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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010

TIME: 8:15 P.M.

PLACE: BPO ELKS LODGE #878
82-20 QUEENS BOULEVARD
ELMHURST, NEW YORK

I. First Vice Chairperson Louis Walker called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. District Manager Richard Italiano took the attendance. A quorum was **not** present.

First Vice Chair Louis Walker announced since the Board did not have a quorum, Board business cannot be conducted and voting cannot be done. In view of these circumstances, the meeting would be adjourned. The First Vice Chair also reported the Chairperson of the Board was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

However before the adjournment commenced, the following announcements and reports were given:

The First Vice Chair announced a job fair will be held on Friday, November 12, at Aqueduct Raceway, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. One hundred companies will be attending (blue collar and white collar alike). All were urged to attend. For more information call 718-738-1111.

At this point, a resident spoke about extending the Q38 bus route a few more blocks to connect to the Q58 bus, which provides transportation from Corona to Flushing. The extra blocks are difficult for senior citizens to walk, plus there are safety issues when walking in a darkened area at night and inclement weather conditions add to the problems. 200 names were collected for this campaign to extend the Q38 bus route. The District Manager asked for a copy of the petition.

Next, Ms. Kelly Houston, Director, Lactation Clinic, Elmhurst Hospital addressed the Board. Ms Houston explained the purpose of the clinic is to assist new mothers in learning how to master breastfeeding and to provide support before and after giving birth. Services the clinic provides were explained, including general information on breast pumps used by a lactating woman.

IV. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Ms. Yoselin Genao, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras, reported a Women Empowerment Workshop will be held November 20, 2010, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Great Bear Auto Repair, 164-16 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, NY. What Every Woman Should Know About Their Car.

A report was given on harassment of New York City women. Council Member Ferreras had organized a very successful hearing where women and men testified. “This is not our way of being able to take a compliment,” said one woman. “This is a safety issue.” Advocates told stories of preteens and teenagers being hounded by adult men outside city schools and pleaded for the government to address the problem.

Also, a report was given on the Corona Holiday Festival will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at 103 Street – Roosevelt Avenue Shopping District. All were invited to attend. Free photos with Santa Claus and free hot chocolate and cookies.

Lastly, Ms. Genao reported on resident Victor Mejia, a deliveryman who was brutally beaten in a robbery on November 5. The family reached out to Council Member Ferreras since Mr. Mejia was the sole provider of the family. A donation fund was established to help pay for medical expenses for this hard working individual who sustained massive injuries during this brutal attack. If everyone could contribute a dollar or two it would be greatly appreciated urged Council Member Ferreras.

Mr. Michael Mallon, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm, reported on an illegal motel at 90-51 51st Avenue called Elmhurst Lodge. This establishment has been posting stickers on cars and lampposts advertising their services, noting the establishment charges by the hour. The Community Board has already submitted this location to the Police and Buildings Departments.

Next, Mr. Mallon reported on a questionable location at 88-18 Roosevelt Avenue. The owners were called and letters were sent.

At this point, Ms. Lucy Schilero brought up the fact that many locations on Roosevelt Avenue are actually in the Elmhurst area, but identified as Corona or Jackson Heights locations. The Elmhurst community is losing its identity as Elmhurst residents because of this zip code confusion and reported they are trying to get the Post Office to recognize and correct this.

Subsequently, Mr. Tom McKenzie thanked Council Member Dromm’s office for finding an answer to where did the litter baskets go? Dept. of Sanitation’s Associate Commissioner Maria Termini, informed Council Member Dromm’s office that litter baskets were doubled from Queens Blvd. up to Justice Avenue on Broadway. A letter was faxed by Mr. McKenzie back to the Council Member inquiring what happened to the 13 litter baskets (9 on one side of Queens Blvd. and 4 on this side of Queens Blvd.) by McDonald’s Restaurant and I. S. 5. Copy of letter was given to the District Manager for discussion at the District Cabinet Meeting.

Next, Mr. McKenzie reported on the cable and telephone companies many sloppy wires hanging down from the poles in Elmhurst. Public Service Commission NY City Consumer Program Specialist Jill Wasser addressed a general meeting of the Newtown Civic Association on this issue. Mr. McKenzie provided a list of 23 locations encompassing six square blocks where wires are hanging. Ms. Wasser said a letter would be sent to those companies. Locations were provided by Mr. McKenzie on October 7 and November 9 the wires are still hanging to the sidewalk. He suggested the District Manager invite those cable companies to next District Cabinet meeting to correct this problem. These hanging wires make the neighborhood look derelict and Mr. McKenzie also mentioned tree branches that were cut up to install those cable and phone wires.

Next, Mr. McKenzie had written to Congressman Gary Ackerman last year asking how many aliens have green cards in Elmhurst, how many have brought their spouses and children to live in the community so that we can gain an understanding of how many aliens reside in the community. The Congressman still has not responded to NCA's letter.

Next, Mr. McKenzie said we would like to know how much it is costing to rebuild Public School 7 and how much the city is paying for the renting of former school buildings at St. Bartholomew's, Ascension and St. Mary's. Members from those parishes are asking how much the Bishop is giving back to those financially strapped Parishes from these leases.

A Special Thanks was extended to Council Member Dromm's office for finding out that the Department of Education leases for 20 years Ascension School and also some community based organizations use St.

Bartholomew's also paid for by the City.

\$700,070 a year is being paid to the Church for Ascension School. How much is coming back to the parish?

No one from the church will provide an answer.

There being no further business, First Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.