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February 14, 2023

COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE

Board Members Attending:

Ashley Reed
Rownoka Ashakhan
Jaime Cho
Lynda Coral
Michelle Dunston
Leeanne G-Bowley
Lara Gregory
Vincent Laucella
Carol Machulski
Sylvia Martin

Mac Ryan Merchan
Jose Morillo
Ruby Muhammad
Sandra Munoz
Georgina Oliver
Alexandra Owens
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Alton Derrick Smith
Louis Walker

Board Members Absent:

Michelle Calderon
Valery Calderon
Tsering Dechen
Aridia Espinal
Marialena Giampino
Ramakrishna Kadukuntla
Deependra Lama
James Lisa
Salvatore Lombardo
Abu Zafar Mahmood
Matthew McElroy
Rovenia McGowan

Edgar Moya
G. Oliver
Shrima Pandey
Purushottam Panthee
Alexa Ponce
Brian Ramirez
A. Redd Sevilla
Urgen Sherpa
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa
Charlie Tetiyevsky
Minwen Yang
May Yu

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager
Pat Rosero, Queens Borough President's Office
Irene Stathatos, Senator Michael Gianaris' Office
Samantha Saavedva, NYS Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Representative from Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Office
Kyle Salcido, Congresswoman Grace Meng's Office
James Mituzas, NYC Parks
Nicholas Magilkn, NYC Parks & Recreation
Kovichi Komro, NYC Parks & Recreation
Meira Berkower, NYC Parks & Recreation
Matthew Sheridan, NYC Parks & Recreation
Lee Ann Beauchamp, NYC Parks & Recreation
Matthew Hemsley
John Baha, NYS Assembly Member Steven Raga's Office
Ivanna Verdesoto
Yankel Fernandez
Jose Garcia
Milikah K. Shabazz
Mauricio Zamora
Perla Liberato

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

**Place; VFW Post #150
51-11 108 Street
Corona, NY**

- I. First Vice Chair Ashley Reed opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- III. Executive Secretary Louis Walker took the roll call. A quorum was not present.

IV. Vote:

Minutes January 10, 2023

First Vice Chair Ashley Reed announced since a quorum was not present, a vote could not be taken on the minutes at this time.

The First Vice Chair asked District Manager Cassagnol if any word was received from the Board Chair Marialena Giampino.

District Manager Cassagnol reported both the Chair and the baby are doing well. The Chair had asked the District Manager to read the following letter sent by Tom McKenzie, President, of the Newtown Civic Association.

V. District Manager's Report

District Manager Cassagnol presented the NCA letter as follows:

Hon. Eric Adams
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Subject: Police Corruption

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This organization has written to your police Commissioner 3 times since March, to 2 precinct commanders and have gotten the run around on illegal overnight truck parking in our neighborhood, around the triangular block of Albion Avenue, Barnwell Avenue and Queens Boulevard in Elmhurst's 110 precinct. 3 sergeants contacted us to tell us to call 311. When we do on this illegal parking, we get the answer back it has been attended to. Only it isn't as no tickets are put on these illegal truck parkers.

On further investigation, we were told by 2 policemen at the site one night that they were told NOT TO TICKET these illegally parked trucks.

We want to know what's going on here as this looks like a pad in progress.

Therefore, this association demands:

You have your police commissioner order the new precinct commander to ticket these trucks every night and get the number of tickets given.

You have your commissioner order the Internal Affairs Division to see why these tickets were not being given, are not being given and still will not be given without your intervention. To this we ask who ordered the officers to NOT GIVE TICKETS at this site and why we got the fun around on their lack of enforcement.

On finding any wrong doing, all the supervision at the precinct should be moved out of our precinct and demoted one level as our former member and police commissioner Michael Codd would have done.

Awaiting your response to this activity or lack of it at the precinct, I thank you on behalf of our association, whose articles on this have appeared in our Newsletter attached hereto.

Exasperating yours,
Thomas McKenzie
President

At tomorrow's District Service Cabinet meeting, District Manager Cassagnol said the matter will be brought up at that time.

District Manager Cassagnol spoke on Hoffman Park and had advocated for this park before he became district manager. Several youth fairs were held at this park with the intent to raise awareness on the park and also enlisted signatures on petitions to have the park renovated. He acknowledged the Parks Department personnel for presenting the redesign plans tonight on Hoffman Park and the American Triangle.

Next, he reported earlier in the month he and Board Member Mac Merchan participated in the HOPE count. The Homeless Outreach Population Estimate, also known as the HOPE count, is an annual survey to help city officials understand the needs facing homeless New Yorkers. It is done in the wee hours of the morning approximate from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Both he and the Board Member Mac Merchan had canvassed William F. Moore Park but no homeless was seen. It is an amazing event and makes you aware of conditions faced by the homeless.

Subsequently, Community Board 4's Youth Fair was mentioned. The District Manager is scouting several parks for the event, particularly noting Elmhurst Park. Although the park is located closer to Maspeth, he had negotiated the possibility of acquiring shuttle buses to the park for the duration of the event for the children of Lefrak. However, details are still unclear such as date and time. The Youth Committee is meeting later in the month and if you are interested in participating in this event, please attend the meeting. Meetings are open to the public. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

April 22 is Earth Day, as well as the District Manger's birthday, and he is always committed to the community gardens on Earth Day. Amazing events at all the community gardens are planned, but details are still unclear as yet. Usually, the gardens are open to the general public, tours given, sampling vegetables, and barbeques.

Additionally, the Corona Lions will do an Easter event at one of the local parks.

Lastly, a fire safety event is planned, possibly end of February or first week of March. This is a Board event and participation is vital. Participation is a major issue for the Board. From 24 Board members slated for renewal only eight Board members have reapplied. All were urged to complete their applications. The deadline is February 16.

VI. Chairperson's Report

First Vice Chair Ashley Reed reiterated the deadline to reapply for Board membership is February 16. All were urged to reapply before the deadline.

VII. Public Forum – Good & Welfare of the District

First Vice Chair Ashley Reed called out for speakers. Time allotted is two minutes.

A member of the public spoke about Paraiso Colombiano Restaurant NY Inc. located at 106-20 Corona Avenue to request a waiver of the 30 day notice due to the late filing of the renewal of the restaurant's liquor license application. The notice received in the mail was a liquor authority surcharge notice with a due date of March 31, 2023 but the owner erroneously perceived it as the date his license expired and also did not receive a renewal advisory from the State Liquor Authority, however the actual license had expired January 31, 2023 the reasoning behind the waiver.

Although it is too late to get a waiver in time for Valentine's Day, his request is for as soon as possible due to the dire economic straits the business is currently experiencing. Any help from the Community Board would be greatly appreciated.

Since there were no other public members to speak, the next agenda item was presented.

VIII. Report from Elected Officials

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Office

Pat Rosero reiterated Community Board applications are due February 16. If applications are not received by the due date, the Board Member will be removed from the Board.

Also, those interested in joining the Board please do so by February 16 and added it's an easy online application. All were urged to complete their renewal applications noting there are no extensions nor exceptions.

Additionally, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards will host a Black History Month Celebration at Queens Borough Hall Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m. Please RSVP at www.queensbp.org.

Further, the Borough President is seeking high schoolers and college students and advisers to apply to the Youth and Young Adult Council. Please visit the website for more information and to apply.

A Series of sessions will be held for older New Yorkers and New Yorkers with disabilities on rent free and tax exemptions on the following dates from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Borough Hall - Room 213:

- February 22
- March 8
- March 15

NYC Council

Francisco Moya

A representative reported the Council Member's office offers free tax preparation. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Immigration Help: CUNY Citizenship Now is offering services on Thursdays at the Council Member's office. An appointment is needed.

Lastly, organizations interested in applying for discretionary funding application submission deadline is February 21.

NYS Assembly

Catalina Cruz

Samantha Saavedra gave an update on last month's community events:

Popup Covid 19 & Booster Clinic

Three Kings Day Toy Distribution

Upcoming Events:

Customer Service Day with Con Edison February 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the District Office.

Services available at the district office include Department of Labor help, public assistance, rental or housing issues or any problems statewide.

Steven Raga

John Baha reported the Assembly Member represents parts of Maspeth, Woodside, Middle Village, Sunnyside, Jackson Heights, East Elmhurst and Rego Park.

The following updates were presented:

An upcoming info. Session with Citizens Committee regarding opportunities for local community organizations. Contact the Assembly Member's office for more information

Deadline for senior citizens home exemption is March 15. Constituents interested in applying for or renewing their exemption, call the Assembly Member's office to make an appointment.

He urged all to reach out with any questions or concerns. The office is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The address is 55-19 69 Street, Maspeth, NY 11378. The office phone number is 718-651-3185.

NYS Senate

Michael Gianaris

Irene Stathatos reported the district areas are Elmhurst, Woodside, Maspeth, Ridgewood, Astoria, and Corona.

The Anti-Trust Act to protect the economy and adjust corporate monopolies in power. The community survey is on the Senator's website.

Youth Leadership Recognition Program - March 24 – Top Achieving High School Students across western Queens.

Recommendations can be made by March 24 on the website.

February 3 – Senator Gianaris called for protected bike lanes after a tragic death on 29th Street and 24th Avenue

Senate Bill 450 was passed banning gender discrimination disability premiums.

Any questions regarding Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) senior citizen SCRIE or immigration issues contact the office by appointment. The office is located at 31-19 Newtown Avenue, Astoria, NY.

House of Representatives

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

A representative reported Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the vice ranking member of the House Committee of Oversight and Reform and ranking member of the subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources where she hopes to develop responsible policies for the mining of minerals towards an energy future. Follow the Congresswoman on social media.

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez attended President Biden's State of the union last week with her District Director and Queens native to highlight the work of the district office.

If you need assistance with any federal agency, please contact the Congresswoman's office who will submit an inquiry on your behalf.

Also mentioned was the first Town Hall meeting was last Monday. All were encouraged to receive their newsletter which will list upcoming Town Hall meetings.

Joining Neighborhood Advisory Boards was mentioned and their role assisting in membership.

Grace Meng

Kyle Salcido reported Representative Meng is proud to announce she was selected by House Minority Leader Jeffries to serve on the newly established regional leadership council representing New York. In this position, Congresswoman Meng will serve as a liaison between Congress and the White House to implement key legislation. In this new role, she will focus to ensure that the benefits of federal legislation are felt in New York and Queens.

This past week she was also elected vice ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee.

In the coming weeks, Representative Meng will release a call to action survey to help gather ideas on how constituents would like to see infrastructure dollars from the bipartisan infrastructure framework spent in the district. Details to follow.

This past week Representative Meng helped the reunification of a Queens's family who was separated due to the blockade of the Lachin Corridor and has condemned the blockade on our medians.

Additionally, Representative Meng is devastated by the number of mass shootings in this country in the last month and will continue to support common sense gun legislation, mental health resources, and violence prevention in the 118th Congress.

Next, he spoke about mail theft which is a prevalent issue, which Congress and Representative Meng are working to address. Fighting mail theft in Queens remains one of her top priorities. In her letter to the U. S. Postal Service, Representative Meng called, along with others, for reducing the time mail is left in relay boxes to reduce the window when thefts can occur, adding more safety locks and security measures, and increase transparency when mail has been stolen so that people are better informed about the situation and work to address it.

If you are experiencing any issues with the postal service, reach out to U. S. Representative Meng's office for assistance. Contact information was provided.

At this point District Manager Cassagnol referenced the statement made earlier requesting a the waiver for Paraiso Colombian Restaurant, the only requirement from the Community Board on liquor licenses is a 30-day notice which is informing the Community Board that a license is coming to our district and at that point, the Board has 30 days to optionally choose to review/comment on that license.

The State Liquor Authority (SLA) gives the applicant 30 days before their application to put it through. For less than those 30 days, the office has the option of issuing a 30 day waiver allowing it to be seen by the committee and voted on. In this case the license would pass or be denied.

When a 30 day notice is received by the Board office, we receive a written notice as well asking for a 30 day waiver. This was not done—it was just brought to the committee.

The 30 day waiver is being requested to allow the restaurant, not necessarily to get its license, but to waive the fee for late filing. It does not affect the approval or denial of the license.

The night of the committee meeting there was much to discuss. Ultimately, the license was denied. A recommendation to deny will be presented later this evening. The denial was based on a noise complaint and discrepancies and other oddities in in the application. He pointed out the 30 day waiver is independent from the license reiterating the committee report will be to deny the license.

More details were given on the internal office policy regarding liquor license applications.

IX. Guest Speakers: NYC Parks Dept.

Presentation: Hoffman Park Redesign Plan

American Triangle Redesign Plan

A representative from the NYC Parks Department, Capital Projects Division, introduced his colleagues and spoke about the redesign plans for Hoffman Park. Six million dollars in total budget was allocated to redesign Hoffman Park. The goals for the project are to create Welcoming entrances and flexible open spaces for neighborhood use, diverse selection for universal activities for all ages and abilities, and incorporate sustainable site practices: green infrastructure and solar panels to supplement power to the comfort station. With the aid of a diagram the site was presented. The site is located at Hoffman Drive and Woodhaven Blvd; Seabury Street is located on the southwest part of the site. The Queens Center Mall is across the street.

Next, the street plain was depicted. Normally in any park project storm capture from the street is obtained, but due to site constraints it cannot be done here. Existing conditions were pointed out. Much pavement on entrances from Hoffman Drive, no entrance from Woodhaven Boulevard, and the entrance on Seabury Street closed.

Photographs of Woodhaven Boulevard and the Long Island Expressway were shown as well as the benches along Woodhaven Boulevard and the sound wall to the ramp. Photos of the basketball court and playing area with the asphalt was depicted. In the background was the handball court followed by a display the Seabury Street area.

Last June, an input meeting was held where great ideas were obtained. Mostly, ideas were on active recreation for the park. Some ideas included a running/walking track, improvements to the multi-purpose asphalt area, and basketball.

There are some site constraints in the park. First, there is an existing Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) infrastructure going through the eastern half of the park, which means no building on top of it.

Also, there are many mature trees. In the back by the handball court there is much you cannot see as well as the security issue. Additionally, there is a DEP project which deals with storm water, below ground, that cannot be seen. The comfort station will be renovated as well.

Next, the tree inventory was brought up and the removal of any trees in poor condition.

Subsequently, the new plans were shown to the Board which include two new entrances on Woodhaven Boulevard and the current entrance on Hoffman Drive and a new entrance is planned on Seabury Street.

Seating area was shown and explained. The Playground will include a spray shower, a play area for ages 2- 5 and ages 5-12. A request for swings was given since there are none currently. The central area was shown where picnic tables, café tables and ping pong tables will be placed.

In the multi-purpose area, a walking/jogging circuit, soccer area with painted games, with the addition of an adult fitness area was displayed.

The playground and spray shower to the east was indicated as well as the swings.

Next, the walking/jogging circuit was shown with the youth/soccer pitch area, painted games, some seating and the adult fitness.

When the redesign plans were presented to the CB 4's Parks Committee last month, the adult fitness was not presented only the painted agility games. The Parks Department heard the Board's request and were able to accommodate the request.

Next, the existing fence diagram was shown. Planned is a steel fence on Woodhaven Boulevard and chain link fencing around the sports area. The new proposed fencing diagram was indicated with a height of 4'. Currently, the play area is not fenced, but fencing will be installed with chain link fencing along the sports area.

Since security is a major issue at the site, security lighting will be installed and at the existing sports lane.

Following a rendering from the Woodhaven entrance was shown with the explanation the Parks Committee requested the area for holiday events next to the café seating area with benches.

A view of the central area was exhibited with café seating, picnic tables, basketball court and playground. He mentioned the structure containing solar panels which will power the comfort station.

Next, an aerial view was presented depicting more seating amenities to the site.

It was explained the security lighting meets the NYC Department of Transportation standards plus drinking fountain bottle fillers will be added along with bike racks, trash receptacles and solar panels.

For the pavement, the designers have proposed different colors. He presented a photo of the proposed play equipment with a photo of the spray shower area and play area for ages 5-12. Benches can also be seen so that parents can watch the children. Concluding with the showing of the proposed fitness equipment.

At this point, First Vice Chair Ashley Reed opened the floor to questions and/or comments.

A Board Member brought up the soccer field, specifically, the raising of the fence on either side of the goal post to stop the ball from hitting anyone but that could still happen on either side since there is no fencing.

The Parks representative said he would look into it.

Subsequently, a Board Member inquired how long the project will take to complete.

Parks response was the design will finish later this year then the procurement process, the legal department reviews the contract, will begin and then it goes out to bid. Whoever the lowest qualified bidder is wins, which takes 9 – 12 months, then ground is broken. Looking at a time frame of approximately 18 months from now for construction to begin.

Board Member Lynda Coral inquired about security cameras if the Seabury Street entrance is open.

Parks response was no. Trees will be cleared and security lighting put in as it is dark there.

Board Member Lynda Coral commented it seems like an area that may continue to be very desolate especially at night and noted it is not a gated area where a gate can be closed at certain times..

Parks response was a gate is being proposed for closure at night.

Board Member Sandra Munoz inquired if a dog run area in the park was considered noting the area by Seabury Street.

Parks response was it was mentioned in the scope meeting but the Parks Department would have to provide maintenance for it and there are space constraints.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol provided an explanation about previous proposed dog runs in the district but never materialized as dog runs are managed externally by a small coalition.

Board Member Rownoka Ashakhan asked about installing security cameras around the park.

Parks response was security cameras are a request to NYPD.

Public Safety Chair Lara Gregory asked about table tennis and is there only one and what is the material.

Parks response was material concrete and its two tables.

The Evergreen tree request for tree lightings was brought up by the District Manager.

Parks response it was put in. The representative added there were three requests from the community: the holiday tree, adult fitness, and historic signage. The historic signage will be done by a marketing team and done after completion.

Board Member Lynda Coral asked about the initial numbers for the project.

Parks response was it was for the capital project.

Board Member Lynda Coral further inquired about the ongoing maintenance of the park.

The floor was turned over to Matt Sheridan, Manager for the parks, who is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the parks in districts 3 and 4. Hoffman Park is in district 4 and there is a separate budget for maintenance and staffing of parks within the district. Hoffman Park is a fixed location which means it has an employee that reports to the park house and maintains the park during working hours usually 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., which may change during the spring and summer months. Maintenance needs may change once the redesign is completed because there will be many new features which are not there now.

For example, horticulture, more grass, and with the added features such as the track and soccer expectations are it will be busier with more movement.

A Board Member inquired if the soccer will be on grass or concrete.

Parks response was pavement.

The Board Member further inquired why the choice pavement over grass.

Parks response was there is a Department of Environmental Protection chamber there so nothing else can be done.

At this point, First Vice Chair Ashley Reed stressed the importance of attending community scoping meetings because at those meetings, the community relates what they want and the soccer field was very popular as well as adult fitness, basketball and track. Ultimately, these requests are included in the schematic design as a result of community feedback.

Subsequently, the American Triangle Redesign Plan, with the aid of slides, was presented to the Board by NYC Parks Department Meira Berkower who reported the goals are to reconstruct the seating area to plant beds with room for holiday display, which were the main point brought up in the April input meeting.

Also, the surrounding sidewalk will be reconstructed and installation of an outlet for holiday lighting. The park is located at 41 Avenue, 102nd Street, and National Street and not in a flood zone. Three trees are in the triangle of which two are very large and their roots are starting to push up the curb and pavement around the trunk. The tree in the south end is surrounded by little plant beds. She pointed to the open space where the holiday displays are placed.

The main issue with the park is that it is a homeless hangout. Ms. Berkower pointed out the south end noting the daffodils which are planted by the community that takes great care of the triangle and the interior portion of the triangle was also noted.

The redesign will provide much planting and all will be evergreen in the interior with larger shrubs including an outline of evergreen perennials. The hatched areas will be planted with bulbs to bloom in the spring and day lilies blooming in the summer. The plants will die back so that those areas can be used for holiday displays as well as the path in the circular paved area where a Christmas tree can be placed.

In the proposal, one bench is being suggested for someone who is carrying groceries or needs to sit down. A trash receptacle will be placed at the south end.

In order to provide electricity for holiday lighting, a meter enclosure will be installed and will be placed between two large trees and surrounded by tall evergreen shrubs.

Also, two bollards with receptacles where the holiday displays will be plugged into.

Ms. Berkower explained the bench will be a 4' bench and trash receptacle, and pointed out the large shrubs surrounding the receptacle. Medium sized cherry laurels will be in the center and evergreen trees around the edge and the bulbs in the spring and lilies in the summer.

At this point, First Vice Chair Ashley Reed called out for questions from Board members.

A Board Member inquired after the changes are made, what happened if the homeless inhabit the park again.

Parks response was there will not be benches.

The Board member responded they would congregate amongst the shrubs.

Parks response was the shrubs are densely planted and will be quite large.

A Board Member commented the Christmas display was there, which took up much space, and the homeless was not visible.

Parks responded at the community input meeting it was brought up to heavily plant the triangle and help prevent vagrants from utilizing the triangle.

A Board Member inquired if there was a plan to install security lighting.

Parks response there is not. Ms. Berkower visited the triangle at night and considering the fact it will be planted, lighting is not needed. Also looked at what the lighting around the triangle and it was determined it was a very bright street. Since the triangle is 50'x30', street lights illuminate the triangle. Plantings will take up much of the space. There is another triangle close by similar to this triangle which is completely planted and there is no loitering problems.

At this point, a member of the public asked a question in Spanish. There was a dialogue in Spanish between the constituent and District Manager Christian Cassagnol.

Subsequently, District Manager Cassagnol clarified once the design is finalized by the Board, it is open to public review and to contact the Parks Department borough office with a specific issue. Specifically mentioned was putting any bench in the triangle is a liability taking into account the homeless issue. Can anything else be placed there instead of the bench?

Parks response was that this issue was brought up at the community input session and it was explained the bench is a very small 4' that you cannot sleep on. The American Disabilities Act was brought up and if someone is elderly and needs to rest, the bench is available. Also, it is an isolated bench located on the exterior of the site and is not a hangout place.

Further discussion ensued in Spanish between the District Manager and constituent about Parks' response on the bench with the District Manager stating it is a valid concern where Parks Department will address it.

At this point, First Vice Chair Ashley Reed stated since there was no quorum at tonight's meeting and a vote cannot be taken, she explained the Parks Committee met on January 24, with a quorum present, to review the Hoffman Park redesign and approved the schematic plan.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol clarified although no quorum was present for a vote tonight, the Board can issue a letter of recommendation stating the Board did meet without a quorum and list its concerns. This is important rather than to have the Parks Department come back and present the redesign again. For Hoffman Park, the Parks Committee's recommendation will suffice. If there are any concerns, please speak up now.

For the American Triangle redesign plan, the Board is aware the bench is an issue and the Board's recommendation would be to remove the bench, which will be mentioned in the Board's letter to the Parks Department.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported it is acceptable to the Parks Department for the Board to issue a letter of recommendation approving the redesign plans.

X. Report & Vote: Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee
State Liquor Authority Applications

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

February 2023

NEW/TEMPORARY PERMIT APPLICATIONS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>NEW/Temp.</u>	<u>DATE REC.</u>
Mama Victoria Corp. <i>DBA: Brasas</i>	41-06B Junction Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.	12/27/22
B&B NY Restaurant <i>DBA: Copacabana Brazilian Grill</i>	80-26 Roosevelt Ave. Jackson Heights, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.	01/26/23
Sabor Peruano IV Corp. <i>DBA: Sabor Peruano</i>	90-28 43 Ave. Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.	01/26/23

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>DATE REC.</u>	<u>LIC. EXP. DATE</u>
Sabor Latino I. Corp. <i>DBA: Sabor Latino Corp.</i>	95-35 40 th Road	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	12/27/22	01/31/23
Mama Catalina Corp.	111-20 Roosevelt Ave. Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	12/30/22	01/31/23
El Patron	53-09 106 Street Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	12/30/22	01/31/23
Page II <i>DBA: Park Side Restaurant</i>	107-01 Corona Ave Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	01/18/23	02/28/23
El Tucan Inc.	43-24 91 Place Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	01/23/23	02/28/23
El Toro Brave #1 Corp.	88-12 Roosevelt Ae. Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	01/23/23	02/28/23
Paraiso Colombiano NY Inc.	106-20 Corona Ave. Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	01/23/23	01/31/23

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>DATE REC.</u>	<u>LIC. EXP. DATE</u>
Sariling Atin Inc.	89-12 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Beer & Cider	01/25/23	02/28/23

CLASS CHANGE APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>TYPE OF APPLICATION</u>	<u>DATE REC.</u>	<u>LIC. EXPIR. DATE</u>
Sushi on me Inc. <i>DBA: Sushi on me</i>	71-26 Roosevelt Ave. Jackson Heights, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	Class Change	01/03/23	12/31/24
Tashi Delek Inc.	76-18 Woodside Ave. Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	Class Change	01/20/23	08/31/23

Committee Chair Lara Gregory reported a meeting was held February 7. In attendance were Georgina Oliver, Rownoka Ashakhan and Ruby Muhammad.

Committee Chair Lara Gregory explained incidents are taken into consideration and are the basis for approval or denial.

New/Temporary Applicants:

Mama Victoria Corp. (DBA) Brasas – Approval recommended.

Sabor Peruano IV Corp. (DBA) Sabor Peruano – Representative not able to attend Public Safety Committee meeting to address any concerns, however, representative is present at tonight’s Board meeting. Please feel free to ask any questions. The Committee Chair noted there were no incidents involve at Sabor Peruano.

B&B NY Restaurant LLC (DBA) Copacabana Brazilian Grill – Committee unable to recommend approval for this establishment. No representative attended the committee meeting despite notice causing denial of their application based on the fact there were questions the establishment could not address, particularly, incidents reported on January 15, 2023, a security guard punched a woman in the face, and January 27, 2023 two women engaged in a verbal dispute when one woman punched the other in the face. The other woman hit her in the face with a wooden chair. These are serious concerns occurring at the establishment. Issuance of a license, which is a privilege by the state, requires due diligence by the management. Community Board 4 requests a police report on establishments, which includes incidents occurring in the establishment, in the district requesting liquor licenses.

Renewal Applicants:

Sabor Latino I Corp. (DBA) Sabor Latino Corp. – Approval recommended.

Mama Catalina Corp. (DBA) Carmen’s Lunch – Approval recommended.

El Patron Inc. – Approval recommended.

Page II Corp. (DBA) Park Side Restaurant – Approval recommended.

El Tucan Inc. – Approval recommended.

El Toro Bravo #1 Corp. – Approval recommended.

Paraiso Colombiano NY Inc. – Denied.

During the meeting, their representative stated they were unable to comply with the statutory requirement of 30 day notice and cited they were not informed. Later on during the meeting, another representative arrived. Clearly two representatives blaming one another does not indicate a diligent operation of the business and for the privilege of obtaining the license.

The committee chair explained whether or not granting the license is good for the community and provided details. The committee chair noted the establishment had some violations and were unable to waive the 30 day notice requirement. Based on those facts, the committee was unable to recommend approval.

Sariling Atin Inc. – Approval recommended.

Class Change Applicants

Sushi on me (DBA) Suchi on me – Approval recommended.

Tashi Delek Inc. (DBA) Wasabi Point – Approval recommended.

Additionally, Committee Chair Lara Gregory reported a fire safety event with the NYC Fire Department is upcoming through the full Board. Details are still unclear. More information will follow. Tentative date: early March.

Board Member Vincent Laucella brought up the last public safety meeting where Board Members were spoken to in a disrespectful manner. Board Members are volunteers and more respect is needed as the Board needs to ensure the business is operating legitimately. Not obtaining a liquor license, which is 50% of revenue, reflects ownership and management.

In reply to Board Member Leeanne G-Bowley's question about who sends the 30 day notice, District Manager Christian Cassagnol gave a detailed response.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol explained Committee Chair Lara Gregory, Committee Chair, misspoke on two different issues about Paraiso Colombiano NY Inc.

There were not two different representatives. One was the actual manager; the representative came after.

Committee Chair Lara Gregory clarified both were representatives for the same owner which was why both representatives were blaming one another and reflects on the business' operation.

Subsequently, First Vice Chair Ashley Reed said the committee can put forth its recommendation.

XI. Committee Reports:

Consumer Affairs

Committee Chair Michelle Dunston reported an informal meeting was held on February 3 with the committee. A tentative meeting was planned for February 23, however, it was decided the Committee Chair and District Manager would handle the matter. A formal meeting is in the planning stages with Economic Development Corporation NYC.

Environmental

Committee Chair Carol Machulski reported the committee did not meet in February, but a meeting is planned for March 1. A QSWAB meeting was held January 25 and two important highlights were brought up:

Presentation of a letter from all four QSWAB's: Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Manhattan to the Borough President urging to support passage of the following City Council bills:

Intro. 0274-2022 to establish a zero waste hold in New York City by 2030.

Intro. 0276-2022 to amend the NYC administrative code to zero waste to incinerators.

Intro. 0244-2022 to amend the New York City administrative code regarding residential curbside organics program for residential buildings. The bill would require that the Department of Sanitation develop outreach and education materials, and post such materials on its website, to inform residents about the program instruct residents on how to properly source separate organic waste.

A motion was made to approve the letter, discussion followed, and voting held. Motion passed to approve the letter to be sent to the Borough President.

The second highlight was a brief presentation from Annie of the Climate Justice Working Group regarding disadvantaged environmental communities. She spoke about the process involved in assembling the DEC map and more details were given about the poor advertising for community input. As a result, the comment period had to be extended because of the low level of comments. The map examines social, economic, and environmental variables in each community. Comments and recommendations are still being reviewed by the state.

Lastly, the curbside composting program will resume on March 27.

Health

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Transportation

Committee Member Lynda Coral announced he Department of Transportation is planning an expansion of Citi Bike in Community Board 4. The public is invited to provide suggestions on the link nycdotproject.info/2023queens to submit locations for Citi Bike stations.

ULURP/Zoning

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported a meeting was not held for February. However, he had attended the Willets Point meeting with Community Boards 3, 4, and 7, which was held by Board 7. If you would like information regarding Willets Point, log on to www.nycdotproject.willets-point. There are two phases. The first is affordable/unaffordable housing, a hotel, and a stadium. Affordable housing will not be 100%. It was unclear if the AMI is taken into consideration on the affordable housing component.

Community board 7 had received the ULURP application and will hold a meeting in March, which will begin the process. Questions regarding the stadium were brought up if it were beneficial or not. It is important to read the data as it was very confusing and there were many numbers. Go to the website for more information.

The Committee Chair provided more details on the affordable housing component. Community Board 7 would receive the first preference and then applications sent out to the entire city. It does not mean because affordable housing is being built in Willets Point, it is for all.

Furthermore, Community Board 3 had requested a hospital built in that area. ULURP/Zoning Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reinforced in the chat this request and emphasized the fact that Corona was the epicenter for Covid-19, and all the studies showed the density of this area as the number #1 most overcrowded district in New York City and it was supported in the chat by the Committee Chair for a hospital in that location.

Although one person had indicated there were enough hospitals in Community Board 7, which is not the position of Community Board 4; Community Board 7 is more concerned with the inadequate number of precincts. Community Board 3 did stress the need for a hospital, which is wholeheartedly supported by ULURP/Zoning Chair Alton Derrick Smith.

Equally important, an addendum was made by Environmental Committee Chair Carol Machulski to the committee's report. She had the opportunity to speak with NYS Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas on January 21 at her shredding event in Woodside. The Committee Chair had asked about the DEC map. The Assembly woman responded she was aware of it but did not know the status of it and is serving on the Assembly's Environmental Committee.

The Committee Chair tried calling the Assemblywoman's office to see if there was an update on the map, but no response was received.

Consumer Affairs Committee Chair Michelle Dunston inquired about Willets Point, if there was any mention about casinos built instead of housing. Discussion ensued on Willets Point and potential casinos being built on the site.

ULURP/Zoning Chair Alton Derrick Smith advised log on to the NYC Planning website and enter Willets Point for more information. This is Phase 1 Redevelopment Plan for Willets Point and nothing was mentioned about casinos.

Youth Services

Committee Chair Sylvia Martin reported the committee will meet February 28 and is planning to discuss the Youth Fair 2023, Earth Day/Gardening, and how to help the youth in our community.

Before concluding, Board Member Clara Salas thanked Gregg of City Mission for a wonderful job who, with other volunteers, cleans the center medians on Queens Blvd. from the Horace Harding Expressway to the Long Island Railroad of garbage and weeds. This work has been done for the past three years at the request of Board Member Clara Salas.

Likewise, it was mentioned people are not picking up after dogs. The suggestion was made for Curb Your Dog signs.

Changes must come from us.

More concerns on Queens Boulevard were brought up by Board Member Clara Salas.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol explained the city stopped make Curb Your Dog signs years ago, If you want them, you have to buy them privately.

Discussion ensued.

Since there was no further business, First Vice Chair Ashley Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.