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Thursday, January 19, 2017

**ATTENDANCE**

Ann Brown  
Elba Buendia  
Shiv Dass  
Sonya Davis Roberts  
Vivian Dock  
Margaret Dozier  
Renetta English  
Vasantraï Gandhi  
Joyce Julian  
Kevin Hughes  
Stephen Kulhanek  
Marta Lebreton  
Bill Meehan  
Lisa Mesulam  
Laverne Nimmons  
Philip Papas  
Ladislá Pérez  
Dorothy Phelan  
Fausto Rodríguez  
Jairo Rodríguez  
Leoncío Romero  
Edmund Rosenbaum  
David Rosero  
Agha Muhammad Saleh  
Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez  
Arthur Teiler  
Shanel Thomas  
Hamlett Wallace  
Edwin Westley  
Camilo Zamora

**ABSENT**

Pat Beckles  
Patricia Glunt  
Larinda Hooks  
Lynda McDougald  
Martin Maier  
Caridad Mak  
Richard A. Mink  
Ralph Moreno  
Tammy Rose  
Jimmy Smith  
Pat Thorpe

**GUESTS**

Chief Juanita Holmes, Queens North  
Inspector Michele Irizarry, 115<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Al Harris, Con Edison  
Matt Sollars, NYC Campaign Finance  
Lisa Atkins, Queens Borough President  
Rep., NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer  
Barbara Jackson, Office of Congressman Crowley  
Gabriel Lewenstein, Office of the Public Advocate  
Andrew Sokolof, Rep., CM. Julissa Ferreras  
Lilli Pioche, Rep., Assemblyman Aubry  
Jacqueline Cosme, Rep., Councilman Dromm  
Gary Gilbert, Office of Assemblyman DenDekker

**Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:45pm**

## January 19, 2017 Board Meeting

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

### **Public Participation**

Dan Miner, introduced himself as a volunteer with an organization called 350NYC. He said that 2016 is officially the warmest year on record. The community can show its concern by joining in a march to Washington that is scheduled for April 29, 2017. Mr. Miner said 350NYC members are also part of Renews NY Coalition which is pushing for a bill to increase New York State's consumption of renewable energy to 50% by 2030. Renews NY Coalition hopes to provide green jobs training especially in disadvantaged communities. Mr. Miner encouraged residents to get involved with the other clean energy event that will take place throughout the year.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

#### **Chief Juanita Holmes, Queens North**

Chief Jaunita Holmes thanked the community for welcoming her as the new Borough Commander. Chief Holmes has been with NYPD for 30 years and worked mostly in Queens South.

Chief Holmes reported that shootings were down but crime was up 2.4% which was mostly due to Grand Larceny. Out of 230 crimes 90% were Computer Identity crimes. Identity thefts are hard to solve because the information stolen on the computer is done by criminals overseas. The Chief also reported that crime was up with Grand Larceny Auto. Most of the auto crimes that were reported, keys were left in the cars. She suggested that drivers take keys with them to avoid theft.

Chief Holmes stated that the night before a 67 year old resident was hit and killed by an Uber. The accident occurred one block away from his home. She reminded everyone that the speed limit is 25 mph so drivers should slow down in order to avoid accidents. Chief Holmes suggested that for pedestrian safety that we all look both ways before crossing the street. No one knows the mindset of a driver or if it's a stolen vehicle. The Chief said she will be campaigning at council meetings and senior centers about pedestrians being vigilant.

Chief Holmes expressed her concern about burglaries that occur during the day. Criminals think no one is home. If there is someone at home when a crime is being committed things could end up tragically.

Chief Holmes recommended that residents install alarm systems. They are inexpensive and can serve as a deterrent. Another way to help prevent burglaries is that neighbors be alert and call if they see strangers in the neighborhood. Chief Holmes assured everyone that the NYPD will respond to calls of suspicious people in the area. Chief Holmes opened the floor for questions.

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A resident asked about a new law stating that drivers will be arrested if they hit a pedestrian.

Chief Holmes said that yes drivers will be arrested if they do not yield to the right away. She stated that the driver who hit the 67 year old resident was arrested.

Board Member Ladisla Perez stated that while driving on Roosevelt Ave. it is difficult to see pedestrians from the blind spot when they cross in the middle of the street.

Chief Holmes said that NYPD is reaching out to the community in different forums to get the message out that pedestrians have an obligation to be standing on the sidewalk when crossing.

A resident said there has been a black Cherokee parked in front of the fire hydrant at 34-41 77<sup>th</sup> Street in Jackson Heights for over six months. He said that the Precinct has ignored his complaints.

Chief Holmes promised the resident that the car, even if it belongs to an Officer, will be removed.

Chief Holmes thanked everyone for their attention.

### **Con Edison – Al Harris**

Al Harris, from Con Edison Community Affairs warned the Public about calls from individuals saying they are Con Edison representative offering to lower customer's bill. Mr. Harris said that Con Edison does not make such calls nor ask for customer account information. Con Edison already has customer account information. If the customer calls Con Edison they will be asked to provide information as proof they are the customer with the account or that someone is applying for services. Mr. Harris said that no one from Con Edison would tell a customer to go buy a green card to bill. Bill payment can be done on line or call the 1800 number for assistance.

Mr. Harris also informed the Public about the Senior Direct Program for customers 62 years and older. Seniors will have a special number to contact a representative who will assist those with special needs. There is also the Concern Program for people with special needs or a disability.

A resident asked what is the phone number for the Senior Direct Program.

Mr. Harris said that once the senior signs up they will receive the number.

A resident suggested that Con Edison provide power tips. For example, buying metal power strip for carpet area so that it will prevent a fire.

Mr. Harris said that Con Edison website does recommends using power strip as well as energy safety appliances that will save money.

A resident asked for clarification on the phone calls offering to lower electric bill.

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Mr. Harris said that it's sometimes energy services trying to sign up people. He states that residents should be careful and ask a lot of questions. If the caller gets account information they can switch someone over to new service. Mr. Harris suggested contacting Con Edison for a list of legit companies.

### NYC Campaign Finance

Matt Sollars, representative from NYC Campaign Finance, explained that they operate the city's campaign finance program which offers public tax money for candidates to operate their campaign.

The city's voluntary public financing program matches small-dollar contributions. Participating candidates may qualify to receive public matching funds at a \$6-to-\$1 rate for contributions up to \$175 from individuals who reside in New York City. The matching funds program helps to amplify the voices of New Yorkers in city elections. For example, if a NYC resident makes a \$10 contribution to a participating candidate, it is actually worth \$70 to their campaign. Mr. Sollars said this is a good thing because the candidates are going out raising money from voters. They are engaging with the voters instead of raising money from large corporations. Mr. Sollars said that New York has the largest public matching funds program in the country. Campaign Finance handed out 38 Billion dollars for candidates to run their campaign. In 2013, 90 % of the contributions came from NY City residents.

The Program empowers more candidates to run for office, even without access to wealth; individuals who join can build viable, competitive campaigns for office by relying on support from their neighbors.

Mr. Sollars said they run other programs like Voter Engagement Program to get help for residents so that their voting experience is easier. They give out handouts for NYC Votes Campaign. Print and distribute guide. In the fall NYC Finance Campaign run debates program.

Mr. Sollars urged everyone to take a look at the website and handouts to find ways where they can get involved. The public matching funds makes it so that residents can run for office.

Board Member Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez asked in an average campaign what percentage of the money is from NYC Finance Campaign and what percentage from special interest.

Mr. Sollars said if you spend \$160,000 for a council seat, half will come from public finance and half from special interest.

Dr. Sanchez said it did not answer his question and apologized if he wasn't clear.

Mr. Sollars said Dr. Sanchez could contact him if he had further questions.

A resident asked for an update on Mayor Del Bascio campaign scandal. The resident asked how much of the public money was inappropriately spent.

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Mr. Sollars said that the audit enforcement fined them \$70,000. Not that much from the public was spent.

Board Member Bill Meehan asked if someone receives bundle contributions can they still receive 6 to 1 match. He said it would defeat the purpose of an open election and trying to getting more people involved because one person has a greater number to work with.

Mr. Sollars said there is a new law that states if a lobbyist or anyone who has a business relationship with the city those contributions will not be bundled. The contributions have to come from New York City residents.

Board Member Edwin Westley asked what data is provided to the public.

Mr. Sollars said there are itemize listing of every campaign finance transaction. It will list spending, each contribution, where they live, employer and what they think is match able.

Mr. Westley said the question Dr. Sanchez was asking is that he can get a listing of everybody that contributed to the Council Members if they are in the program.

Mr. Sollars said even if they are not in the program you can find the data. He also added NYC Campaign Finance audits every single campaign. The program empowers candidates but they must account for all funds. If they can't they have to pay the money back. Mr. Sollars thanked all in attendance for their attention.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

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

**El Rico Tinto Rest. & Bakery Inc.** – 76-07 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372  
(New – Full Liq.)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the owner of El Rico Tinto Restaurant.

Victor Gonzalez informed the Board that he is a member of the NYC Health Advisory Board as well as the owner of El Rico Tinto Restaurant. The restaurant is a mix of Mexican and Colombian food. Mr. Gonzalez said that having a full liquor license will provide a different environment. He assured the Board that safety precautions will be taken when selling liquor in his restaurant. He said to avoid any inconveniences with neighbors they will stop serving liquor at 11pm and the hours will not exceed pass midnight.

Dorothy Phelan, Board Member, commented that El Rico Tinto Restaurant is a wonderful addition to 37<sup>th</sup> Ave strip. She stated that it is a great business with friendly staff that serves delicious food.

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Bill Meehan, Board Member, said that the neighborhood is pleased with the customer friendly restaurant and would like recommend approval of the full liquor license.

A resident asked if there was a discussion with the public about having another bar in Jackson Heights. He asked if there was another meeting place where it would attract more residents, because location is near where the gentleman was hit by a car.

Edmund Rosebaum said that the Public Meeting is the place to hear discussions about restaurants seeking liquor licenses.

Mr. Gonzalez said that the restaurant will stop serving liquor after 11pm.

Board Member Marta Lebreton asked what the capacity is.

Mr. Gonzalez said the restaurant seats no more than 50 people.

**Tradiciones Mexicanas Corp.** – 96-07 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Corona, NY 11368 (Corp. Change – Wine/Beer)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the owner of Tradiciones Mexicanas Corp.

The owner said that they serve Mexican food along with wine and beer.

Dorothy Phelan, Board Member, asked Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum what is the current method of operation.

Mr. Rosenbaum responded that the current method of operation is restaurant with wine and beer. They will be mainly a bar with a limited menu.

Board Member Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez asked Mr. Rosenbaum what the definitions between restaurant and bar are.

Mr. Rosenbaum said that restaurant is full menu which means higher percentage of food. Limited menu means there is higher percentage of alcohol sold and less food sold.

Dr. Sanchez asked if selling more alcohol than food is a problem.

Mr. Rosenbaum said that it is one of the problems because the restaurant is located in a historic location. He said that there is more information in the Business Economic report.

Board Member Fausto Rodriguez asked the owner if she has a relationship with the previous owner and if the restaurant has any issues.

The owner said that she was not the previous owner and she is trying to get the establishment on her own. She said that they had a couple of violations for noise and there were some misunderstandings with the DBA.

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Board Member Fausto asked why the business is open at 2pm

The owner said that in the area business is better at 2pm.

Board Member Edwin Westley asked why do you want to change from restaurant to bar with limited menu.

The owner said that there were too much food on the menu. She said that kitchen will be open all the time.

Board Member Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez asked, how many employees work in the restaurant. He said that he believes people will be eating at 2pm than buying alcohol.

The owner said that she has three employees. She said that people will be coming out from work and want to eat.

### **Bovicar Inc. – 82-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (Alteration – Full Liq.)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the owner of Bovicar.

The owner said he wants to have the opportunity extend hours from 1am to 4am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Ed Westley, Board Member, asked Edmund Rosenbaum why in the previous case State Liquor Authority limited hours and not limiting hours in this case.

Edmund Rosenbaum, Chair, explained that the place next door had issues. When they closed Bovicar took over the space. SLA restricted the hours due to that.

Board Member Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez asked the owner if the reason for extended hours is because he needs to compete with other establishments.

The owner agreed. He further added that there was a noise complaint, but are meeting with a company to sound proof the second floor.

### **Delicias Tropical Rest. – 93-16B 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (New – Wine/Beer)**

Edmund Rosenbaum, Business Economics Co-Chair, called upon the owner of Delicias Tropical Restaurant.

The owner said she has a small family restaurant that operates 9:30am – 10:30pm. They service many birthday parties. The average cost of a meal is approximately \$8.75.

Board Member Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez said that he has been going to the restaurant for ten years and recommends approval.

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Chairman Stephen Kulhanek referred to a letter from Borough President's Office. The Boro President had questions regarding where was it appropriate to have the elections during the Public Meeting. It was strongly advised that the elections for Board Officers be done during Public Hearings instead of the Executive Session.

Chairman Stephen Kulhanek introduced Vivian Dock, Nominating Committee Chair.

Vivian Dock, Nominating Committee Chair, said that the ballots were going to be distributed by Lisa Atkins, Queens Borough President, Andrew Sokolof from Council Member Julissa Ferreras, Gary Gilbert, Office Assemblyman DenDekker and Lilli Pioche, Assemblyman Aubry Office.

Ms. Dock, thanked the members of the nominating committee: Kevin Hughes, Marta Lebreton, Fausto Rodriguez and David Rosero. Ms. Dock reported that the Nomination Committee met and the Nominees are as follows:

Philip Papas, Chairperson  
Shiv Dass, First Vice Chair  
Renetta English, Second Vice Chair  
Edmund Rosenbaum, Treasurer  
Lisa Mesulam, Secretary  
Elba Buendia, Sonya Davis Roberts, William Meehan and Leoncio Romero, Members at Large

Ms. Dock thanked the officers for serving three conservative years, Chairman Stephen Kulhanek, 1<sup>st</sup> Chairperson Ann Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairperson Hamlett Wallace, Members at Large, Jairo Rodriguez and Margaret Dozier.

Vivian Dock opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Members-At-Large.

A motion was made by Jairo Rodriguez, to nominate Edmund Rosenbaum for Chairperson and was seconded by Fausto Rodriguez.

Edmund Rosenbaum accepted the nomination.

Board Member Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez asked if Edmund Rosenbaum can run for Treasurer as well as Chair.

Ms. Dock explained that Mr. Rosenbaum has to decline position of Treasurer if he is running for Chair.

Ms. Dock asked Mr. Rosenbaum if he wants to decline his position. Mr. Rosenbaum said yes he is declining as Treasurer.

A motion was made by Renetta English, to nominate Laverne Nimmons, seconded by Marta Lebreton. Dr. Nimmons accepted the nomination.



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Ms. Dock closed the nominations and asked the two nominees for Chair to give a brief remark about themselves.

Board Member Philip Papas said that he loves his community that he has lived in for over twenty years with his wife. Mr. Papas said it has been a pleasure serving on the Board that is a reflection of everything that is positive in the community. He said he appreciates the experience he has had as a Board Member. With the opportunity to run for Chair, he promises to work hard on behalf of the Board.

Board Member Edmund Rosenbaum said that in the 33 years that he has lived in the community he has served 11 years on the CB3 Board and 8 years on the Executive Board. Through the years, he has gained experience and knowledge about the community. Mr. Rosenbaum said he has testified before many city agencies including State Liquor Authority. As Business Economics Co Chair he has gone out with the 115 Precinct investigating problematic locations to make the neighborhood a better place. He said he has traveled to other Boards dealing with issues at Willets Point, USTA and Major League Soccer. Mr. Rosenbaum said he has a passion for the work he does in the community. He said that it is a driving force in his life and he will take the position of Chairman seriously.

Ms. Dock instructed the Board Members to mark their ballots.

### **Executive Session**

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

### **Motion # 1 – Adoption of January 19, 2017 Agenda**

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

### **Motions by Committee**

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

**El Rico Tinto Rest. & Bakery Inc.** – 76-07 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372  
(New – Full Liq.)

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

**Motion # 2 - El Rico Tinto Rest. & Bakery Inc.** – 76-07 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372  
(New – Full Liq.)

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

**Tradiciones Mexicanas Corp.** – 96-07 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Corona, NY 11368  
(Corp. Change – Wine/Beer)

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Co Chair Edmund Rosenbaum informed the Board that the applicant is seeking a Corporate Change along with Wine and Beer. The committee recommends disapproval of an application for a corporate change and change in method of operation for an on-premises Wine & Beer license for this applicant due to past and current disciplinary history at this location compounded by a request to operate as a bar.

Board Member Ed Westley said that the applicant is being punished because of the location. He said all the violations were against the previous owner and because the location has been a trouble location that is how the committee came to a judgement. Mr. Westley said that is not fair to the applicant.

Mr. Rosenbaum said it's the history, current operation now and the risk involving in the reduction of menu. He said in his opinion the majority of the time more than 75% cases when it is a problematic location the issues continue.

Board Member Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez asked Mr. Rosenbaum how he arrived on the estimation of 75%.

Mr. Rosenbaum replied that it was his opinion that it is 75%.

Board Member Kevin Hughes said that he agrees that the new owner shouldn't be held accountable but it is concerning that the applicant is switching from restaurant to a bar with limited menu at an already area with bar issues.

Board Member Jairo Rodriguez said this kind of discussion should be done at the Business Economic Committee Meeting. Mr. Rodriguez said all Board Members are welcomed to the committee meeting.

Board Member Ladisla Perez said walks around that area at night and there are too many bars. She agrees with the committee to disapprove the application.

Board Member Ed Westley said I sit on two committees. He said the Board present's it's case and it makes sense the members go along with it. Mr. Westley said in this case it doesn't make sense.

### **Motion # 3 - Tradiciones Mexicanas Corp. – 96-07 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Corona, NY 11368 (Corp. Change – Wine/Beer)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ann Brown, to disapprove Corporate Change as well as Wine & Beer, with a vote of 20 in Favor, 9 Opposed and 1 Abstentions, was passed.

### **Bovicar Inc. – 82-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (Alteration – Full Liq.)**

Co Chair Edmund Rosenbaum informed the Board that the applicant is seeking a Corporate Change and the committee recommends approval.

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### **Motion # 4 - Bovicar Inc. – 82-13 Northern Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11372** **(Alteration – Full Liq.)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Ed Westley, with a vote 29 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention, was passed.

### **Delicias Tropical Rest. – 93-16B 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372** **(New – Wine/Beer)**

Co Chair Edmund Rosenbaum informed the Board that the applicant is seeking a Wine & Beer license and the committee recommends approval.

### **Motion # 5 - Delicias Tropical Rest. – 93-16B 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372** **(New – Wine/Beer)**

Upon motion duly made by Edmund Rosenbaum, seconded by Kevin Hughes, to approve the application for a Wine & Beer liquor license, was passed unanimously.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stephen Kulhanek said in 14 years he has enjoyed seeing his name on the ballots from Member at Large, Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and now Chairman. He said that term limits gives the chance for other members to have the opportunity of be Chairperson. Mr. Kulhanek said it's been a rewarding experience that has its challenges. He thanked the Board Members, Community Board 3 Staff and gave special thanks to District Manager Giovanna Reid for her support and guidance. Mr. Kulhanek told the Board that sometimes the CB3 recommendations are not heard. But down the road it does make a difference.

### **Motion # 6 - Adoption of the December 15, Meetings**

Upon motion duly made by Stephen Kulhanek and seconded by Arturo-Ignacio Sanchez, To adopt the December minutes was passed unanimously.

### **Youth Services**

Chair Renetta English thanked Queens Community Board 3 Members, Regal Heights Rehabilitation Center, National Association of University Women – Flushing North Shore Branch, Kiwanis Corona East Elmhurst, Cake Mio, IS 230, IS 61, IS 145, Gotham Cigar Enthusiasts, Patel Brothers, Kiwanis LaGuardia, Robert F Wagner High School, LaGuardia Gateway Partners, Bright Beginnings in Queens Village, Inc. and Second Chance Toys. Over 500 items were collected. All the organizations were appreciated of the donations.

Ms. English announced that there will be a Middle School volunteer Fair at IS 230. Anyone who knows of community based organizations that are looking for young people to volunteer let Youth Services Committee know.

**Parks Committee**

Chair Marta Lebreton reported that the committee met to discuss updates on construction at Diversity Plaza and Travers Park. For monthly updates call CB3 Office, check website or attend the community meeting.

**Borough President's Report**

Queens Borough President representative Lisa Atkins informed that Friday, January 20, 2017 is the deadline for Board Members who want to renew their membership.

On January 27, 2017 the Borough President will give her State of the Borough address at York College starting at 10:00 am.

The Borough President's Office is working on new Newsletters that will be mailed out shortly.

The NYC Dept of Finance will be doing outreach to all property owners, tenants and veterans program. On February 8, 2017 Borough Hall will be assisting with enrollment.

Ms. Atkins awarded Shiv Dass and Arthur Teiler certificates for 15 years of service in the Community Board.

**Legislator's Report**

Council Member Daniel Dromm's representative Jacqueline Cosme informed all in attendance that if anyone is interested in applying for NYC ID they can contact CM Dromm's Office at 718-83-6373 or call 311.

The representative for NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Office informed that she left flyers with information on scale of contributions that the Immigrants population makes to NYC. On January 26 there is a Town Hall Meeting in Jamaica, Queens.

The Community Action Center assists New Yorkers with complaints or inquiries about government services.

Assemblyman Aubry Office representative Lilli Pioche informed the board that on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 Council Member Julissa Ferreras Copeland along with Assemblyman Aubry's Office will be hosting a Black History Month Celebration. It will be held at Elmcors at 6pm. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

Council Member Julissa Ferreras Copeland Office representative Andrew Sokolof informed the board about the annual Citizenship NOW event that will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

**ELECTIONS RESULTS**

Chair Vivian Dock informed the Board on the results from the elections.

Philip Papas, Chairman

Shiv Dass, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Renetta English, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Lisa Mesulam, Secretary

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Treasurer

Bill Meehan, Elba Buendia, Sonya Davis Roberts and Leoncio Romero, Members at Large

**District Manager's Report**

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked the members of the Executive Committee who will not be continuing. Ms. Reid expressed gratitude to Edmund Rosenbaum for doing so much for the community. She said that Hamlett Wallace has been an asset to the Board with his knowledge of Land Use matters. Ms. Reid said that Ann Brown is very hardworking and will continue to represent the Board on the aviation round table. She said that Mr. Kulhanek is a wise man with a calm demeanor. He is very thoughtful and a pleasure to work with.

Ms. Reid said that she looks forward to working with new Chair Philip Papas. She said she is looking forward to working with Shiv Dass. Many of the members do not know how wonderful he has been to the staff. Ms. Reid said Mr. Dass has a big heart which is needed when dealing with community issues. Ms. Reid added that Renetta English has been serving on the Board for two years and has already held a very major and successful event, The Gift Giving Project.

Ms. Reid is looking forward to working with all the new officers. She thanked the board for their continued support.

**Motion # 7 - Motion to Adjourn**

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

The meeting was closed at 10pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Clara Colon

