, breakfast or lunch items for health care providers and volunteers, items for raffles , give-a-way items for Board table or to lend a hand in whatever way possible.

Ms. Dock, Chair, informed the Board that Elmhurst Hospital will celebrate healthy women with their annual women’s health fair on Wednesday, May 21st from 10AM-1Pm at the Elmhurst Hospital Center.

Traffic / Transportation

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair, informed the Board that the Department of Transportation will present the Jackson Heights Slow Zone at our June monthly meeting. He said that the Slow Zone was recommended by Council Member Daniel Dromm.

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair, said that the Department of Transportation will also present traffic related enhancements in conjunction with the Vision Zero Initiative, which includes Northern Blvd and the pedestrian malls.

Youth Services

Marta Lebreton, Chair, requested that everyone to make a donation to support the youth participating in the soap box derby. She informed that Board that the Community Board purchased a car two years ago which raced at the Flushing Meadows Soap Box Derby. Board Members who attended the meeting made a donation to help purchase the car.

Airport

Patrick Beckles, Chair, said that he saw the bottom of the Flushing Creek. It has not been the first time that he has seen it. He is asking for support from City Agencies to take a survey of the water near the airport. He said that the quality of water is important because that is the water that is coming into our systems.

Committee Referrals

Housing

Dorothy Phelan, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the housing committee will meet on Tuesday, May 27th at 7PM to review the Mayors Housing Plan. She welcomed all members of the Board to attend.

Ed Westley, Board Member, said that he wanted to refer the new building location on 84th Street and 37th Avenue to the Landmarks Committee because they agree to build a 6 story residential building with a commercial use underneath. He built a 6.5 story building with a penthouse on the roof. He said the penthouse is selling for 1.3 million dollars. He suggests checking to see if the building is in violation of the agreement.

Borough Presidents Report

Lisa Atkins, representative, Borough President Office, thanked everyone who attended the Board Members training last week. She encouraged all Board Members who didn't attend the previous training to attend next year. She encouraged everyone to attend the celebration of the World's Fair and other events held at Flushing Meadows Corona Park throughout the year. She said to check the Flushing Meadows Corona Website for additional information.

Lisa Atkins, representative, Borough Presidents Office, said that June is fair housing month. On June 12th at NYU there will be a Fair Housing symposium. All are welcomed to attend. For further information she asked everyone to check the Human Rights Commission website or call Borough Hall at 718-286- 3000.

Legislators Report

Fernando Fernandez, representative, Public Advocate Leticia James, said that the Public Advocate was with the Mayor announcing the housing initiative that will be coming to the community in the near future. He said that if there are any questions or calls please contact the office at 212-669-7250.

Helen Ho, representative, Mayor's Office, said that she is the new director of Queens for the Mayor's Office. She said that there is a Vision Zero workshop coming up on May 21st in Astoria. She welcomed all to attend or go online to the DOT website to point out streets that need to be studied for traffic enhancements. She said that Pre-K enrollment is closed for public schools but will open for community based organizations.

David Bernal, representative, Council Member Daniel Dromm, said that the Council Member will be hosting a Shred Fest on Saturday, May 17th in front of the Jackson Heights Post Office. He welcomed everyone to attend the Pride Festival on Sunday, June 1st. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Elyse Nagiel, representative, Assemblyman Francisco Moya, informed the Board that there will be a quality of life town hall meeting on May 22nd from 6-8PM at Elmhurst Hospital. She said that the DREAM Act has been reintroduced this week. She encouraged everyone to call their local state senators to support the DREAM Act. The Assemblyman was able to secure funds to support the New York Immigrant Family Unity Pilot Program which will provide funds to immigrants who do not have representation at an immigration court.

Deanna Foote, representative, State Senator Jose Peralta, said that caregivers labor of love workshops will be available at Elmhurst Hospital on Saturday, May 17th from 10AM-2PM. East Elmhurst / Corona Family Day will take place on June 7th at 25th Avenue from 99th – 100th Streets. There will be entertainment and all are welcomed.

Motion #29 Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Sabrina McGinley