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BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 19th, 2015

Langston Hughes Library
 100-01 Northern Blvd. Corona, NY 11368

ATTENDANCE

Emma Brandt
 Ann S. Brown
 Elba Buendia
 Vivian Dock
 Joyce Hucless-Julian
 Andrew S. Kim
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Marta Lebreton
 Bill Meehan
 Laverne Nimmons
 Philip Papas
 Ladisla Perez
 Dorothy Phelan
 Jessica Ramos
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Leoncio Romero
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 David Rosero
 Arthur Teiler
 Pat Thorpe
 Hamlett Wallace

ABSENT

Patrick Beckles
 Kelit K. Brown
 Shiv Dass
 Margaret Dozier
 Sonya Davis Roberts
 Vasantrai Gandhi
 Grace Lawrence
 Brunilda Leon
 Lynda McDougald
 Martin Maier
 Caridad Mak
 Lisa Mesulam
 Ralph Moreno
 Jairo Rodriguez
 Jose Rodriguez
 Arturo Ignacio Sanchez
 Sam Schiralli
 Jimmy Smith
 Shanel Thomas
 Cheryl Tse
 Edwin Westley.

Giovanna A. Reid, District Manager
 Keisha Howard (Recorder)

Guests

Michael Mallon, Rep., CM. Daniel Dromm
 Lillie Pioche Rep., Assem. Hon. Jeffrion Aubry,
 Gary Gilbert, Rep. Assem. Hon M. DenDekker
 Deanna Foote Rep., Senator Hon Jose Peralta
 Lisa Atkins, Rep., Borough President Office

Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:45PM.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Phil Konigsberg, Member of Queens Community Board 7, said he would like to submit a resolution for consideration by the Board regarding making multiple housing units smoke free. He stated that Staten Island Community Board 3 passed the resolution and Queens Community Board 11 overwhelmingly passed the resolution. He brought a similar resolution to Queens Community Board 7 and it was passed in June. This has encouraged him to go to all the Community Boards in Queens to ask for support to approve this resolution because if someone smokes in your building, you are basically smoking too. He stated that in Queens, Community Board 8 has 2 co-ops with about 500 units that are smoke free and he doesn't see why that shouldn't be the case for all of us.

Eileen Miller, Vice-Chair of Community Board 11, stated that Community Board 7 has come to them with this resolution. They had a meeting with their committee and they decided that they would definitely vote for this resolution. She said clean air should be the right of every individual and we should respect our neighbors. Smoking causes very serious health problems and second hand smoking is just as bad as regular smoking with an average of 49,000 deaths every year. She implored everyone to be aware of this.

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, thanked Mr. Konigsberg and Ms. Miller for the information. He made the public aware that he will be giving this matter to the H/S/S committee so they can bring a resolution before the Board.

Tania Mattos, community resident and organizer for immigrant rights, informed the public that she represents a group called "Queens Neighborhood United." They will be having an event along with Queens Pride House, sponsored by Council Member Daniel Dromm, Chhaya Community Development Corp., Sanctuary for Families and The Coalition to End Broken Windows. They will be discussing policing and things that are going on in the neighborhood. She is inviting everyone to come to their meeting on March 5, 2015 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at Queens Pride House located at 76-11 37th Ave.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center

Andrew P. Jackson, Executive Director at Langston Hughes Library gave a presentation on African American History Month. Mr. Jackson stated that African American History Month began in 1926. Dr. Carter G. Woodson was a historian and a principal in Washington DC. He thought there should be time taken out by schools and communities to celebrate the accomplishments of Americans of African Ancestry. He created what was called "Negro History Week," then it was changed to Black History Month and then African American Heritage Month in the 1970s. It's now celebrated all over the country, but not as much in schools as it should be. It celebrate the life of Langston Hughes, who, the Library is named after. Mr. Jackson shared part of Langston Hughes poem, "Freedom's Plow."

School Construction Authority

Danielle Schraff, School Construction Authority, gave the public an overview of what the school construction authority is. She spoke about the recently opened I.S. 230 Annex, located in Jackson Heights, the current projects that are in construction now and the ones that are coming up in 2015. The School

Construction Authority's mission is to design and construct safe, attractive and environmentally sound public schools for children throughout the many communities of New York City. They are dedicated to building and modernizing schools in a responsible, cost-effective manner while achieving the highest standards of excellence in safety, quality and integrity. There are three different kinds of projects that the SCA is involved with. The Capacity Project – to increase the seats in the schools, Capital Improvements Projects – which are performed on existing buildings, such as window replacements, roof replacements, lighting fixture upgrades, renovation of interior spaces. Resor A projects – This is the 230 Annex that was just completed on 34th & 74th street and opened this year.

I.S 230 is a four story, fully air-conditioned, and fully accessible building for students from grades 6 through 8. The capacity increases the school by 400 seats. Included in the new facility are: 1 special education classroom, 1 reading room, 2 science labs, prep room, music room, art classroom, state of the art exercise room, library, kitchen, student dining area and administrative offices. There will be a school yard that covers 7500ft which is located across the street from the school and that playground is expected to be utilized during fair weather. P.S. 69 has been in construction for 18 months now and expected to be completed very soon. P.S. 92 is also underway. In 2015, there will be 3 schools that will be getting full lighting replacement – P.S 149, P.S. 69 and P.S. 127. P.S. 127 also is the subject of water penetration project, where they will be eliminating any place in the school where water comes in. In their capital plan that runs until 2019, the SCA have identified and funded seats for three projects in Geographic District 30. The total number of seats for students is 1912. Two of these projects are in Community Board 3 area, either in Jackson Heights or East Elmhurst. She stated that they are always actively looking for sites and the best place to learn about good sites is through the Community. They are normally looking for a minimum of about 40,000 square feet.

The Senior Director of SCA stated they will be tying in a new addition to the existing building between 99th and 100th Streets. They will be redoing the entire playground. They will have a better playground and a lot more seats. The new building will have four stories, 53,000 additional square feet and another 371 students. There will be 7 kindergarten rooms added, 9 classrooms for grades 1-5, a science research room, an art class room, 1 music room, a reading resource room, and a speech resource room. In addition, there will be a parent committee room, 2 supervisor offices, a lunch room, teachers-aid and lunch room and a medical suite and expanded cafeteria. Three hundred and fifty one students will be able to utilize the cafeteria during a particular lunch period. The play yard and the fencing will be much nicer. There will be a new fence with bricks all around it and it will be a wonderful addition to the current school.

Currently, there is construction fencing around the work site and there has been a temporary sidewalk made because the street is very narrow, in order to ensure the safety of the students and the people in the community. Work time is from 7am to 3:30 pm.

Board Member Leoncio Romero asked if they will be reducing the sidewalk on 34th Ave.

The representative said that currently it's reduced but as soon as the project is complete, it will go back to its normal width.

Board member Leoncio Romero asked what type of fencing will be used, brick or chain link fence.

The Representative said that Road Iron Fencing will be used.

Board Member, Laverne Nimmons asked what the address of the school is and when will it be ready.

The Representative said the school is at 99-01 34th Ave and it will be ready for occupancy September of 2016.

District Manager Giovanna Reid stated that prior to the construction, the teachers were complaining about not having anywhere to park. She asked if that that matter has been resolved.

The Representative said that parking is not something that school construction would be involved in. She stated that they do not interfere with that part.

Queens Library

Larry Gallegos, Community Affairs Manager at The Queens Library, stated that his role as Community Affairs Manager is to handle any issue that the community may have with their particular branch. He said there are a few issues that some members may have, especially with the East Elmhurst branch library. He said that project is expected to start the end of summer 2015. He said that this is going to be a beautiful library. He also stated that the expansion of the Corona Library is still being looked into. The library has purchased a property on 39th Ave, but they are still looking into what will be done with this property.

Gallegos said that he handles a lot of friend's group for the library and these friend's groups are volunteers from the community who advocate for the library to get computers, resources, programming etc. He stated that they will be going to Albany on the 25th to speak to the state legislators to try to get more funding for the library. The goal right now is to get 6 day service throughout the city, the Queens Library would be compatible with the Brooklyn Library and the New York Public Library.

Board Member, Jessica Ramos said that more space is needed at the Jackson Heights Library. She stated that once per week there is a toddler hour, where the toddlers are read to. About 30 toddlers are in this children's room and it's very tight in this room.

The representative stated that he can speak to the construction department at the library to see what can be done.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

L Mambo King Corp. – 98-12 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY 11368 (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owner of L Mambo King Corp.

The applicant was not present.

Medallo Restaurant Lounge Corp. – 95-20 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owner of Medallo Restaurant Lounge Corp.

The owner said that it's a family restaurant and everyone is invited.

Board Member Pat Thorpe asked if he will be occupying the upstairs.

The owner said that he will not be occupying the upstairs.

TJG Group Inc. – 83-12 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owner of TJG Group Inc.

The representative stated that it's a local neighborhood place that has been selling Colombian food for 26 years. He stated that he has never sold alcohol before and by the request of his customers, he would like to start selling wine and beer. He signed a stipulation stating that he would not sell alcohol past 1am and no alcohol will leave the premises.

Board Member Emma Brandt asked why do the principals don't want their names on the license.

The representative said they travel frequently and are not usually on premises. He stated that they wouldn't want somebody to come in asking for them when they wouldn't be available.

El Palo Bar & Restaurant Inc. – 38-12 104th Street, Corona, NY 11368 (New – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owner of El Palo Bar & Restaurant Inc.

The owner said it's a family oriented restaurant, it's been open since December of 2014 and they serve Dominican and international food. He welcomed everyone to come and eat anytime.

Executive Session

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

Motion #7 - Adoption of the February 19, 2015 Agenda

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

Motions by Committee

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

L Mambo King Corp. – 98-12 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY 11368 – (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends that the application be disapproved due to failure to sign stipulation that there will be no dancing.

Motion #8 L Mambo King Corp. – 98-12 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY 11368 – (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Marta Lebreton, to disapprove the application for a new wine/beer license was passed with a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions

Medallo Restaurant Lounge Corp. – 95-20 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (New – Full Liq.)

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

Motion #9 Medallo Restaurant Lounge Corp. – 95-20 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Marta Lebreton, to approve the application for a new full liquor license was passed with a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstention.

TJG Group Inc. – 83-12 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Wine/Beer)

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

Motion #10 TJG Group Inc. – 83-12 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Marta Lebreton, to approve the application for a new wine/beer license was passed with a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstention.

El Palo Bar & Restaurant Inc. – 38-12 104th Street, Corona, NY 11368 (New – Wine/Beer)

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

Motion #11 El Palo Bar & Restaurant Inc. – 38-12 104th Street, Corona, NY 11368 (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Bill Meehan, to approve the application for a new wine/beer license was passed with a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstention.

Chairman's Report

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, congratulated all who were re-elected to serve another term or in a new capacity. He informed the Board that next month will be CB3's Business Youth Convention and the plans are coming along spectacularly.

The chairman updated the Board as follows:

February 25, 2015 – CB3's Joint Committee Meeting of Landmarks and Land Use will be convened at the Renaissance Cchool at 7pm to review an application to expand the Kelly's property for a one story to six stories building.

February 26, 2015 – State Senator Jose Peralta is hosting his African American Heritage celebration; CB3 District Manager Giovanna Reid will be honored.

District Managers Report

Giovanna Reid, District Manager, thanked everyone for coming out in the cold for this meeting. She stated that the Borough President will be holding a public hearing on Monday, February 23, 2015, where community boards and nonprofit organizations will be advocating for funding for various programs. Community boards will be advocating for Capital and Expense Budget Items and she will be testifying in support of the many projects that are needed in the community.

Ms. Reid informed the Board that there is an application that has been filed for 71-17 Roosevelt Ave. It's for the construction of a 15-story building. The plans have not been approved yet but this is something that the District Office will keep an eye on.

Motion #12 - Adoption of the January Monthly Minutes

Steve Kulhanek, Chairman, informed the Board that the January monthly minutes will be adopted at the Next Board Meeting.

Committee Report

Youth Services

Marta Lebreton, Chair, said that the Business Youth Convention will be on March 19, 2015 from 4pm – 7:30pm at I.S. 227 School. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:30pm at I.S. 227 School. She said all board members and residents are welcomed to attend.

Health & Social Services

Vivian Dock, Chair, said that the H/S/S committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the community board office to discuss plans for the annual Leon Von Holden Health Care Expo 2015. The Health Expo will be on Saturday, June 13 at the Corona Health Center – 34-33 Junction Blvd. from 10am – 3pm.

Borough Presidents Report

Lisa Atkins, of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz' office brings greetings from the Borough President. She stated that last week, the Borough President announced her new Deputy. Her name is Melva Miller and she is the former

Economic Development Director. Ms. Miller has been working actively in the community and she will be making her rounds to all the Community Boards in Queens. The annual Budget hearing will be on Monday, February 23, 2015 at Borough hall and expense and capital funding requests will be reviewed.

The Borough President will also be celebrating African American Heritage and the event will be starting at 6pm at York College and one of the honorees will be Andrew P. Jackson from the Langston Hughes Library.

Legislators Report

Lilly Pioche, Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry, informed the Board that the Dept. of Sanitation gave her some information to share. Anyone who resides in a home that has an alley behind it, should be aware that the garbage pick-up is an issue. Due to the fact that the areas are not clean, sanitation is not able to bring the trucks back there to get the garbage. They will collect the garbage if it's placed in front of the home during the months of November to March.

Deanna Foote, Senator Jose Peralta, informed the Board that their African American History event is on Thursday, February 26, 2015 and Giovanna Reid will be honored. She stated that Senator Peralta has partnered with Bank of New York to provide free tax preparation for people who are qualified for this free service.

Michael Mallon, Council Member Daniel Dromm's office stated that everyone is invited to The Council Member Lunar New Year celebration, on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at St. James Episcopal Church located at 84-07 Broadway.

Gary Gilbert, representative from Assemblyman Michael DenDekker's office brings us greetings from the Assemblyman. He congratulated District Manager Giovanna Reid for the award that she will be receiving.

New Business

Jessica Ramos, Board Member, informed the Board that an event has been scheduled for February 25, 2015 at P.S 69 regarding the Trans Pacific Partnership and everyone is invited to come.

Motion #13 Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was closed at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Keisha Howard