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BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2015

The Louis Armstrong School
 32-02 Junction Blvd. East Elmhurst, N.Y.

ATTENDANCE

Patrick Beckles
 Emma Brandt
 Ann S. Brown
 Shiv Dass
 Vivian Dock
 Sonya Davis Roberts
 Joyce Hucless-Julian
 Vasantrai Gandhi
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Marta Lebreton
 Caridad Mak
 Martin Maier
 Bill Meehan
 Lisa Mesulam
 Ralph Moreno
 Laverne Nimmons
 Philip Papas
 Ladisla Perez
 Dorothy Phelan
 Jessica Ramos
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Jairo Rodriguez
 Leoncio Romero
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 Arturo Ignacio Sanchez
 Jimmy Smith
 Shanel Thomas
 Hamlett Wallace
 Edwin Westley.

ABSENT

Brunilda Leon
 Elba Buendia
 Kelit K. Brown
 Andrew S. Kim
 Grace Lawrence
 Margaret Dozier
 Sam Schiralli
 Cheryl Tse
 Jose Rodriguez
 Arthur Teiler
 Pat Thorpe
 Lynda McDougald
 David Rosero

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

Guests

Council. Costa Constantinides, 22nd CD
 Barbara Jackson, Rep. Congressman Joseph Crowley, 14th CD
 Lisa Atkins, Rep., Borough President's Office

Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:45PM.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Abby Drucker invited the community to join Jackson Heights Community Adult Choir. The group meets on Tuesdays at the Renaissance School.

CB7 Board Member Phillip Konigsberg Eileen Miller vice chair of CB7 urged their Board to support the “No Smoking” resolution for residential buildings in NYC.

Zaleika Johnson, Community Outreach Coordinator for Bike NY, said that they offer free programs throughout the five boroughs. For more information please visit www.bike.nyc or call (212) 870-2080.

Amit S. Bagga, Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs for DCA informed the Board that free tax preparation and credit improvement services are available to the public.

Councilmember Costa Constantinides, of the 22nd district, informed the Board that he is working on the following issues:

- Participatory Budgeting
- Emission Reduction
- Expanding cooling centers hours and operations
- Keeping libraries open 6 days a week, up to date and clean

He is also asking the State to incorporate the study of climate change in the curriculum.

Board Member Ralph Moreno asked what the Council Member’s feelings about the Dream Act. Council Constantinides said that he supports the Dream Act.

Board Member Sonya Davis-Roberts asked for an update for the DREAM Act. Councilmember Constantinides said that it’s his understanding that his colleagues are doing a great job. He urged the community to spread the word and to tell your senators that it’s time to make it happen.

Arturo Sanchez, Board Member, asked Councilmember Constantinides about his participatory budgeting outreach efforts. He suggested that outreach be focused on the communities that have the most need. Councilmember Constantinides said that he is doing his best to reach all of his constituents within the district.

Board Member Jessica Ramos asked if the City helps property owners to paint their roofs white, and about a bill for central air conditioning?

Councilmember Constantinides said that he is introducing bills to assist home owners to go green.

Captain Brian Hennessy introduced Captain Ventry, New Executive Officer for the 115th Precinct. He will be in charge of the traffic control unit.

Captain Hennessy gave the statistics for the past 28 days and advised that crime is down by 19%. He said that Community Fridays will resume. Community and Police department volunteers will be walking around the district removing graffiti,

refuse, etc. to make a difference in the community. He invited everyone to attend the 115th Precinct Council meeting.

Board Member, Bill Meehan said that 73rd Street and 37th Avenue needs more traffic enforcement.

Captain Ventre said that he will be meeting with Department of Transportation next Monday to discuss the problems at 73rd Street & 37th Avenue.

Board Member Shiv Dass said that from 73rd to 75th Streets there is no control and no enforcement in those blocks.

Captain Hennessy responded that he will be staffing re-enforcements on those blocks.

Board Member Jessica Ramos asked if they have language translators at the 115th Precinct.

Captain Hennessy said that they have a phone line for almost all languages.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BSA CAL. # 1222-81 BZ-105-14 Astoria Blvd

The owner's representative from the offices of Erik Palatnik, P.C. informed the Board that the application seeks to extend the term of the variance for an additional 10 years, in order to continue the operation of an existing roofing and metal supply establishment. The owners agreed to the following:

1. Keep all building supplies located on the adjoining property below fence height and debris and refuse free.
2. Signage regarding no double parking shall be maintained and adhered to.
3. Fencing at all locations of the property shall be kept in good repair and appearance.
4. All graffiti must be removed on a consistent basis.
5. Provide tree planting on Astoria Boulevard where possible.

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

Julio Cesar Auquilla. – 93-13 Roosevelt Avenue., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, called upon the owner of Julio Cesar Auquilla Restaurant.

The owner said they are applying for a full liquor license and it's their first time applying.

Executive Session

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

Motion #14 - Adoption of the March 26, 2015 Agenda

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

Motion #15 – BSA CAL. # 1222-81 BZ-105-14 Astoria Blvd

Upon motion duly made by Hamlett Wallace, seconded by Marta Lebreton to approve the Extension of the Term Variance for 10 years, was passed unanimously.

Motions by Committee

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

Julio Cesar Auquilla. – 93-13 Roosevelt Avenue., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Full Liq.)

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

Motion #16 Julio Cesar Auquilla. – 93-13 Roosevelt Avenue., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Edwin Westley, to disapprove the application for a full liquor license was passed with a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed and 7 abstentions.

Reason for abstentions:

Board Member Bill Meehan gave no reason as to why he abstained.

Board Member Ralph Moreno, Philip Papas, Ladisla Perez, Jessica Ramos, Leoncio Romero and Shanel Thomas said that they did not have enough information.

Chairman's Report

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, congratulated all who attended the Business Youth Convention on March 19, 2015. He thanked the Business Youth Committee, Board Members, Staff and District Manager. He also announced the upcoming Leon Von Holden Memorial Health Care Expo, June 13, 2015 as well as the upcoming outdoor monthly meeting, June 18, 2015 at the Diversity Plaza.

He also announced Board Members Philip Papas as new Landmarks Committee Co-Chair and Bill Meehan as new Airport Committee Co-Chair. He thanked them for their service.

District Managers Report

Giovanna Reid, District Manager thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. She asked Board Members to look for the District Manager's report that is located in their packages. She said if you want to know what is going in the community refer to that report.

In addition there is a green complaint form that is included in your package. The complaint form is used to record potholes, road surfaces, cave-ins, etc.

Please use this form to report the listed conditions and to call CB3 or call 311.

Ms. Reid also thanked the Members of the Board for supporting the Business Youth Convention.

Board Member Edwin Westley thanked the District Manager and staff for their hard work and for being on top of the pothole situation.

Motion #17 - Adoption of the January 15, 2015 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Bill Meehan, to adopt the January 15, 2015 Monthly Minutes, was passed unanimously

Motion #18 - Adoption of the February 19, 2015 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Marta Lebreton, to adopt the February 19, 2015 Monthly Minutes was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Youth Services

Marta Lebreton, Chair, said that the Business Youth Convention held on March 19, 2015 was successful. She thanked Queens Deputy Borough President Melva Miller, Principal Helen Ponella and Assistant Principal Irene Filakouris and Greg Grambo science teacher extraordinaire, District Manager Giovanna Reid, Mayra Ramirez, Keisha Howard, Board Members and all who volunteer at this important event.

She also informed the board members that Emani Monet Robinson-Bell, who represented CB3 at the Soap Box Derby passed away on March 6, 2015. She was 11 years old. Ms. Lebreton asked for the board support to buy a second car. She asked the Board members to donate a dollar to show their support.

The next Flushing Meadow Soap Box Derby event will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015.

Health & Social Services

Vivian Dock, Chair, said that the first H/S/S committee was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015. The next planning session will be on April 8, 2015 at the community. The Leon Von Holden Memorial Health Care Expo 2015 will take place June 13, 2015 at the Corona Health Center. Board members and community residents are all welcome to attend this important event.

She also informed that representatives from Community Board 7 and 11 attended the Community Board's monthly meeting on February 19, 2015 to ask for support and to pass a smoke-free multiple housing resolution encouraging owners of multi-family homes to create smoke free housing units and disclose the building smoking policy to current and prospective tenants. Discussion of this resolution was added to the agenda at the March monthly committee meeting, by

majority vote the committee voted in favor of supporting this resolution and bringing it before the Board for adoption.

By hand count the resolution to create smoke free multiple housing was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Board Member Shanel Thomas reported that a community meeting was recently held to discuss the development of a 20-story hotel that will be located on 114th Street and Northern Blvd, the former DiBlasi site. She said that it was agreed that our elected officials and community groups will work together to address the concerns related to the proposed project.

Motion #19 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
Mayra Ramirez