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January 18, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Ann Brown
 Elba Buendia
 Shiv Dass
 Vivian Dock
 Margaret Dozier
 Renetta English
 Vasantrai Gandhi
 Patricia Glunt
 Pastor Peter Herron
 Larinda Hooks
 Kevin Hughes
 Edward Kieran
 Stephen Kulhanek
 Marta Lebreton
 Carlos Andres Lopez
 Bill Meehan
 Lisa Mesulam
 Richard A. Mink
 Ralph Moreno
 Veronica Ng
 Laverne Nimmons
 Nuala O'Doherty
 Philip Papas
 Ladisla Perez
 Dorothy Phelan
 Fausto Rodriguez
 Jairo Rodriguez
 Leoncio Romero
 Edmund Rosenbaum
 David Rosero
 Jimmy Smith
 Marlene Tapper
 Frank Taylor
 Arthur Teiler
 Shanel Thomas
 Pat Thorpe
 Edwin Westley

ABSENT

Sonya Davis Roberts
 Joyce Julian
 Caridad Mak
 Esteban Peralta
 Tammy Rose
 Lobsang Salaka
 Agha Muhammad Saleh
 Hamlett Wallace
 Camilo Zamora

Guests

B.J. Adler, Interim Dir Louis Armstrong Museum
 Nicole Garcia, DOT Queens Commissioner
 Anna McGrane, DOT Policy
 Lisa Atkins, Rep., Queens Boro President's
 William Giron, Comptroller Office
 Barbara Jackson, Congressman Joseph Crowley
 Deane Foote, Senator Jose Peralta
 Jackie Cosme, CM Daniel Dromm
 Ari Espinal, CM Francisco Moya
 Gary Gilbert, Office of Assy. Michael DenDekker
 Lili Pioche, Office of Assy. Jeffrion Aubry

Please note: The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:45 pm

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Jackson Heights Orchestra

Board Member Pat Glunt announced that on Saturday, February 3rd, Jackson Heights Orchestra will be performing at St. Mark's Church at 4:00pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for senior and students.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Louis Armstrong House Museum

B.J. Adler, Interim Director of The Louis Armstrong House Museum, said that Michael Cogswell won't be able to continue as Director of Louis Armstrong House Museum due to health issues. She said that Mr. Cogswell is a big part of the museum for the last twenty six years and has a good relationship with the community. A new Director will be appointed in the near future.

Ms. Adler reported that in the following week construction on the Louis Armstrong Education Center will begin. She said they will work together with the community by providing announcements every two weeks. Ms. Adler hopes that everyone will attend the grand opening estimated in 2020.

Chairman Philip Papas wished Michael Cogswell all the best on behalf of the community.

NYC DOT - Carshare Pilot Program

Nicole Gracia, DOT Queens Borough Commissioner, announced that Jackson Heights has been selected to be part of the Carshare Pilot Program. Ms. Gracia introduced Anna Green, DOT Policy, to present and answer questions about Carshare.

Anna McGrane, from DOT Policy, said that DOT recognizes that not everyone has access to a car to get to where they need to go. She said those people can now have the option of using Carshare. Carshare is an automobile that can be rented for a short-term by the hour or minute. The cost includes gas and insurance.

Ms. McGrane said the program has been successful in other cities so DOT reached out to elected officials, community boards, and the public to provide input on locations that can use Carshare. They came up with 14 zones with mixture of neighborhoods throughout the city that the pilot would be more useful. Ms. McGrane said there will be pilot evaluation through data sharing and independent analysis.

She added that Qualified Carshare companies can participate if they meet requirements. There will be new signage at the curbside including No Standing regulation and Carshare companies have to clean up their parking spaces.

Resident Lawrence Kenchen commented that the Carshare is part of gentrification. He continued to say that the people who park in the streets can't afford the cost to

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park underneath their buildings. He said there is not enough parking in Jackson Heights and tickets will be issued because they don't realize the new signage. He asked what genius thought of the program and what politicians voted for Carshare Pilot program.

Ms. McGrane stated that, they tried Carshare in other cities. She said, What we are doing right now for two year length of the pilot will be evaluating it. If it ends up that it's not working in New York City the program won't continue.

David Peng asked how are they planning to alleviate parking spots that have been offset by the plan? Why should someone choose Carshare over a service like Uber?

Ms. McGrane answered that from studies in other cities, one Carshare vehicle on the road have the potential to remove five cars from the street. She said that could benefit parking.

A Resident asked if there will be a restricted length for the cars and if it's going to be 18 feet per spot? He also asked if someone parks three inches pass the sign will they get a ticket while the city makes money?

Ms. McGrane said each site is sited individually. There will be 18 feet per standardized cars which most likely will be sedans. If in the future there is an issue with large cars parking they will address it.

DOT Commissioner Nicole Gracia, stated that there will be a lot of aggressive outreach especially to the residents on the blocks effected. She added that there will be a taller street sign as well as a pedestrian level sign to mark spaces clearly.

A resident asked if there is evidence on the timeline on how long it may take for an impact to reduce cars off the street? Are you going to do any secondary education to the neighborhood that will encourage people to get rid of their cars? He also asked have they consider having residential parking like Chicago.

Ms. McGrane said outreach will include videos describing Carshare and Carshare companies will do their own outreach.

Ms. Garcia said the city has no control over residential parking. It requires state authorization. She said a gated community like Forest Hills Gardens would have residential parking.

Board Member Marlene Tapper said this is a family neighborhood and it is not feasible for this program. There is not enough capacity for those who are here.

Ms. Garcia stated that they did have street surveys with a lot of local residents for recommendations. If a spot isn't working maybe they will move it to another block.

Board Member Lisa Mesulam asked what happens on alternate side parking days?

Ms. McGrane said that the car will not have to move. The Carshare companies will have to maintain spaces or they will lose their permits.

Lisa Mesulam, Secretary, suggested taking spots from shopping centers or car lots.

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Board Member Kevin Hughes asked why the study wasn't done in the upper side of Manhattan rather than this neighborhood?

Ms. McGrane responded that the study was done in all Boroughs.

Board Member Kevin Hughes said he wondered how many of the residents who were part of the study actually own cars. He said that DOT is adding more money to the city by taking parking spaces from Jackson Heights residents.

Board Member Edwin Westley said this is the most ticketed area in the city and now twenty parking spots are going to be taken away. He added that there are no municipal lots.

Resident Kevin Peng said we don't need this in the community and it will cause more problems.

Board Member Arthur Teiler said that as soon as his old car brakes down he will use Carshare. He said the community should be happy that pilot program is being done in the neighborhood.

Board Member David Rosero said we don't need DOT to take spots away that are needed. He said the Carshare pilot is bad news.

Board Member Frank Taylor asked is the money made by Carshare going back into the neighborhood?

Ms. McGrane responded that the money goes to the cost of administrating the program.

Board Member Leoncio Romero asked in what cities have the program been successful.

Ms. McGrane responded that it has been successful in San Francisco, Washington D.C., Seattle Washington, Portland and Hoboken New Jersey. She said it has been successful in most cities.

Board Member Jairo Rodriguez stated that there are a lot of people in the area but no parking space.

Ms. McGrane said that this is a large problem in the city and public transportation would be the better option. She added that those individuals will have the choice of using Carshare.

Board Member Ladisla Perez asked how much money is in the program and who is paying for it? Ms. Perez said that she has been asking DOT about a municipal parking lot for a period of time, but can't seem to get an answer.

Ms. Garica answered that the city is no longer building municipal lots.

Board Member Ed Kiernan asked about cleaning enforcement between DOT, NYPD and Sanitation.

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Ms. Garcia said that the Carshare companies will be held responsible for keeping the area clean or they will lose their permits.

Department of Finance

Marcel Dixon, representative from the Department of Finance, informed the public that there are benefit programs for tenants and homeowners.

Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE)

Mr. Dixon said that the NYC Rent Freeze Program, which includes the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) helps those eligible stay in affordable housing by freezing their rent. The qualifications are:

- Be at least 62 years old
- Rent stabilized or a rent regulated hotel apartment
- Be the Head of Household as the primary tenant
- Have a combined household income for all members of the household that is \$50,000 or less
- Spend more than one-third of your monthly household income on rent

If a senior lives in a Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) or Mitchell-Lama they have to apply through Housing Preservation Development (HPD).

Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE)

Mr. Dixon said that the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE, also known as the NYC Rent Freeze Program) is an exemption against future rent increases for eligible disabled persons living in rent-controlled, rent-stabilized, Mitchell-Lama and other eligible apartments. He said the requirements are the same except that individuals have to be at least at 18 years of age and be listed on the lease. They do not have to be Head of Household.

Mr. Dixon noted that for Homeowners every program must be primary resident except for Clergy Exemption. This exemption provides a \$1,500 property tax exemption on a property owned by a member of the clergy.

Enhance STAR

Basic STAR has no age requirements and individuals must make less than half million dollars. Enhance STAR is for seniors who are the primary resident of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with qualifying incomes \$86,000 or less. Mr. Dixon said what it does it doubles the benefits for Basic STAR and allows us to take off a certain amount of their access value that brings down the taxable amount at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Dixon said that the Department of Finance is not going to administer Basic or Enhance STAR to new NYC Homeowners after the 2015-2016 tax year. The State

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took the program over. New Homeowners have to apply online with New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

In conclusion, Mr. Dixon said in August 2017 a legislation was passed to increase income guidelines threshold for SCRIE and DRIE from \$37,399 - \$58,399. He said that increases the amount of people who are eligible. The deadline for the 2018-2019 is March 15th.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Bus. Eco. Develop.- Arthur Teiler & Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair)

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

El Manantial Enterprises Inc.- 104-21 Roosevelt Ave, Corona, NY 11368

Alteration of Wine/Beer (Extension of Hours)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking an Alteration of Wine/Beer for extension of hours.

El Manantial Enterprises Inc.- 104-21 Roosevelt Ave, Corona, NY 11368

Class Change - (Full Liquor)

Co-Chair Edmund Rosenbaum, reported that the applicant is seeking a Full Liquor license. Mr. Rosenbaum called upon the owner of El Manantial Enterprises.

The owner said that he has been operating with a Wine & Beer license for over a year without any problems with the Police. The owner is asking for a Full Liquor license with extended hours on Friday and Saturday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Philip Papas, Chair, opened Executive Session with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Papas asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Board Member Lynda McDougald, Council Member Daniel Dromm's mother and Board Member Ladisla Perez's sister.

Motion # 1 - Adoption of the Agenda

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

Election of Board Officers

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Chairman Philip Papas introduced Vivian Dock, Nominating Committee Chair.

Ms. Dock, thanked the members of the nominating committee: Vasantrai Gandhi, 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

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Renetta English, Second Vice Chair

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Treasurer

Edmund Rosenbaum, Secretary

Elba Buendia, Sonya Davis Roberts, Leoncio Romero and Hamlett Wallace, Members at Large

Ms. Dock thanked the officers for serving three conservative years, Lisa Mesulam, Secretary and Bill Meehan, Member at Large.

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

There were no nominations. Ms. Dock closed the nominations and instructed the Board Members to mark their ballots.

Motions By Committees:

(Bus. Eco. Develop.- Arthur Teiler & Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair)

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

El Manantial Enterprises Inc.- 104-21 Roosevelt Ave, Corona, NY 11368

Alteration of Wine/Beer (Extension of Hours)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economic Committee, said that the applicant is seeking approval for an Alteration.

Mr. Rosenbaum stated that the committee recommends approval of an alteration application for an extension of hours of an on-premises wine & beer license for this applicant provided that the Stipulation is signed, stating the hours of operation will be altered on Friday & Saturday to reflect 3:00am closure & 2:00 am last call, as well as providing licensed security.

Motion # 2 - El Manantial Enterprises Inc.- 104-21 Roosevelt Ave, Corona, NY 11368 - Alteration of Wine/Beer (Extension of Hours)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Vasantrai Gandhi, to approve the application for an Alteration was passed with 35 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 0 Abstentions.

El Manantial Enterprises Inc.- 104-21 Roosevelt Ave, Corona, NY 11368

Class Change - (Full Liquor)

Edmund Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of Business Economic Committee, said that the applicant is seeking approval for a Full Liquor license.

The committee recommends disapproval of an application for an on-premises full liquor license for this applicant due to saturation in accordance with the 500 foot rule.

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Motion # 3 - El Manantial Enterprises Inc.- 104-21 Roosevelt Ave, Corona, NY 11368 - Class Change - (Full Liquor)

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Frank Taylor, to disapprove the application for a Full Liquor license was passed with 27 in Favor, 9 Opposed and 1 Abstention.

Chairman's Report

Chair Philip Papas thanked the Board Members for all their hard work and showing up to Committee Meetings.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Giovanna Reid thanked everyone for their continued support and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Motion # 4 - Adoption of the January 18, 2018 Monthly Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Philip Papas and seconded by Ed Kiernan, to adopt the January minutes was passed unanimously.

Committee Report

Traffic Transportation – Stephen Kulhanek, Chair

Stephen Kulhanek, Traffic Transportation Chair, reported that on Wednesday, January 17, there was a joint Meeting of the Traffic/Transportation Committee with Community Board 4. Mr. Kulhanek said that DOT was presented to discuss the new initiative from the Mayor's Office to alleviate congestion called Clear Curb. According to the plan the City will not allow deliveries or parking along the curb sides from the hours of 7:00am – 10:00am and 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Mr. Kulhanek informed that one of the areas affected will be Roosevelt Ave to 74th Street and Broadway to 108th Street. He said that DOT is in the beginning stages of outreach and he will keep the Board updated with any new information.

Borough President's Report

Lisa Atkins, Queens Borough President, reported that the Department of Finance will be at Borough Hall every Tuesday for the next six months.

Ms. Atkins said that the Queens Borough President Melinda Katz invites everyone to attend the State of the Borough Address on January 26th at Frank Sinatra High School.

Legislator's Report

New York City Comptroller Office

William Giron, New York City Comptrollers Office, reported that the Comptroller Office along with the Mayor would start divesting from fossil fuel companies. The Comptroller Office responsibility is to the pensioners so they are going to conduct a study which will take five years.

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Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office

Jackie Cosme, Representative for Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office, announced that CM Dromm is now the Finance Chair. She said that the office is offering free legal and Immigration services. For more information contact the office at 718-803-6373.

Senator Jose Peralta Office

Deana Foote, Representative for Senator Jose Peralta Office, reported that on Thursday, February 8th the Senator will be hosting his annual African American History & Heritage Celebration at Langston Hughes Library from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

Ms. Foote said that every Tuesday, Senator Peralta's Office offers Immigration and housing legal services. Call 718-250-3881 to make an appointment.

Deana Foote presented Board Member Ralph Moreno with a Proclamation from the Office of Senator Peralta for all his years of service to the community.

Council Member Francisco Moya Office

Arianie Marte, Council Member Francisco Moya Office, announced CM Moya's committees:

- . Committee on Cultural Affairs
- . Libraries and International Intergroup Relations
- . Committee on Finance
- . Committee on Land Use
- . Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises, *Chair*
- . Committee on Parks and Recreation
- . Committee on For-Hire Vehicles
- . Committee on Hospitals

ELECTIONS RESULTS

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

Philip Papas, Chairman

Shiv Dass, 1st Vice Chair

Renetta English, 2nd Vice Chair

Edmund Rosenbaum, Secretary

Dr. Laverne Nimmons, Treasurer

Elba Buendia, Sonya Davis Roberts, Leoncio Romero and Hamlett Wallace, Members at Large

New Business

Board Member Bill Meehan announced that on Saturday, January 20th is the 25th Anniversary at Astoria World Manor.

Mr. Meehan also said that on Saturday, March 4th is the *St Pats For All Parade* at Sunnyside and Woodside.

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Motion # 5 - Motion to Adjourn

Upon Motion duly made by Philip Papas and seconded by Stephen Kulhanek to adjourn the meeting, was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Clara Colon