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Thursday, June 16, 2016

The Louis Armstrong School
 32-02 Junction Blvd, East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11369

ATTENDANCE

Patrick Beckles
 Ann S. Brown
 Elba Buendia
 Sonya Davis Roberts
 Vivian Dock
 Margaret Dozier
 Renetta English
 Vasantrai Gandhi
 Larinda Hooks
 Kevin Hughes
 Joyce Julian
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Marta Lebreton
 Caridad Mak
 Lynda McDougald
 Bill Meehan
 Lisa Mesulam
 Richard Mink
 Ralph Moreno
 Philip Papas
 Ladisla Perez
 Dorothy Phelan
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Jairo Rodriguez
 Tammy Rose
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 David Rosero
 Agha Muhammed Saleh
 Arturo Ignacio Sanchez
 Arthur Teiler
 Pat Thorpe
 Hamlett Wallace
 Camilo Zamora

ABSENT

Shiv Dass
 Patricia Glunt
 Martin Maier
 Laverne Nimmons
 Leoncio Romero
 Jimmy Smith
 Shanel Thomas
 Edwin Westley

Guests

Council Member Daniel Dromm
 Council Member Costa Constantaines
 Andrew Sokolof, Rep., CM. Julissa Ferreras
 Lisa Atkins, Queens Borough President
 Evan Stavisky of the Parkside Group
 Gary Gilbert, Office of Assemblyman Michael DenDekker
 Lilly Pioche, Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry
 Inspector Brian Hennessey, 115th Precinct
 Jacqueline Cosme, Rep., CM. Daniel IDromm
 Deanna Foote, Rep., Senator Jose Peralta
 John Lions, Senior VP of Development - The Parking Spot
 Rick Kasey, Landscape Architect - The Parking Spot
 Marty Tal, VHP Planning and Engineering Firm
 Mr. Garret, Attorney - The Parking Spot
 Nick Gulotta, The Mayor's Office
 Gabriel Lewenstein, The Public Advocate

Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 7:45 PM.

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

Mr. Kulhanek asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the June 12, 2016 shooting at a LGBT nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

Public Participation

Chairman Kulhanek introduced former Board Member Thomas Lowenhaupt. Mr. Lowenhaupt stated that he has a small non-profit that is applying for the domain name to jacksonheights.nyc. He explained that it is a city license and needs affidavits to support his proposal. He will distribute the affidavits and hopes that all will sign. Mr. Lowenhaupt said that Board Members Jimmy Smith and Marta Lebreton are going to help to find people living in East Elmhurst and Corona to gather affidavits for the other domain names.

Public Information

Inspector Brian Hennessy from the 115th Precinct said based on 28 days' report there has been an increase in crime with the exception of burglaries. He stated the crime numbers for the past year.

- There were 0 Murders this year as well as 0 last year.
- There were 4 Shootings this year vs 3 last year.
- There were 5 Rapes this year vs 3 last year.
- There were 31 Robberies this year vs 25 last year.
- There were 27 Felonies this year vs 25 last year.
- There were 17 Burglaries this year vs 21 last year.
- There were 63 Grand Larcenies this year vs 60 last year.
- There were 9 Stolen Vehicles this year vs 7 last year.
- There were 4 Gun Arrests at: 90th Street and 37th Ave; 84th Street and 32nd Ave; 95th Street btw 35th Ave and 37th Ave; Gillmore btw Astoria Blvd and 29th Ave.

Board Member Ralph Moreno mentioned graffiti at Elmhurst Ave between 93rd Street and 94th Street. Inspector Hennessy told him that the Precinct was aware of the location and it is on the list for the next cleanup.

A resident said there are drug sales at Roosevelt Ave and 79th Street.

The Inspector said he will inform the Officers on the 9pm – 6am detail to patrol the area.

Another resident inquired about the gang violence in the neighborhood.

Inspector Hennessy said there were 13 incidents involving gang activities. There was a gang-related stabbing at Travers Park which is still under investigation. He said the 115th Precinct is on top of gang violence. The Inspector said that speed enforcement will be stepped up around Grand Central Parkway following a fatal vehicle accident that happened at 2:00am this morning.

Council Member Daniel Dromm

CM Daniel Dromm said it is a great thing that CB3 brought democracy back to the streets. He said that CB3 is the model of what should be happening all over the city. CM Dromm then expressed his gratitude to CB3 for their support of the LGBT community, especially during the tragedy in Orlando which the Councilman said affected him personally. He said that CB3 welcomed the Gay Pride Parade when no other community would. The Councilman said he held a rally at Diversity Plaza to condemn violence, which was attended by the diverse members of the community. He also mentioned that Diversity Plaza would not exist if it wasn't for the approval of CB3. CM Dromm again conveyed his deep gratitude to CB3 for all their support.

Council Member Costa Constantinides

CM Constantinides began by saying that the community will always stand by the LGBT community and Orlando. He thanked Mr. Kulhanek and District Manager Giovanna Reid for bringing the Public meeting to the streets, an idea that other Boards should emulate. He said that they were able to provide an additional \$400,000 for construction of Bulova Park next year. It will be used for a handball court and adult fitness equipment. There is also \$38.5 million going to youth employment. CM Constantinides thanked CM Dromm and CM Julissa Ferreras for being advocates for culture and after school activities. CM Constantinides said that he and Assemblyman Michael DenDekker will be at the Jackson Heights Shopping Center on June 25 with a Library Mobile Unit. They are going to try to bring it out more often to make it easier for residents to take out books. At the same time there will be a shredding truck for residents. Residents can contact CM Constantindes or Assemblyman DenDekker's Office for a rain barrel giveaway.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(LAND USE– Hamlett Wallace, Chair)

ULURP # C160283ZSQ (related C160246ZSQ, C160284ZSQ, C160283ZSQ, M790347A, CEQR # 15DCP160Q) -102-05 Ditmars Blvd.

The application seeks a special permit to allow a public parking garage with a maximum capacity of 1,775 spaces to be located on the roof of a proposed garage building and to modify the height, setback, side yard and sign regulations.

Hamlett Wallace called upon the applicants to make their presentation.

Evan Stavisky of the Parkside Group introduced himself as the representative for the applicant The Parking Spot. Mr. Stavisky stated that the Parkside Group along with The Parking Spot has had several community meetings in regards to the location and have visited the site several times. He said that through their presentation they hope to answer any questions and concerns.

John Lions the senior vice-president of development at The Parking Spot came forward and gave a brief history of The Parking Spot. He stated that it was started by the same company that owns Hyatt Hotels. He said because of this The Parking Spot is focused on the hospitality aspect of the garage.

Mr. Lions then presented a chart that details what a traveler going to LaGuardia would experience. He said that if someone took a limo the round trip fare would be about \$250. The carfare for an Uber ride would be \$140. Driving to LaGuardia and parking there is about \$39 a day. At The Parking Spot it is about \$24 a day. He explained that a typical stay is three days. Money could be saved if the traveler were to use TPS.

Mr. Lions stated that the majority of customers at their other location come from Westchester, or Eastern Long Island. He said that contrary to the 1,775 spaces being proposed in the application, their other location usually only has 500 cars at once on a busy day. Mr. Lions also stated that The Parking Spot would function more as a storage facility, the likelihood of people coming in and out between 7:00 and 9:00 am were low.

Rick Kasey, the landscape architect, spoke regarding the construction surrounding the building. He emphasized many trees and flowers would be planted around the location. Mr. Kasey stated that the installments would be around for all 4 seasons.

Marty Tal from VHP a planning and engineering firm, said VHP conducted all the traffic and environment studies regarding the location. All of the analyses followed city protocol and all were vetted and proofed with the Department of City Planning and Department of Transportation. Their analyses found that The Parking Spot did not create a high volume of vehicular traffic. In the morning peak hours, the location would generate about 90 vehicles coming in to the garage, and 15 going in. In the evening peak hour, it would be about 30 vehicles entering the garage and about 85 leaving.

Mr. Garret the lawyer for The Parking Spot, said that they would be receiving several special permits in order to build on the location, one being a signage permit that would allow for the location to have higher signage. Another permit that The Parking Spot would have to receive is the suspension of a current permit that allowed only the Marriott Hotel to build at the location. This suspension would allow the organization to build for the time being until the work was completed. If further construction were to be done in the future, The Parking Spot would have to go through the same process of being approved. Mr. Garret also stated that the minimum amount of time a car must remain parked was one full day, which meant there would be no hourly parking.

Mr. Stavisky stated LaGuardia, although known as the smaller airport in the tristate area, has many more flights and passengers than Newark Airport and JFK. Despite its size, LaGuardia has 600,000 more flights than Newark and almost 200,000 more flights than JFK does per year. However, Newark has 20,000 more parking spots than LaGuardia, and JFK has 15% more spots than LaGuardia.

Mr. Stavisky then stated that another 1200 parking spaces will be lost due to construction at LaGuardia Airport. He said the shortage creates the demand for locations such as The Parking Spot. He also stated that the organization is committed to hiring from within the community.

Hamlett Wallace invited the public to comment on the Land Use proposal.

Sergio, a resident of the community, pointed out that the land The Parking Lot would be right next to the Flushing Promenade. He wanted to know if the organization would be willing to commit a portion of its revenue to maintaining and beautifying the park.

Mr. Stavisky stated that there was an existing traffic circle west of the property on 102nd street and Ditmars Blvd, which The Parking Spot is committed to landscaping in cooperation with the NYC DOT. He said that The Parking Spot is committed to landscaping various locations adjacent to the garage.

Anita White, a resident from East Elmhurst, stated her concern with the building. She said when the Marriot was constructed it resulted in flooding in the area. She wanted to know how the public would be made aware of any infrastructure issues.

Roger Brown, a resident of the community, stated that everything that The Parking Spot said was great for them. It could even be good for the Airport. However, TPS is not connected to the Airport, and if LaGuardia needs more parking it should be handled internally. He said they are a private company, which is generating business by being in the community. He said that there is no reason why there should be a huge garage in a residential neighborhood, built on an elegant residential street.

Reverend Jenkins, a resident of East Elmhurst for over 50 years, stated that this location which would house close to 2000 cars, would contribute to the erosion to the quality of life. This includes: air pollution leading to asthma in children and breathing issues in older adults, and noise pollution, which is already unbearable with the cars and trucks barreling down Ditmars Blvd. 24 hours a day. It would cause increased wear and tear on the more than century-old destroyed, due to the increase in traffic. The increased traffic has already caused havoc with gas and sewage lines being destructed causing backups in homes. Reverend Jenkins pointed out that the construction of The Parking Spot would not alleviate the black car crisis in the neighborhood, due to the fact that black cars will not be able to park there. She said she is not satisfied with the studies that have been conducted by The Parking Spot.

James Carriero, a resident of the East Elmhurst community, stated he has lived in East Elmhurst since 1982 and is a real estate attorney. Mr. Carriero said he looked up the documents that were submitted to the City Planning Commission and some contradict what was presented by TPS. In reviewing their documents, they are claiming that they will be alleviating a parking problem at LaGuardia Airport; however the document submitted states that TPS is aware they are not solving any problems at the airport. In their statement it says, "Even with the parking garage, the parking deficit is set to be 4100" Mr. Carriero asked the Board to reconsider because it is not a solution to the black car problem nor is it a solution the parking problem, at LaGuardia. In fact TPS would be increasing traffic. The area is already congested with buses and existing traffic, and the traffic circle.

Alfredo Fredrick, a resident of East Elmhurst for over 50 years, stated he was an architect and wanted to point out several concerns. He reminded the community that when the Marriott was built, one of the conditions of it being built was to make sure that the view of the bay was not lost. Now The Parking Spot wants to build directly in front of the Bay blocking the view. He asked TPS to talk with the LaGuardia airport developers to see if it was possible to build the garage on their side. Mr. Fredrick also wanted to know where the hotel guests would park while construction was taking place.

Mr. Stavisky stated that hotel guests would have 420 spaces available to them during the time of construction so as not to fill the streets with parked cars.

Board Member Dr. Arturo Ignacio Sanchez stated that The Parking Spot is confusing their benefits with the community common good. Dr. Sanchez pointed out the amount of huge projects taking place in the community, including, the rebuilding of LaGuardia Airport, Willets Point, as well as the commercialization and privatization of Northern Blvd. The same is occurring on Astoria Blvd., in Long Island City and Flushing. He added that he felt there is a convergence of Long Island City with Flushing knocking out all the neighborhoods in between. Nothing was mentioned on how this would affect the housing values as well as who would be displaced as a result of this project. He agreed with Reverend Jenkins in terms of the environmental social injustice that would take place if the project was approved. He stated that Community Board 3 is rated among the highest in respiratory illnesses as a result of cars. He also said we cannot take their studies regarding traffic congestion at face value due to the fact that they may be biased and we don't know how they arrived at their conclusions. He hopes the Community Board votes no.

Lilian, who works at the other Parking Spot location, said she hoped everyone on the Board reconsiders. She stated she was a single mother who couldn't find a job, and The Parking Spot gave her an opportunity. She thinks that it will help with the black car issue.

Lily Pioche, from Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubrey's office, made a statement on his behalf. He stated the proposal is too intrusive on the local community and its streets Ditmars Blvd. in particular. The project runs counter to New York City policy on Vision Zero which is attempting to decrease car traffic. It competes with on airport parking and existing parking vendors. It has no public purpose, and the speculation of the elimination of the black car issue is only a mirage. In addition, the potential for retail inclusion is unacceptable.

(TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION – Stephen Kulhanek, Chair)

31st Avenue Bike Lanes Proposal

Vikram Sinha from the Department of Transportation introduced Senior Project Manager Nick Carrey to present the proposal for the 31st Avenue Bike Lanes. The plan is to expand the bicycle network in northern Queens by connecting to existing bike facilities, including the Queens Waterfront Greenway on Vernon Blvd. and the Flushing Bay Promenade. The initiative calls for a mix of bike lanes, shared lanes, and pedestrian safety improvements. The planned modifications entail the following:

31st Ave

Install Eastbound Bike Lane Markings from BQE to 101st St

Install Westbound Bike Lane Markings from 73rd St to BQE

Install Westbound Shared Lane Markings from 101st St to 73rd St

32nd Ave

Install Westbound Bike Lane Markings from 108th to 74th St

74th St / 75th St

Install Northbound Bike Lane Markings from 31st Ave to 34th Ave

Install Southbound Bike Lane Markings 31st Ave to 34th Ave

27th Ave

Install Eastbound Share Lane Markings from 100th St Ditmars Blvd

Install Westbound Shared Lane Markings from 100th St to Ditmars Blvd

Pedestrian Safety Enhancements

Upgrade to High Visibility Crosswalk all signalized intersections

Chairman Kulhanek welcomed questions from the public.

James McIntyre from Queens Bike Initiative thanked the community for supporting the 31 Ave Bike Lane. He said they have received 3000 signatures in support of the bike lane and 2000 were from CB3. He thanked local politicians, DOT and especially CM Dromm for first seeing their vision for a bike network. Mr. McIntyre said that this neighborhood could be the leader in creating a safer and more connected Queens for the entire community.

A resident said she feels safe riding on the bike lanes and won't let her children ride in the streets that have no bike lanes.

A representative for Make Queens Safer said they want children to be safe when they ride to their after school activities. It will be safer than 32nd Ave, where there is drag racing. She added that DOT had done a great job with outreach and that the 31 Street Ave Bike Lane is good for business as well as the neighborhood.

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

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

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the representative of Penetros Bakery. The owner said that he wants to provide better service to customers by serving beer and wine.

NY Cantaoke Inc. – 78-01 Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (***Renewal – Full Liq.***)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the representative of NY Cantaoke Inc. The owner said he has been at the same location for 13 years and has always abided by NY City laws.

Ilusion Tavern Corp. – 105-07 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY 11368 (***Class Change – Full Liq.***)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the representative of Ilusion Tavern Corp. The applicant was not present.

Oasis Grill & Wine Bar Corp. – 31-11 103rd Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (***New – Wine/Beer***)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the representative of Oasis Grill & Wine Bar Corp. The representative said the restaurant is a new business and hopes the Board will approve his wine & beer application.

Executive Session

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

Motion #46 – Adoption of the June 16, 2016 Agenda

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

Motions by Committee

(LAND USE– Hamlett Wallace, Chair)

ULURP # C160283ZSQ (related C160246ZSQ, C160284ZSQ, C160283ZSQ, M790347A, CEQR # 15DCP160Q) -102-05 Ditmars Blvd.

Mr. Wallace restated that in the matter of an application regarding the Parking Spot, LGA Parking, LLC., is seeking three Special Permits and a Modified Declaration four land use actions to allow the construction of a 427,472 square-foot public parking garage, on 10 parking levels of which two levels will be below Ditmars Blvd. and 8 levels above Ditmars Blvd., containing 420 accessory parking spaces (as of right), 1,775 public long term parking space and a convenience retail shop.

The Land Use Committee after review of this matter recommends the application for the development of a combined public parking and accessory parking facility (parking garage building), located within the C4-2, R3X zoning districts be approved with the following provisos. The applicant has committed to the following:

- Help the community beautify the neighborhood by investing in annual maintenance plan for the improvement and upkeep of the 25th Avenue Step Street.
- Partner with Community Board 3, East Elmhurst Civic Association and the Ditmars Blvd Block Association to provide scholarships for college bound High School students that reside in Community Board 3.
- Hire within the neighborhoods of Community Board 3.
- Work with the Ditmars Blvd Block Association advisory board.
- Keep the community apprised of planned demolition and construction schedules.
- Commit to meeting with the Ditmars Blvd Block Association once a month and at the very least once every quarter from the start and until the completion of the project.
- Restrict construction activities to Dept. of Buildings permitted hours 7am to 3 pm; no weekend construction activity.
- Work with NYC DOT's Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination to minimize impacts to the local community and coordinate with other ongoing projects that are within the vicinity of The Parking Spot's project.
- In the event that the proposed plans are modified or there is a change in use, the owner/operator must come back to the Community Board for review and approval.
- Make meeting room available for the Ditmars Blvd. Block Association to hold meetings at LaGuardia Marriott Hotel.

Board Member Vasantrai Gandhi said that he is in favor of the Parking Spot application.

Board Member Edmund Rosenbaum said he is against the Parking Spot because it will bring more traffic into the community and will not have any effect on reducing the use of black cars.

Board Member David Rosero said he is against the Parking Spot because it will cause too much traffic and pollution into the community.

Board Member Ladisla Perez said that driving around looking for a parking causes more pollution. She said that the Parking Spot will provide jobs for the community.

Board Member Dr. Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez said with projects like this we are seeing that the common good of the firm is being confused with the common good of the Community.

Chair Hamlett Wallace read the following statement from Port Authority:

Dear Chairman Kulhanek:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 10, 2016 regarding the availability of parking at LaGuardia Airport. The Port Authority welcomes the opportunity to provide accurate information to the board and, is committed to remaining a good neighbor to the people of Queens.

As you are aware, Governor Cuomo recently announced that the Port Authority has executed a lease with LaGuardia Gateway Partners (LGP) to deliver a new 21st century airport for the State of New York. This \$4-billion project will transform LaGuardia into a single, unified main terminal with expanded transportation access, significantly increased taxiway space and best-in-class passenger amenities. Additionally, we were tasked to ensure an adequate level of parking such that the surrounding neighborhoods are not used as parking lots. We intend to do that.

To manage parking, the Port Authority implemented a comprehensive plan to ensure the airport can handle anticipated demand. We were happy to brief your office on April 12 regarding those details. Our analysis indicates that once the East and West Garages are completed, we will have sufficient capacity to meet the overall demand. The first phase of the East Garage has already been completed and construction of the West Garage recently commenced.

We look forward to continued dialogue with you and the board throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Richard Smyth
Project Executive

Motion # 47 - ULURP # C160283ZSQ (related C160246ZSQ, C160284ZSQ, C160283ZSQ, M790347A, CEQR # 15DCP160Q) -102-05 Ditmars Blvd.

Upon motion duly made by Hamlett Wallace, seconded by Vasantrai Gandhi, to approve a public parking garage was not passed with a vote of 8 in Favor, 23 Opposed, and 2 Abstentions.

Board Member Lynda McDougald said she does not agree with the project but wishes the access would have been from Grand Central instead of Ditmars Blvd.

31st Avenue Bike Lanes

Stephen Kulhanek, Chairman, informed the Board that the committee recommends that the proposal the 31st Avenue Bike Lanes be approved.

Motion # 48 - 31st Avenue Bike Lanes

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek, seconded by Edmund Rosenbaum, to approve the 31st Avenue Bike Lanes was approved with a vote of 32 in Favor, 1 Opposed, and 0 Abstentions.

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

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends approval of the application for a new wine and beer license.

Board Member Arthur Teiler said that CB3 has received petitions asking not to approve liquor licenses along 31st Ave. because it's mostly residential.

Motion # 49 - Penetros Bakery and Rest. Corp. – 90-01 31st Ave., East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (New – Wine/Beer)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to approve the application for wine and beer, was passed with a vote of 27 in Favor, 6 Opposed, and 0 Abstentions.

NY Cantaoke Inc. – 78-01 Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (Renewal – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends disapproval of the application for renewal of full liquor license due to NYPD summons actions and absence at the committee meeting.

Motion # 50 - NY Cantaoke Inc. – 78-01 Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (Renewal – Full Liq.)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to disapprove the application for full liquor license, was passed with a vote of 33 in Favor, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstentions.

Ilusion Tavern Corp. – 105-07 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY 11368 (Class Change – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends disapproval of upgrade of class change to Full Liquor due to the 200 foot rule. Mr. Rosenbaum said that there is a place of worship 45 feet away from the location. It is still

an active religious non-profit organization. A hearing will be held at SLA for final determination.

Motion # 51 - Ilusion Tavern Corp. – 105-07 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY 11368 (**Class Change – Full Liq.**)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded Vivian Dock, to disapprove the application for full liquor license, was passed, with a vote of 33 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

Oasis Grill & Wine Bar Corp. – 31-11 103rd Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (**New – Wine/Beer**)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, informed the Board that the committee recommends approval for new wine and beer license.

Motion # 52 - Oasis Grill & Wine Bar Corp. – 31-11 103rd Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369 (**New – Wine/Beer**)

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Vasantrai Gandhi, to approve the application for wine and beer, was passed with a vote of 33 in Favor, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstentions.

Chairman's Report – *Stephen Kulhanek*

Chairman Kulhanek said that Council Member Daniel Dromm drafted a local law stating that the owner of a newsstand box maintain them. The owners would be obligated to keep them in good condition and appearance, or their license would be revoked. Mr. Kulhanek asked the Board for their support to send a letter to CM Dromm in support of the law. The Board agreed unanimously.

Mr. Kulhanek said there are no meetings in July and August unless something comes up. He said that the swearing in for new and reappointed Board Members would occur on June 22 at The Hall of Science at 5pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming out.

District Manager Report - *Giovanna Reid*

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked everyone for attending the first outdoor Public Meeting in East Elmhurst. Ms. Reid presented a certificate of appreciation to Fatima Baryab in recognition of her work serving the community and co-founding of SUKHI NY. Ms. Reid wished all in attendance a great summer.

Motion # 53 – Adoption of the May, 2016 Monthly Minutes

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

Health and Social Services – *Vivian Dock*, Chair

Board Member Vivian Dock thanked all who helped make the Leon Von Holden Health Fair a success. Ms. Dock thanked the planners, Ms. Reid, CB3 Office Staff, Health & Social Services Committee, residential committee members, co-sponsors, volunteers, and contributions from Board Members, health care providers and entertainers.

Borough Presidents Report

Lisa Atkins, representative from Borough President Melinda Katz' Office informed the residents about the upcoming *Only in Queens Festival* at Flushing Meadows Park on June 26. She said all in attendance are invited to the all-day event.

Legislators Report

Nick Gulotta from the Mayor's Office said that the new executive budget will allow libraries to be open 6 days a week permanently. Mr. Gulotta reminded the community of successes with Pre K, distribution of NYC IDs in 5 boros, as well as the end of Stop and Frisk. Additionally, thanks to NYPD crime went down 6.1%. He said that Queens did well with the budget, receiving \$20 million for snow plows and \$200 million for the reconstruction of the Queensboro Bridge. Mr. Gulotta thanked the community, Chairman Kulhanek and District Manager Giovanna Reid.

Gabriel Lewenstein from Public Advocate Leticia Janes's Office said that there are going to be two screenings about the National Rifle Association in Park Slope on September 29 and at John Jay College on September 23 and 27. A talk about veterans' issues will be held at the Intrepid on September 29. He said that the Public Advocate welcomes everyone to come to attend.

Andrew Sokolof, District Affairs Manager for Council Member Julissa Ferreras Copeland's Office, said that with the budget they were able to fund \$1.8 million for seniors and \$860 million for school construction. Mr. Sokolof said that C. M. Ferreras' Office is hosting an Open House on June 17, 4pm – 7pm. He also said that Saturday, June 18, at Corona Golf Playground there would be bike helmet giveaways.

Motion # 54 – Motion to Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek and seconded by Ralph Moreno, to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon