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Thursday, December 15, 2016

**ATTENDANCE**

Ann Brown  
Elba Buendia  
Shiv Dass  
Sonya Davis Roberts  
Vivian Dock  
Renetta English  
Patricia Glunt  
Larinda Hooks  
Joyce Julian  
Kevin Hughes  
Stephen Kulhanek  
Marta Lebreton  
Lynda McDougald  
Martin Maier  
Caridad Mak  
Bill Meehan  
Lisa Mesulam  
Richard Mink  
Ralph Moreno  
Laverne Nimmons  
Philip Papas  
Ladislav Perez  
Dorothy Phelan  
Fausto Rodriguez  
Jairo Rodriguez  
Leoncio Romero  
Edmund Rosenbaum  
Arturo Ignacio Sanchez  
Arthur Teiler  
Shanel Thomas  
Pat Thorpe  
Hamlett Wallace  
Edwin Westley  
Camilo Zamora

**ABSENT**

Patrick Beckles  
Margaret Dozier  
Vasantraï Gandhi  
Tammy E. Rose  
David Rosero  
Agha Muhammad Saleh  
Jimmy Smith

**Guests**

Andrew Sokolof, Rep., CM. Julissa Ferreras  
Jacqueline Cosme, Rep., CM. Dromm  
Council Member Daniel Dromm  
Michael DenDekker  
Barbara Jackson, Rep., Congressman Jack Crowley  
Hersh Parekh, Rep., Governor's Office  
Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland

**Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:45pm**

## **December 15, 2016 Board Meeting**

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

### **Public Participation**

Board Member Martin Maier stated that he was concerned with climate change in the country. He said that it snowed in Eugene, Oregon which is unusual since the climate is arid and dry in that section of the state.

### **Public Information**

#### **Council Member Daniel Dromm**

Council Member Daniel Dromm said that he appreciates the work this Community Board does and feels a special closeness to the Board. The Board and he work together on many projects in the community. He has allocated a little funding to do beautification projects in the neighborhood. CM Dromm feels that he can call either Chairman Stephen Kulhanek or District Manager Giovanna Reid, on any issue, or any member of the Board. He deeply appreciates the relationship with the members of this Community Board.

CM Dromm said that he was fortunate to know Dr. Dolores Beckham and knew the tremendous affect she had on the neighborhood. When he put in the legislation to have the corner of 80<sup>th</sup> Street and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue named in her honor, it was a privilege to do so. She lived across the street from I.S. 145. Dr. Beckham was a disciplinarian and believed there had to be order in the classroom. When she passed, the following night the school yard was filled to capacity with past and present students. He came tonight to speak in favor of supporting the co-naming in honor of Dr. Beckham.

Council Member Dromm said that in light of the recent election results the City Council plans to stand against any attempt to take rights away from the immigrant, LGBT, or Muslim communities. He said that CB3 has a community that the rest of the world should reflect. Residents co-exist and support each other despite being from different backgrounds, race, creeds, and religion. He stated that the community recognizes that they are human beings first, and everyone is a member of the human race. He thanked all in attendance and said he would be available all night for questions.

#### **FDNY – Holiday Safety**

The representative from the Fire Safety unit introduced himself. He first stated that all the information he would be providing is important to share with other family members, especially children. He emphasized it could save a life as well as your own.

The first topic the representative spoke about was kitchen safety. He pointed out that baking soda should be kept nearby at all times. Baking soda has the same chemicals that are found in a fire extinguisher.

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He said when cooking, one should always bring something from the kitchen if you leave that area that reminds you that you are cooking. Also, the pan cover should always fit the pot, so as to possibly extinguish a grease fire quickly.

Additionally he said that pot and pan handles should always be turned inside towards the stove away from the kids.

Loose articles of clothing should not be worn when cooking, they can catch fire.

If there is a fire in the house, the first reaction should be to leave the house and to close the door behind you.

The family should have a meeting place that they designate to go to if a fire occurs. That way, they are only focused on leaving the house and making sure everyone is okay outside.

Once everyone has left the house, they should immediately call 911. Let the operator know that the building is unoccupied. It prevents firefighters from putting their lives at risk, unnecessarily searching for people who have already vacated the building.

He then informed all in attendance about electrical fire safety. Extension cords should not be used for devices in the kitchen that can over heat such as a microwave, toaster oven, coffee maker, refrigerator freezer and air conditioner. He said that extensions cords should only be temporary as well. If they are used for long periods of time, they will overheat and short.

He said that cheap extension cords are more likely to short. Always read the small print on the packaging because it will say the amount of wattage the cords can handle. The thinner the wire, the less amount of watts the cord can conduct. A 16 Gauge wire for example, would be thinner than a 12 Gauge wire.

The representative spoke about combined smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with 10 year long lasting batteries. He said that everyone should have the smoke detectors in their kitchen. The landlord of an apartment, by law, must provide a working smoke detector.

High-rise apartment buildings over 6 stories are fire proof. If someone smells smoke and it's not in their apartment, the best thing to do is to close the door and put a towel under it. The apartments do not have fire escapes on the outside but stairs on the inside. It is possible that if someone goes down the flight of stairs they can be overcome by smoke and put their lives at risk.

Lastly, when using candles, do not light them unless you are going to be in the room. There are battery operated scented candles that can be used as an alternative.

In regard to gas, if you smell natural gas, sewer gas, or paint fumes, call 911.

The floor was opened for questions:

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Board Member Fausto Rodriguez asked if a resident calls 311 for a gas leak instead of 911, will 311 direct the call to a 911 operator?

FDNY stated that unfortunately it depends on who answers the phone at the time of the call. The individual at 311 might not know to transfer the call to 911.

Board Member Arturo Sanchez asked whether it is possible for a computer to overheat the extension cord.

FDNY stated that the computer's normal operating temperature will not affect extension cords as long it is kept well ventilated.

Board Member Arturo Sanchez asked if putting multiple extension cords into one outlet can cause overheating or shorting.

FDNY answered that if the circuit panel at a home does not work, it will not stop the overheating. Then there is a possibility of a fire.

A resident asked how many cords are acceptable for tree lighting and how can overheating be prevented.

FDNY responded by saying that he buys new lights every year, and uses a maximum of 4 connections. He said he looks at the instructions on the box. It is also good to use surge protectors with the extension cords. In regard to the Christmas trees, they should be watered regularly. He said to not leave the lights on while you are out.

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Traffic and Transportation** – *Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman*

#### **Co-Naming Request – Dr. Dolores Beckham Way** – (NW Corner of 80<sup>th</sup> St & 34<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

Chairman Kulhanek introduced a proposal submitted by CM Dromm for additional signage to co-name 80<sup>th</sup> Street between 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Northern Blvd. "Dr. Dolores Beckham Way." Mr. Kulhanek encouraged the public to come up and comment on the proposal.

Chairman Kulhanek began by saying that he has two daughters who both graduated from I.S. 145. He stated that it is a sensational school due to the hard work of the staff and Dr. Dolores Beckham. Mr. Kulhanek said he remembers waiting for his children to come back from a school trip. Dr. Beckham always came back to open the school so that parents could come inside to wait for their children. He also recalled the I.S.145 graduation. It was held at St. Johns University; it was one of the most beautiful graduations he's ever been to. He said that Dr. Dolores Beckham was extremely dedicated to her students and did a tremendous job as the leader of the school.

Olivia Lovera, a teacher at I.S. 145, said that the idea came to her to co-name the block after Dr. Dolores Beckham passed away. She thanked the Community Board

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and Council Member Dromm's office for helping her through the process of petitioning for the co-naming. Ms. Lovera stated that all of her 12 years of teaching were under Dr. Delores Beckham. She said that throughout all of those years Dr. Beckham was always available to resolve issues with students and staff members. She said that Dr. Beckham encouraged her children to graduate high school and then come back to show her their diploma. Ms. Lovera stated that one of the last diplomas Dr. Beckham saw was from her daughter. She felt honored for that.

Police Officer Christopher Mislá of the 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct said that for the past 5 years he has been assigned as the Precinct Youth Officer. He said that in this position, he was very fortunate to have worked with the late Dr. Dolores Beckham. He saw firsthand how personally invested Dr. Beckham was in the community. He said that on behalf of the 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct they are completely in support of the co-naming. Officer Mislá said that he will continue to serve as a tribute to her memory and hard work.

Ellen Bloom, I.S. 145 teacher, said she and that Dr. Beckham would patrol the schools early in the mornings and on weekends to ensure the community was safe. She said she felt like family to Dr. Beckham. She was a colleague, boss, friend, and mother. She knows that Dr. Beckham is watching over the community even after she's passed. She hopes the tribute is approved, because that street really is Dr. Dolores Beckham Way.

The I.S. 145 parent coordinator said that Dr. Beckham was special to everyone in the community. She said that there are still children who want to give their diplomas to Dr. Beckham after they graduate. She said she hopes the community approves the application.

Board Member Lisa Mesulam said that she worked with Dr. Beckham at I.S. 145. Dr. Beckham went to every event and helped everyone in the neighborhood. People are still expressing their condolences. Ms. Mesulam stated that this is why there must be a co-naming in her memory.

Ivan Rodriguez, I.A. Principal of I.S. 145, stated that he knew Dr. Beckham for over 20 years. He is fortunate enough to have succeeded her as principal of the school temporarily. He said that he can never replace someone as special as Dr. Beckham. He will embrace and continue her legacy.

### **Councilmember Julissa Ferreras-Copeland**

Councilmember Ferreras-Copeland wished everyone happy holidays. She just came back from her Tree Lighting ceremony at the Ditmars Blvd. Circle in East Elmhurst. She is especially happy to be at the meeting regarding Dr. Delores Beckham Way. She is an alumna of I.S. 145. She said that you never know whether someone who is sitting in the classroom could be a council member one day.

CM Ferreras-Copeland said that it is approaching the time of year again when new Board Members are appointed. She said if anyone knows a person who would be interested in serving their community then they should reach out to her office as well as the office of Council Member Daniel Dromm.

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CM Ferreras-Copeland stated that when she visits CB3 again, she will discuss the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. She said the City Council recently passed a budget modification that increased the budget from 82.2 billion dollars to 83.5 billion dollars. Ninety-one million dollars of the increased budget went towards aiding the homeless.

Council Member Ferreras-Copeland announced that she has established a graffiti removal program. If anyone sees graffiti they should report it to her office. She wished everyone happy holidays.

### **(TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION – Stephen Kulhanek, Chair**

#### **TLC – Lory’s Car Service Corp. – 37-08 100<sup>th</sup> Street, Jackson Heights, NY 11372**

Chairman Stephen Kulhanek called upon the owner of Lory’s Car Service Corp. The owner said he has been in business for three years and never had any problems. The business operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He said all of his neighbors are happy with his service.

Board Member Ralph Moreno asked how many parking spaces he has for the cars, and whether there is sufficient parking.

The owner said that he has parking for all 26 of his cars.

#### **NYC DOT Speed Bump requests:**

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, reported that the Traffic Transportation Committee reviewed NYC DOT’s proposal to install speed bumps at the following locations:

- 1) 87<sup>th</sup> Street between Northern Boulevard and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 2) 87<sup>th</sup> Street between 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Kulhanek invited the public to comment on the matter.

A resident said they were in favor of the speed bump for 87<sup>th</sup> Street between Northern Blvd. and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Board Member Arthur Teiler said he feels that speed bumps impede traffic and are dangerous for bicyclists.

Jim Keirnan, a resident, stated that he feels all the cars on his block are going too fast, so it would help to have a speed bump.

A resident stated that there will also be a day care opening on the street, which should be taken into account.

**Bus. Eco. Development – Arthur Teiler and Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chairs**  
**S.L.A New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:**

**Colombia Con Sabor Rest. – 83-17 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372**  
**(New – Full Liquor)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the representative of Colombia con Sabor Rest. to speak.

The owner said that he opened the restaurant because he feels there are not enough Colombian restaurants in the area. He wants to be able to serve cocktails at his restaurant which is why he is applying for a license.

Board Member Kevin Hughes asked how many years the owner and his wife have been in business.

The owner said that he has been business for 21 years. He also said that he has a clean record with the State Liquor Authority.

**Executive Session**

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

**Motion - # 79 – Adoption of the November 15, 2016 Agenda**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Arturo Ignacio Sanchez, to adopt the agenda, was passed unanimously.

**Co-Naming Request – Dr. Dolores Beckham Way**

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends approval for the co-naming of 80<sup>th</sup> Street and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue in honor of Dr. Beckham.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez stated that he admires the community's adoration of Dr. Dolores Beckham. He, however, wishes that the co-naming process could be done while the individual is still alive, so that they can see that the community recognizes their hard work.

Board Member Richard Mink said he would like the school named after Dr. Dolores Beckham.

**Motion #80 – Co-Naming Request – Dr. Dolores Beckham Way**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Ann Brown, for the co-naming of 80<sup>th</sup> Street and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to “Dr. Dolores Beckham Way”, was passed unanimously.

**Lory's Car Service Corp. – 37-08 100<sup>th</sup> street, Jackson Heights, NY 11372**

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair, reported that the committee recommends approval for the renewal of the license for the livery/base station.

**Motion #81 - Lory's Car Service Corp. – 37-08 100<sup>th</sup> street, Jackson Heights, NY 11372**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Leoncio Romero, to approve the renewal of the license for Lory's livery base station, was passed unanimously.

**NYC DOT Speed Bump requests:**

- 1) 87<sup>th</sup> Street between Northern Boulevard and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 2) 87<sup>th</sup> Street between 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair, reported that the committee recommended disapproval because DOT did not provide information as to why the speed bumps should be installed. Mr. Kulhanek said that tonight however, the public had a chance to discuss the issues and there may be a different view on the proposed speed bumps.

**Motion #82 – Speed Bump Request at 87<sup>th</sup> Street between Northern Boulevard and 34th Avenue. (Negative Motion)**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Edwin Westley, to disapprove the speed hump Request, with a vote of 9 in Favor, 25 Opposed and 0 abstentions, did not pass.

**Motion #83 – Speed Bump Request at 87<sup>th</sup> Street between Northern Boulevard and 34th Avenue. (Affirmative Motion)**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Ann Brown, to approve the speed bump request, with a vote of 31 in Favor, 3 Opposed and 0 abstentions, was passed.

**Motion #84 – Speed Bump Request at 87<sup>th</sup> Street between 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 35th Avenue. (Negative Motion)**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Edwin Westley, to disapprove the speed bump Request, with a vote of 8 in Favor, 26 Opposed and 0 abstentions, did not pass.

**Motion #85 – Speed Bump Request at 87<sup>th</sup> Street between 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 35th Avenue. (Affirmative Motion)**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Edwin Westley, to approve the speed bump Request, with a vote of 27 in Favor, 7 Opposed and 0 abstentions, was passed.

**Colombia Con Sabor Rest. – 83-17 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Full Liquor)**

Edmund Rosenbaum informed the board that the applicant is seeking a full liquor license and the committee recommends approval.

**Motion #86 - Colombia Con Sabor Rest. – 83-17 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Full Liquor)**

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

**Chairman's Report**

Stephen Kulhanek, Chair, wished everyone a happy holiday.

**District Manager's Report**

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked everyone for their hard work during the past year. She wished everyone a happy holiday season. Ms. Reid said she looks forward to working with everyone again next year. She invited everyone to join her for refreshments after the meeting.

**Motion # 87 Adoption of November 15, 2016 Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek and seconded by Edmund Rosenbaum, to adopt the November Minutes and was passed unanimously.

**Parks Committee Report**

Marta Lebreton, Parks Committee Chair, stated that last month the committee met to discuss the plans for One Room Schoolhouse. Ms. Lebreton stated that the committee recommends approval of the proposed design. She requested the board's approval to send a letter in support of the project.

**Motion #88 – One Room Schoolhouse**

Upon motion duly made by Marta Lebreton and seconded by Ann Brown, to send a letter of support for One Room Schoolhouse, by hand count the request was passed unanimously.

**Nominating Committee Report – Vivian Dock, Chair**

- Vivian Dock stated that the Nominating Committee met Monday, Dec. 12 2016
- She thanked and acknowledged members of the committee; Marta Lebreton, Kevin Hughes, Fausto Rodriguez, and David Rosero.

She recapped that:

- Officers are elected for a (1) year term.
- No officer elected may serve more than (3) consecutive terms in the same office and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for a period of (2) years.
- The nominating committee takes into consideration the member's attendance at board and committee meetings, representation from the entire district, diversity of the Board and terms served.
- She thanked the following individuals for serving (3) consecutive terms in office: Chairman Stephen Kulhanek, First Vice Chair Ann Brown, Second Vice Chair Hamlett Wallace, Members at Large Jairo Rodriguez, and Margret Dozier.
- The committee recommends the following slate of candidates to be considered for office and voted on by the Board at the January 19, 2017 monthly meeting.

Chairperson – Philip Papas  
First Vice Chair – Shiv Dass  
Second Vice Chair – Renetta English  
Secretary – Lisa Mesulam  
Treasurer – Edmund Rosenbaum

Members at Large: Elba Buendia  
Sonya Davis-Roberts  
Bill Meehan  
Leoncio Romero

- All candidates were contacted by the committee and they accepted the nomination for office.
- Any Board Member who is not on the slate, can be nominated for any office of the board from the floor by a board member and seconded by another board member at the January 19, 2017 Board Meeting. Candidates must accept the nomination.

At the conclusion of the report, she wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

**Youth Services – Renetta English, Chair**

Renetta English stated that she has received overwhelming support for the 2016 Community Gift Giving Project. She thanked the members of the Jackson Heights, Corona, and East Elmhurst Community. Ms. English said they would be collecting various items for the homeless shelters in the CB3 area. These include Kings Inn, CAMBA, The Landing, and La Guardia Family Center.

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Ms. English thanked Board Member Ladisla Perez for allowing the donated items to be stored at her Bakery “Cake Mio”. She also thanked I.S. 230 for donating various food items and school supplies. Ms. English congratulated I.S. 61 on installing their first 12 Youth Ambassadors for the community. She also thanked I.S. 61 for their donation of 300 pairs of socks.

Ms. English thanked the National Association for University Women, Flushing North Shore Branch, Kiwani’s East Elmhurst, Gotham’s Cigar Enthusiast’s, Father Belini, Patel Brothers, LaGuardia Redevelopment Group, and Regal Heights for all of their donations.

She stated that on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, they are looking for volunteers to organize the donated items at Cake Mio. There will also be volunteers needed December 19<sup>th</sup>, to deliver the items to the shelters.

### **Legislator’s Report**

Lisa Atkins, representative for Borough President Melinda Katz, wished everyone a healthy, safe, and happy holiday. She said that on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Borough President will give her State of the Borough address at York College starting at 10:00 am.

Gabriel Lewenstein, representative from Public Advocate Leticia James’s Office, thanked everyone who attended the Public Advocates unity rally. He said that their office has been conducting training sessions on bystander intervention. He said that you should look out for your neighbor and speak up when it seems things aren’t right. He announced the Public Advocate’s bill on pay equity for women. He said on average women earn less than men. The bill would ban employers from asking for previous salary history. Mr. Lewenstein said that the bill has 32 co-sponsors, including every woman on the Council and Council Member Daniel Dromm.

Barbra Jackson of the Office of Congressman Crowley wished everyone a happy holiday on his behalf.

Gary Gilbert, community liaison from the Office of Assemblyman Michael DenDekker announced that the representative will be having a Santa Claus picture-taking event on Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. He thanked Community Board 3 for their hard work throughout the year, and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

District Manager Giovanna Reid, introduced Ms. Thomas, a 16 year old CB3 volunteer. She said that Ms. Thomas has been serving on the Health and Social Services as well as Youth Services committees for many years. Ms. Thomas started when she was very young. CB3, through working with our young people, are continuing our tradition of volunteerism and service, teaching and instilling the importance of community service. Ms. Reid said that she took this opportunity to make the members of the board aware of Ms. Thomas’ good work and to thank her for her service to the community.

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**Motion #89 - 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 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Aaron Cabreja