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**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE**

Ann Brown  
Elba Buendia  
Shiv Dass  
Sonya Davis Roberts  
Vivian Dock  
Margaret Dozier  
Renetta English  
Kevin Hughes  
Joyce Julian  
Stephen Kulhanek  
Marta Lebreton  
Carlos Andres Lopez  
Martin Maier  
Bill Meehan  
Lisa Mesulam  
Richard A. Mink  
Ralph Moreno  
Veronica Ng  
Laverne Nimmons  
Philip Papas  
Esteban Peralta  
Ladislav Perez  
Dorothy Phelan  
Fausto Rodriguez  
Jairo Rodriguez  
Leoncio Romero  
Edmund Rosenbaum  
David Rosero  
Lobsang Salaka  
Marlene Tapper  
Frank Taylor  
Arthur Teiler  
Shanel Thomas  
Pat Thorpe  
Hamlett Wallace  
Edwin Westley  
Camilo Zamora

**ABSENT**

Vasantraï Gandhi  
Patricia Glunt  
Pastor Peter Herron  
Larinda Hooks  
Edward Kiernan  
Lynda McDougald  
Caridad Mak  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Tammy Rose  
Agha Muhammad Saleh  
Jimmy Smith

**GUESTS**

Council Member Daniel Dromm  
Inspector Michele Irizzary – 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Ruth Fasoldt, LINK NYC (Intersection)  
Lt. Jeff Scherer – FDNY  
Jeff Margolis – NYC Dept of Design & Construction  
Darryl Green – FDNY/EMT  
Lisa Atkins, Rep., Queens Borough President  
Aliya Latif, Office of Comptroller  
Gary Gilbert, Office of Assemblyman  
DenDekker

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

## June 15, 2017 Board Meeting

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

### **Public Participation**

#### **Commission of Human Rights**

Suleka Prasad from the Commission of Human Rights said that the commission laws have been expanded; more than ever due to these sensitive times. The Commission of Human Rights Law mandate is no one should be discriminated against or harassed whether it is Housing, Public Accommodations, Employment, or Bias-based or profiling by law enforcement. Ms. Prasad emphasized that anyone who has undocumented status should not be discriminated against. Any complaints of discrimination should be reported to Commission of Human Rights at 718-722-3131 or contact Ms. Prasad at 718-657-1095.

#### **Dog Park**

Kate Bly, Friends of LaGuardia Landing Lights member, said her group wants to have a official dog run in Jackson Heights with the blessing of the community. Friends of LaGuardia Landing Lights has sixty nine members that consists of companion dogs, therapy dogs and a TSA Bomb Sniffing dog that works at LaGuardia Airport. Ms. Bly asked for either a letter of support for the Parks Commissioner or a meeting with CB3 Parks Committee to discuss their proposal. One proposal is that the Parks Department install a fence around Field H that is designated as an off leash area but that site is surrounded by a lot of traffic. The second proposal is to temporary take over Field A. Ms. Bly said that Friends of LaGuardia Landing Lights would be responsible for routine maintenance both areas. Ms. Bly stated that the group has reached out to the offices of Council Members Costa Constantinides and Daniel Dromm to support their requests. A petition of 386 signatures in support of the proposals was handed in to District Manager Giovanna Reid.

#### **USTA**

John Albert, USTA Rep., announced that there will Ball Person Tryouts on Monday, June 26, 2017. Registration will begin at 3:00pm at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. He said it a good experience for young people who are ages 14 – 18 years of age. He announced that there will be a Job Fair on July 11 & 12, 2017 from 2:00 pm – 8:00pm.

#### **View From the Heights**

Board Member Ed Westley informed the members of the board that in their envelopes were copies of *View From the Heights*. Mr. Westley asked the members to fill out the survey inside. He said they could mail it in, fill it out on line or take it to a drop off point.

**Jackson Heights Art Club**

Board Member and President of Jackson Heights Art Club Martin Maier said that the Jackson Heights Art Club will have their art show at PS 69 on Saturday, 17 and Sunday, June 18, 2017. Mr. Maier encouraged all in attendance to come out and support the local artists.

**River keepers and Guardians of Flushing Bay**

Cody Herman, representing River Keepers and Guardians of Flushing Bay, announced that on Friday, June 23, 2017 at Queens Museum there will be a visioning session from 6:00pm to 8:00pm regarding the Flushing waterways. Ms. Herman encouraged the public to come out and take advantage of the opportunity to have their voices heard.

**NYC Well**

Barney Chow, a rep for NYC Well, informed all in attendance that if they know of anyone who has a mental disorder to contact 1-888-NYC-WELL. Mental Health Specialist are hand to assistance. He also announced for organizations in the mental health field.. an eight hour Mental Health First Aid class that teaches intervention techniques available.

**Public Information**

**Council Member Daniel Dromm**

Council Member Daniel Dromm greeted all in attendance. He said that he has a great working relationship with Community Board 3. The board has produced a lot of positive outcomes for the district. CM Dromm congratulated Philip Papas on becoming the new Chairperson for CB3. He also thanked CB3 for marching at the Queens Pride Parade and said that CB3 is a diverse board that shows up.

CM Dromm reported that he gave CB3 a grant of \$8000 to beautify Northern Blvd by planting greenery from 69<sup>th</sup> to 92<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

The Councilmember is the Chair of the Education Committee in the City Council. He proudly announced that out of the City's 85 billion dollar budget, 40 billion dollars has been allocated for education. He said of that amount 13 million dollars will go to dropout prevention programs. CM Dromm said he was glad to have a Chancellor that is an educator. He said some of the positives in the budget for children is the 3-PreK. For high school students, eighty counselors will be hired to ensure that all the assistance that is needed will be available.

CM Dromm reported that he expects that there will be some cuts coming from Washington. The cuts will be for food programs so there additional money has been put in the City budget for food programs.

The Trump administration proposes a 140 million dollar cut in title 2A funding which is for class size reduction and for professional development. The Councilman said that he is concerned about overcrowding in Districts 24 and 30. He also fears that there will be cuts to senior and special education programs. He reported that additional funding has

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been made available for legal counseling to assist immigrants facing deportation regardless of past history.

CM Dromm thanked Inspector Irizzary and NYPD for accommodating the outdoor meeting. He expressed that the board meetings are a great forum to have people come out and participate in Democracy in action. He said that transparency is so important. CM Dromm said he hopes to see everyone at Diversity Plaza for next year's outdoor meeting.

### **Inspector Michele Irizzary – 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct**

Inspector Irizzary said that the 115 Precinct has seen a slight increase in Grand Larceny crimes due to phone scams. Many senior citizens fall victim to phone scams and lose their lives savings. The Inspector noted that the 115 Precinct has made some changes with deployment, education and outreach and has had a positive outcome on crime numbers.

She announced that the NCO Program will start at the 115 Precinct in July. There will be eight Officers assigned to 4 sectors. The Inspector encouraged all in attendance to get to know their NCO Officers.

Board Member Shiv Dass said that during the month of June is an important time the followers of Islam. He asked if there will be additional coverage will be provided assigned.

The Inspector said she will look into how she can utilize her Officers.

Inspector Irizzary introduced Captain Gaby Celiba who is new to the 115 Precinct. The Inspector Michelle Irizarry wished everyone a happy and safe summer.

### **Link NYC**

Ruth Fasoldt, External Affairs Manager for the LINK NYC Project, said that her company Intersection works with DOITT (Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications) to replace the pay phones with LinkNYC kiosks.

LinkNYC is a new communications network that is replacing New York City pay phones with state-of-the-art kiosks called Links. Anyone can make free phone calls out but cannot receive calls. Ms. Fasoldt said all of Link's features and services are 100% free. They come at no cost to taxpayers. It is paid for by the advertisement on the side of the links.

Each Link is equipped with free services like high-speed Wi-Fi, phone calls, a tablet for maps and city services, and device charging for anyone. The Wi-Fi will work if someone is 300 feet away.

Ms. Fasoldt informed all in attendance that Community Board can now be able to advertise their Board meetings, as well as Community Boards websites. Intersection is still looking for spots to place kiosks and will return to the Community Board in the near future to ask for approval on locations.

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Board Member Ed Westley asked if they have any relationship with dot.nyc or with parks regarding setting up Wi-fi.

Ms. Fasoldt said there is no relationship with dot.nyc or parks. The only agency they work with is Doitt.

Resident asked what revenue does Linknyc take in.

Ms. Fasoldt replied that said they split the revenue 50/50 with the city. It is estimated they will make five million dollars with the project.

Board member Edmund Rosenbaum asked if the rectangle orange base that was installed at 78<sup>th</sup> Street off Roosevelt Ave is for a kiosk.

Ms. Fasoldt said yes wherever there was a pay phone they focus on putting a kiosk.

### **FDNY – Fire Safety/CPR**

FDNY Lieutenant Jeff Scherer spoke about the Red Cross and FDNY free smoke alarm campaign. For a limited time FDNY will be visiting homes and installing smoke alarms in more than one room in the residents home. Lt. Scherer said to call 1-877- RED – CROSS to setup an appointment.

Darryl Green, FDNY EMS Academy, announced that staffed FDNY EMT's who are certified AHA CPR instructors are providing New Yorkers with CPR classes at no cost to groups of 10 to 15 people. The 25 minute class will teach individuals about compressions and how to use an automated extremal defibrillator. Mr. Green said anyone interested should contact FDNY EMS Mobile CPR Training Unit at 718-281-3888 or online at [www.NYC.GOV/FDNY/CPR](http://www.NYC.GOV/FDNY/CPR).

### **HWOPIZ014Q – Diversity Plaza Reconstruction Project**

Jeff Margolis, NYC Department of Design & Construction, stated that Diversity Plaza Reconstruction Project will begin after July 4<sup>th</sup>. The project is located near the elevated 7 train on Roosevelt Ave. It is a 4.5 million dollar project that will take over a year for its completion. The Diversity Plaza Reconstruction Project is necessary for several reasons. The Department of Transportation can realign the streets to improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic and implement Mayor De Blasio's Vision Zero initiative. The Plaza's enhancements will beautify the community, which will include upgrades of street lights and catch basins will be done. Mr. Margolis assured the public that when construction of the Water main work begins, residents will receive 72 hour notice about water service interruptions. The Plaza Landscape will be pigmented in concrete pavement with planted tree pits and raised planters. There will be Bike parking and Art space provided by the Department of Transportation. Mr. Margolis said that the community will have access to NYC Wayfinding Signage and will be able to enjoy movable furniture. Mr. Margolis asked the audience if there were any questions.

Board Member Shiv Dass asked if while the construction is going on, will 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway be accessible.

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The project engineer for Diversity Plaza said it will be open but fenced with gates on 74<sup>th</sup> Street and another on 37<sup>th</sup> Ave and Broadway.

Board Member Martin Maier asked who is going to maintain the flowers and the planters.

The project engineer said the Council Member and friends of Diversity Plaza are discussing who would take care of it.

### **Public Hearing**

#### **(Bus. Eco. Develop. – Arthur Teiler and Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chairs)**

#### **S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:**

##### **HMSJ Corp. – 84-20 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, said that the applicant is seeking a recommendation for approval of a new liquor license. He called the applicant forward.

The applicant was not present.

##### **Suenos Americanos Bar Rest. – 35-14/16 Junction Blvd., Jackson Heights, (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, said that the applicant is seeking a recommendation for approval of a full liquor license. He called the applicant forward.

The representative for the restaurant said that the owner has been in business for many years on Roosevelt Avenue and wants to have a larger place on Junction Blvd.

##### **NY Romanticos Inc. – 76-07 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, said that the applicant is seeking a recommendation for approval of a full liquor license. He called the applicant forward.

The representative reported that the owner has had two businesses in the CB3 area. He said owner, would like to open a bar lounge in the Jackson Heights area.

Board Member Kevin Hughes asked will she be hiring from the community.

The representative confirmed that the owner will hire from the community.

##### **79-05 Corp. – 79-05 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, said that the applicant is seeking a recommendation for approval of a full liquor license. He called the applicant forward.

The owner said he will be working full time in the restaurant to bring something different to the neighborhood. He added that he would hire from the community.

**Executive Session**

Chairman Philip Papas opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion # 36 – Adoption of June 15, 2017 Agenda**

Upon motion duly made by Philip Papas, seconded by Edmund Rosenbaum, to adopt the agenda, was passed unanimously.

**Motions by Committee**

**(Bus. Eco. Develop. – Arthur Teiler and Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chairs)**

**S.L.A. New Wine/Beer & Liquor License Applications:**

**HMSJ Corp. – 84-20 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, said that the applicant is seeking approval for a liquor license.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated that the committee recommends approval of an application for full liquor license.

**Motion # 37 - HMSJ Corp. – 84-20 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to approve the application for a new liquor license, was passed unanimously.

**Suenos Americanos Bar Rest. – 35-14/16 Junction Blvd., Jackson Heights, (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, said that the applicant is seeking approval for full liquor license.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated that the committee recommends disapproval due to the applicant's failure to commit to the stipulations set forth by the committee.

Board Member Sonya Davis Roberts asked if the applicant was clear about not having any dancing or live music.

Edmund Rosenbaum replied that the applicant was clear and an email with stipulations was also sent to them.

Board Member Leoncio Romero asked if the applicant agreed or not.

Edmund Rosenbaum said the applicant agreed at the committee meeting. He added there were some documents that the committee requested of the applicant, but are still missing from their file.



**Motion # 38 - Suenos Americanos Bar Rest. – 35-14/16 Junction Blvd., Jackson Heights, (New – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Westley, to disapprove the application for a full liquor license, was passed with a vote of 34 in Favor, 1 Opposed, and 0 Abstention.

**NY Romanticos Inc. – 76-07 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, said that the applicant is seeking a recommendation for approval of a full liquor license.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated that the committee recommends approval of an on premise full liquor license for this applicant with stipulations that were accepted and agreed upon.

**Motion # 39 - NY Romanticos Inc. – 76-07 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by David Rosero, to approve the application for a full liquor license, was passed with a vote of 32 in Favor, 3 Opposed, and 0 Abstention.

**79-05 Corp. – 79-05 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair, said that the applicant is seeking approval for a full liquor license.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated the committee recommends disapproval of this application because the requested and agreed upon stipulations set forth by the committee as of today have not been submitted to the office.

Board member Frank Taylor asked Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum if he could ask the applicant a question.

Chairman Philip Papas asked the Board Members if they would agree to stop Executive Session and let Frank Taylor ask a question. Mr. Papas said the majority agreed to let the applicant answer questions.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked the applicant did he agree to the stipulations. If so, why weren't they sent?

The applicant replied that he did agree but he was not contacted.

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum said that emails were sent to the applicant and no stipulations were received.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum if they could accept the stipulations now.



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Member-at-Large and Board Member Sonya Davis Roberts said she was opposed to the applicant submitting the stipulations at this point because Suenos Americanos did not get the same opportunity.

Chairman Philip Papas recommended to go on with the vote to disapprove. He informed the board that If motion does not pass; the board will vote again until a motion to approve or disapprove to approve the application.

The Chairman announced that the meeting was back to Executive Session.

### **Motion # 40 - 79-05 Corp. – 79-05 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights, NY (New – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to disapprove the application for a full liquor license, was passed with a vote of 22 in Favor, 14 Opposed, and 0 Abstention.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Philip Papas said that the Youth Services Fair was a success as well as the 2017 Leon Von Holden Health Fair in June. He gave special thanks to Elba Buendia, Fausto Rodriguez, Frank Taylor and Carlos Andres Lopez. Mr. Papas thanked Mr. Lopez for bringing Mira USA who helped all day during the event. Mr. Papas said that Kevin Hughes was not at the event but was accessible to receive photos to post on twitter and Facebook.

### **District Managers Report**

District Manager Giovanna Reid informed the board that on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> planting will be done on Northern Blvd from 69<sup>th</sup> to 92<sup>nd</sup> Streets, Board Member Leoncio Romero will be leading the project. Ms. Reid said that the planting project is sponsored by Council Member Daniel Dromm. She said all are welcome to participate.

She wished everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

### **Motion # 41 - Adoption of May 18, 2017 Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Philip Papas and seconded by Laverne Nimmons, to adopt the May minutes was passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Health and Social Services**

Committee Chair Vivian Dock reported that its annual Leon Von Holden Memorial Health Care Expo was held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Corona Health Center. Ms. Dock said that it was one of the most successful events due to volunteers giving their time, donations of food, raffle items, monetary funds and hard work. She thanked the Health/Social Services Committee, District Manager Giovanna Reid, CB3 Office Staff, Chairman Philip Papas, Community volunteers, Co-Sponsors, residents who volunteered and especially the Health Care Providers participates.

**Youth Services and Education**

Second Vice Chair and Youth Services Committee Chair, Renetta English reported that The Youth Services Planning and Education Committees successfully held Queens Community Board 3 2017 Volunteer Fair at the School Civics in the Community – Intermediate School 230 in Jackson Heights on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme of the fair was “Volunteer Today for a Better Tomorrow”. Ms. English thanked all the organizations and speakers who attended the Volunteer Fair, the members of her committee and Regal Heights for always being supportive.

Secretary and Education Committee Chair Lisa Mesulam thanked IS 230 for their generosity in providing lunch, thank you letters and certificates for the event participants. Ms. Mesulam also thanked Ms. Reid and CB3 Staff for their hard work.

Ms. English thanked everyone who brought donations to the meeting for the King’s Inn.

**Treasurer - Dr. Laverne Nimmons**

Reported that there is \$540 in the Sunshine Fund. She also announced that the Patrick Beckles Scholarship Fund is ongoing and so far has collected \$150. Ms. Nimmons thanked everyone for their generosity and wished everyone a happy summer.

**Borough Presidents Report**

Lisa Atkins, representative for Borough President Melinda Katz, reported that on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Borough President Melinda Katz hosted “Only in Queens” at Flushing Meadows Park with musical guest George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic.

She announced that on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> will be Board Members Award Ceremony at Borough Hall at 6:00pm. She encouraged the board members to attend and show support.

On Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be celebration for Gay Pride at Queens Borough Hall at 6:00pm. In addition, on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a celebration of Jerusalem at Young Israel of Hillcrest at 7:00pm.

Ms. Atkins said Borough President Melinda Katz wishes everyone a safe and happy summer.

**Legislators Report**

Nick Gulotta, Mayor’s Office, reported that in the FY18 budget every NYC classroom will have universal air conditioners as well as having physical education. He said that over a 100 million dollars has been put in the budget to ensure that low income tenants have a free attorney in housing court. For more information on services call 311.

Aliya Latif, representative for NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer’s Office said that the Comptroller and over eighty organizations are calling on the city to create a fund to cover the cost of citizenship.

She announced that LGBT Pride Awards will take place on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at Macys in Herald Square.

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Deanna Foote, representative for Senator Jose Peralta's Office, reported that in July a new hotel will be looking to hire housekeepers and night auditors with experience. Anyone interested should contact Senator Peralta's Office.

Gary Gilbert, representative for Assemblyman Michael DenDekker, informed the public that Saturday, June 17, will be a recycling event at Jackson Heights shopping center. There will also be a shredding event at the Northern Blvd playground on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 1:00pm.

**Motion # 42 - Motion to Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by Philip Papas and seconded by Marta Lebreton to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Clara Colon