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BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Outdoor Meeting - Diversity Plaza
37th Rd between 73rd & 74th Ave

ATTENDANCE

Emma Brandt
Ann S. Brown
Elba Buendia
Shiv Dass
Vivian Dock
Margaret Dozier
Renetta English
Vasantrai Gandhi
Patricia Glunt
Larinda Hooks
Stephen Kulhanek
Marta Lebreton
Lynda McDougald
Martin Maier
Bill Meehan
Lisa Mesulam
Ralph Moreno
Laverne Nimmons
Philip Papas
Dorothy Phelan
Jessica Ramos
Jairo Rodriguez
Leoncio Romero
Edmund Rosenbaum
David Rosero
Agha Muhammed Saleh
Arturo Ignacio Sanchez
Jimmy Smith
Arthur Teiler
Shanel Thomas
Pat Thorpe
Hamlett Wallace
Edwin Westley
Camilo Zamora

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

ABSENT

Patrick Beckles
Sonya Davis Roberts
Joyce Hucless-Julian
Grace Lawrence
Caridad Mak
Ladislava Perez
Fausto Rodriguez
Jose Rodriguez

Guests

Council Member Daniel Dromm
Carolyn Tran, Rep., CM. Daniel Dromm
Jorge Fanjul, Rep., CM. Julissa Ferreras
Cheyenne Aguayo., CM. Julissa Ferreras
Council Member Costa Constantinides
Lilly Pioche, Rep., Assy. Jeffrion Aubry
Deanna Foote, Rep., Sen. Jose Peralta
Gary Gilbert, Rep., Assem. Hon Michael DenDekker
Barbara Jackson, Rep., Congressman Joseph Crowley
Lisa Atkins, Rep., Borough President's Office
Captain Brian Hennessy – 115 Pct.

Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:45PM.

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Mr. Kulhanek stated that he is honored to serve on the Community Board which is comprised of hardworking and dedicated members. He took a few minutes to talk about the history of the Community Board and how we have evolved.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

115th Precinct

Brian Hennessy, Inspector of the 115th Precinct, stated that as of June 14th, 2015 there have been 77 less overall crimes, down by 9.3 percent. There had been no murders, as opposed to the two murders in 2014. Robberies are the same as last year. There had been fewer felony assaults than last year. He congratulated the upcoming police academy members that will be graduating the first week of July. The new graduates will be vital to the precinct since there has been 20 recent retirements and transfers.

Louis Armstrong House Museum

The Louis Armstrong House Museum is located on 107th Street in Corona. It is the historic home of Louis Armstrong and is a national landmark. The speaker noted that it is the 50th Anniversary of the Landmarks Law in New York City.

LAHM plans to build a 15000 square foot education center in an empty lot located across from the existing museum. There will be several amenities including a jazz room. The project is completely funded and will cost approximately 20 million dollars. All of the archives, including 17,000 photos, hundreds of recordings and thousands of other materials will be housed at Queens College. After the project is completed the archives will be returned to its home in Corona. The project is now in its construction phase; the ground breaking will take place in 2016 and the facility is scheduled to be officially opened in 2018.

Neighborhood Housing Services

Yoselin Estrella, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Housing Services of Northern Queens, explained that the NHS provides grants for first-time home buyers as well as providing post-closing help for home maintenance programs. The Executive Director said that NHS assisted many home owners during the 2008 housing crisis.

Giovanna Reid, District Manager, asked if the Neighborhood Housing Services assists Co-ops or Condominiums.

Mrs. Estrella stated that buyers of co-ops and condos receive the same aid that home owners do. They also receive grants that are available to first-time home buyers as much as \$15,000.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Natividad Restaurant Corp. - 37-66 B 103rd St, Corona, NY 11368 (New - Wine/Beer)

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

The owner said that it is a tiny Spanish restaurant that sells primarily Dominican food. The owner stated that it's a new business and will be open from 8am-3am. The owner said that they do not seek to intoxicate anyone but serve beer or wine with their food.

A resident asked how many tables there will be.

The owner said there are only four tables in the restaurant.

Edwin Westley, Board Member, asked how close the location is to a church.

Committee Co- chair, Edmund Rosenbaum informed Mr. Westley that the closest church is approximately 750 feet away.

Penetros Bakery and Restaurant Corp. – 90-01 31st Ave, East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (New - Wine/Beer)

The owner thanked the Community Board for giving him the opportunity to serve the neighborhood. The owner said that he operates a bakery that serves traditional Colombian dishes.

Board Member Pat Thorpe asked what the hours of operation are.

The owner responded from 6am-12am breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served.

Board Member Edwin Westley asked why the hours had been changed from the hours given in the application.

The owner explained that they would like to service early morning workers.

Juanit's Inc. 84-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New Wine/Beer)

Jack Chang, representative, stated that the restaurant has a seating capacity of up to 60 people. There is also a patio area in the rear of the restaurant. The hours of operation are from 7am - 7pm daily. The main dishes are gourmet sandwiches with a Peruvian flavor.

The Public hearing was closed at 7:45pm.

Councilman Costa Constantinides thanked Community Board 3 members and District Manager Giovanna Reid. He acknowledged the outstanding work of the board members. He said that the Moser Park project has gone from the scoping phase to the design phase. The One Room School House Playground will also be renovated once the project is funded. He said that in the 2016 budget, \$500,000 was set aside for the playground reconstruction. He said he has been advocating for 6 day service for all New York City Libraries. He emphasized that he would like every library to have the funding they need to maintain excellent and environmentally friendly conditions for children (including air condition, heating, and patched roofs).

Councilman Daniel Dromm thanked Don Pasentino, member of Community Board 5, in preparing for the board meeting and for providing the sound equipment. He also thanked Agha Saleh for joining the Community Board 3 team in preparing for the board meeting. He stated that Jessica Ramos was appointed to a new position in Deputy Mayor Richard Burey's office and wished her all the best. He announced that the White Castle headquarters location has been acquired to be turned into a public school. He explained that originally the space was going to become a luxury apartment building. Councilman Dromm said in regards to the Kelly's location, that the one floor landmarked building should not have floors added to it. In regards to Travers Park, he said that the design has been completed. In July there will be a public review so it would be possible to add any recommendations or comments on it. Construction will begin in 2016 and it will be done in phases so as to not close down the entire park. Diversity Plaza will receive 3.6 million dollars in new improvements. He said Community Board 3 is working on a project to install tree surrounds along Northern Boulevard. He thanked CB3 for their hard work and for helping to beautify the neighborhood.

Executive Session

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

Motion #35- Adoption of the June 18, 2015 Agenda

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

Motions by Committee

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

Natividad Restaurant Corp. – 37-66 B 103rd St, Corona, NY 11368 (New - Wine/Beer)

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

Motion #36 Natividad Restaurant Corp. – 37-66 B 103rd St, Corona, NY 11368 (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 33 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Penetros Bakery and Restaurant Corp. – 90-01 31st Ave, East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (New - Wine/Beer)

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

Motion #37 Penetros Bakery and Restaurant Corp. – 90-01 31st Ave, East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (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 with a vote of 28 in favor, 4 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Juanit's Inc. 84-15 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 #38 Juanit's Inc. 84-15 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to approve the application for a new wine/beer license was passed with a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Chairman's Report

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, congratulated those who made the outdoor Board meeting possible. He also congratulates Board Members Vasantrai Gandhi, Jimmy Smith, and Ralph Moreno for their long service and contributions to Community Board 3. He also thanked all the Board Members who were a part of the planning committee. The Chairman reminded the members of the board that there are no meetings during the months of July and August.

District Managers Report

Giovanna Reid, District Manager expressed her gratitude for being able to serve such a diverse Community. She said this has been a busy year. The District Manager said that although there will be no meetings in the summer, the district office will be open as usual Monday through Friday, 9AM – 5AM or later. She thanked Agha Saleh and his wife Shazia for organizing the 3rd Annual Outdoor Board Meeting. She said the outdoor meeting allows the public to learn more about how the Community Board functions. She extended her thanks to Councilman Daniel Dromm and his entire staff for their help in setting up the

meeting as well. Lastly, she congratulated Jessica Ramos on her new position in the Mayor's Office.

Motion #39 Adoption of the May Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Ann Brown, to adopt the May Monthly Minutes, was passed with a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Borough Presidents Report

Lisa Atkins, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's office, brought greetings from the Borough President. She congratulated all the board members on receiving their awards for outstanding and long term of service. She also congratulated the new members who recently joined Community Board 3. She said that she is looking forward to working with everyone often. She said the Borough President plans to conduct the second annual Immigration Resource Fair and the Katz Concert series. She wished everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

Legislators Report

Deanne Foote, of Senator Jose Peralta's Office informed the board of the upcoming Job Fair for 18 years of age or older, who were out of work. The Job Fair will be held Thursday July 9, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the food court in Queens Center Mall. Many companies would be participating, along with the retail stores. She encouraged all residents to attend the job fair.

Cheyenne Aguayo of Council Member Julissa Ferrara's office informed the board that on June 30, 2015 the Council Member will host a community workshop concerning the 111th Street Safety Improvement Plan. The event will take place at the Hall of Science from 4PM to 6PM. She then said that the Council Member is advocating for funding for Year Round Summer Youth Employment.

Motion #40 Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was closed at 9:30.