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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 08, 2011

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

**PLACE: VFW POST #150
51-11 108 STREET
CORONA, NY 11368**

I. First Vice Chairperson Louis Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. District Manager Richard Italiano took the attendance. At this point, the District Manager announced Mr. Stephen Castro had resigned from the Board due to health reasons. In time, he hopes to re-join the Board. The District Manager resumed the roll call and announced a quorum was present.

IV. Vote: Minutes of the February 8, 2011 Meeting

Correction: Under the Environmental committee report, the statistic for Latino/Hispanic groups should be 67%, not 6.7%.

Ms. Laraine Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. George Onuorah, to **accept** the minutes of February 8, 2011 meeting with noted correction.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Unanimous. Motion passed.

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

No Report. Before proceeding to the next agenda item, the First Vice Chair announced National Women's Day is today, March 8, celebrating 100 years.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

On the subject of Board resignations, District Manager Richard Italiano continued Ms. Maria Lourdes is also resigning from the Board because of health reasons.

Next, the District Manager reported he was in contact with the School Construction Authority regarding the proposed school slated for 43rd Avenue. Unfortunately, the SCA will be moving ahead with the project. As you will recall, this was the plan for a school next to the firehouse.

Secondly, on 43rd Avenue another site for a school is being sought, however, the District Manager had no information to report. The District Manager plans to invite SCA representatives to address the Board on this proposal.

VII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Ms. Yoselin Genao, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras' Office, congratulated all women, especially those who serve on Community Board 4 in honor of National Women's Day.

Next, she spoke of events happening in the District. A Calendar Of Events For March was distributed to the Board.

Of particular interest in the district is the proposal to cut three senior centers. If the Governor does not extend Title 20, it will hurt not only seniors but everyone in the community. Council Member Ferreras is launching a campaign to restore Title 20 and also looking into other sources of revenue. We cannot afford to balance the budget on the backs of the working class. A rally is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at Florence E. Smith Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to unite as one voice. With the budget crises, we cannot afford cuts in our community. The Senior Centers proposed for closing are: *Florence E. Smith, ElmCor, and Corona Seniors*. Since Senior Centers not only offer preventative services, we cannot allow this to happen.

On Thursday, March 10, an Elmhurst Town Hall meeting is planned at Elmhurst Hospital. On Saturday, March 12, a Free Tax Prep Day is scheduled at St. Marks AME Church.

Next, Ms. Genao spoke about school overcrowding issues in our community. Districts 24 and 30 are the most overcrowded in the city. An Over Crowded School Forum will be held at PS 19 on Tuesday, March 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Now is the time for discretionary funding. March 21 is the deadline for Council Member Ferreras' office. It is an online application and all are encouraged to apply.

Please call the Council Member's office with any problems or concerns. They stand ready to help.

Next, Ms. Celeste Balducci, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm, reported Council Member Dromm is working with Council Member Ferreras, on the upcoming Elmhurst Town Hall meeting for March 10 at Elmhurst Hospital in addition to fighting the budgetary cuts slated for the district's senior centers. The Town Hall meeting is open to the Public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Next, a launch entitled *Eat Elmhurst* is planned. Restaurant Week will be April 3 through April 9. A website will be created with updated information for this event. Already, some Elmhurst restaurants are on board and the goal is to tour the world of food in Elmhurst, which is within walking distance from the 7, E, F, M or R trains. Because of the diverse cultures in Elmhurst, a world of international cuisine can be tasted and enjoyed from a different country each night. Restaurants that would like to participate in this event or if you have any suggestions, contact Celeste Balducci, coordinator for the event. More details were provided. Elmhurst is the focal point since that is the area Council Member Dromm represents.

Next, Council Member Dromm will introduce legislation which would prevent car dealers from using public streets as an extension to their car lot. Council Member Dromm has partnered with his Council manic colleagues to address this vital issue since parking is a precious commodity and at a premium on city streets.

At this point, the District Manager brought up the illegally parked For Sale cars with no plates on streets all over the Board area. Ms. Balducci will bring this issue back to Council Member Dromm for review.

In closing, she reported on the Queens World Film Festival event held at the Queens Theater, which was a huge success, screening over 110 films. It brought it many people to the area. They ate in area restaurants, shared their art, and helped the neighborhood as a founding artistic center. She also noted the theater is the last relic dating back to 1920, and consideration should be given to land marking it. Possible uses were mentioned because it has so much versatility and much to offer. Mark your calendar for this event to be repeated next year in March.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

District Manager Richard Italiano presented the report at the request of Board Treasurer Joseph DiMartino. He reported for FY 2011 funds are scarce, noting there is only \$400 left in the Supply Code until June 30, 2011. However, there are serious problems with the new budget beginning July 1, 2011, (FY 2012), funding had been allocated for only 3 staff. Presently, there are four staff members in the Board office.

A Board member asked if any help can be provided by the Board members such as writing letters or making copies. The District Manager asked the Board for other suggestions. Another Board member suggested sending e-mails instead of paper copies to save on paper costs. The District Manager responded not all Board members have e-mails and those that do probably do not read their e-mails.

As far as an official staff lay off notice, the Board was notified not to do anything until July 1.

IX. VOTE: FY 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET CAPITAL AND EXPENSE

Ms. Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Laraine Dononhue, to **accept** the FY2012 Preliminary Budget Capital and Expense priorities as presented.

Before the vote, the First Vice Chair called for any discussion. Ms. Lucy Schilero brought up the narrative for the existing precinct house should be read into the record at this Public Hearing.

The following description was read by First Vice Chair Louis Walker:

*The Existing Precinct House Could Be Retained By NYPD And Utilized For Special
Operation Unit*

Ms. Schilero asked if funding would be assessed for that purpose. The District Manager replied he did not know. More discussion followed.

Mr. George Onuorah brought up Capital priority #9 – Obtain Property & Build Multi-Purpose Recreational Center.

A facility such as this is essential for Lefrak City. There is a real need for one. He noted the priority was not specifically listed for the Lefrak City area. Preference should be given to Lefrak City. Discussion ensued about site locations.

At this point, a roll call vote was taken, the Board voted 28 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

First Vice Chair Louis Walker reminded the Board an abstention vote counted as a no vote.

X. VOTE: CB 4Q AREA SERVICED

The District Manager reported after the last Board meeting, he researched his files and when he became Chairperson of the Board at that time, the District Manager changed the letterhead adding him as Chairperson. At the same time, changed the letterhead and added Corona Heights. This change was implemented March, 1995.

Mr. Tom McKenzie had also submitted a letter expressing there should be two zip codes on the Board's stationery and should include Newtown. Suggestions given by Mr. McKenzie were:

Corona-Elmhurst, Corona-Corona Heights-Elmhurst, Corona-Corona Heights-Elmhurst-Newtown.

The District Manager noted he had not seen the boundaries of Newtown.

Ms. Rovenia McGowan commented there was nothing wrong with the present letterhead listing: Corona-Corona Heights-Elmhurst. Is there a problem with Elmhurst and East Elmhurst? She questioned if he had the feeling that if people who live in Corona Heights are better? Newtown was not always Newtown at that time, which was a wider area—one has nothing to do with the other. She expressed disappointment Mr. McKenzie was not in attendance tonight because she wanted to know about Elmhurst and East Elmhurst.

A Board member commented at the last meeting, it was stated the issue would be brought to the Borough President's attention. The reply from the Borough President was that it was a Board matter.

Mr. James Lisa made a motion, seconded by Ms. Priscilla Carrow, to **keep the Board's letterhead as is. No Changes.**

Before the roll call vote the First Vice Chair reminded the Board if it is a yes vote, the Board's stationery will remain as is with areas serviced as Corona-Corona Heights-Elmhurst.

Next, the Board cast it vote on this matter. The Board voted 28 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Before proceeding to the next agenda item, Treasurer Joseph DiMartino reported on the status of the Sunshine Fund. Dues for 2011 are now payable. Dues are \$15.00 or whatever you could afford to pay.

At this point, Ms. Audrey Galligen asked for an accounting of how the dues were spent and where.

Board Treasurer DiMartino responded dues are spent on get well/sympathy cards, etc. and paying for the Annual Holiday Party. Dues are spent during the year for Board costs. No dues are carried over to the following year.

XI. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

VOTE: SLA Applications

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Committee met on March 7 regarding the following applications:

New Applicants

ESTABLISHMENT NAME ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Castillo Sports Bar On Premises Liquor	82-18 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Denied. Proof of C of O is needed. Location still under construction. Proof of actual address required.
KY M2N, Corp. dba M2N Buffet Restaurant Wine	40-12 82nd Street Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved
Restaurant Mexico International dba Taqueria Coatzingo	40-18 82 nd Street Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved

Renewal Applicants

ESTABLISHMENT NAME ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8634 Broadway Restaurant Corp. On Premises Liquor	86-34 Broadway Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved
Baxter Fellows Corp. Dbas El Tequila On-Premises Liquor	82-16 Baxter Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. History of problems. from 2008 to present. Sale to minors. Felony Assault with unknown object. Person badly injured. Numerous noise complaints.
Chef Ping Inc. Restaurant Wine	83-02 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved
Cypriana Restaurant Dbas Dukes Restaurant On Premises Liquor	79-00 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved
Dong Kee Restaurant Inc. On Premises Liquor	75-32 Broadway Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved
El Sardinero, Inc. On Premises Liquor	75-18 Roosevelt Ave. Jackson Heights, NY 11373	Denied. Sale to minors. Proof needed charges were Cleared/3 in 2008.

Englewood ESI LLC Dba Centro Billiard & Café On Premises Liquor	86-10 Roosevelt Ave. Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Denied. Sale to Minors. Numerous forged instruments. --(ID's) and documentation. Felony gang assaults.
Pizzeria Parrillada Boca Junior, Inc. On Premises Liquor	81-08 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. Huge fight on 6/27/10 over a soccer team.
Tropicoso Bar Grill II.Corp. On Premises Liquor	111-10 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY 11368	Denied. Disorderly premises. Overly indulged in those who already is alcohol impaired. Felony assaults.

Reconsiderations

ESTABLISHMENT NAME ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

El Taconazo Food, Inc. On Premises Liquor	89-58 Elmhurst Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. Assaults. False id's. Forged instruments. Proof needed when owner Officially took over business.
Wrong Way Bar On Premises Liquor	87-33 Britton Ave. Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. 6/2710 Assault. SLA questioning owner's Name and arrest record as well.

Ms. Laraine Donohue made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edgar Moya, to **accept** the Committee's report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

X. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Street Activity Permit

Families Building Community

Event: Community Services Fair

Location: 57th Avenue Between Hoffman & Van Horn Street

57th Avenue Between Hoffman & Seabury Street

Date: Saturday, 5/21/2011

Estimated Attendance: 200-500 People

Time: Setup: 8:00 a.m.

Start Time: 11:00 a.m.

Breakdown: 7:00 p.m.

End Time: 5:00 p.m.

Committee Chair Joseph DiMartino reported this is a two block event. Sponsors of the event were in audience and addressed the Board.

The spokesperson reported this event is the first annual spring community fair. Its purpose is to inform the community about services that are available regarding health and safety issues relating to families and children. The event would include services, games and food. The Public is invited to come in and be informed.

Also, she said the organization was looking for just one block. But, the District Manager said the application submitted was for two blocks.

Ms. Audrey Galligen said this is a residential area and we homeowners do not like this. Further, this is a quality of life issue.

Chairperson Moreno explained 57th Avenue is the only thru Avenue other than Grand Avenue. It is impossible to stop traffic on 57th Avenue and Van Horn Street.

The Chair questioned if that area is blocked off where will all the traffic go traveling to Maspeth? Where will the traffic from Maspeth and the Long Island Expressway go? Both Grand Avenue and 57th Avenue are two way streets.

The event's representative suggested diverting Hoffman Drive traffic onto Woodhaven Blvd. The Chair responded by doing this, traffic blockages would exist on Hoffman Drive and what would traffic do to get onto Queens Blvd.? Already, Queens Blvd. traffic is horrendous, mentioning the site of the Rock Church there.

The representative asked the Board for suggestions on using another street for the event. The Board Chair said, "Absolutely not 57th Avenue between Queens Blvd. or Hoffman Drive or any part of 57th Avenue. There is no way 57th Avenue can be blocked because it is a major thoroughfare".

The spokesperson said the street they are requesting to close is a side street. However, the Chair disagreed and said it is a major street.

Mr. Nick Pennachio added 57th Avenue is the service road of the Long Island Expressway. Fire engines travel along that route to Van Horn Street and make a left on 57th Avenue. It is inconceivable to seal off 57th Avenue.

Discussion ensued about using the building in Hoffman Park.

In this instance, on 57th Avenue Chairperson Moreno reiterated there is no way traffic will be stopped-either one or two blocks and continued the other site sought is right next to the Queens Center Mall.

Ms. Roseann Geiger called for a better understanding from the Street Fair's representative to the exact purpose of the event.

The representative explained over 100 community based organizations will be invited across New York City. This speaker was in attendance on behalf of The Rock Church in Elmhurst, Steinway Child Family Services and The National Black Leadership Commission, which includes the ex-Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields. Reaching out to community based organizations promoting and providing technical support for health fairs is its goal. In this case, the organizations invited are for the benefit of the community.

Chairperson Moreno responded the purpose of the event is very commendable and he applauded the idea, but not to be held on 57th Avenue or 56th Avenue.

More discussion ensued about traffic. Although the 110 Precinct Community Council is on board with the event, the Chair brought up the fact the Police Department had not given its permission. Again, the Chair stated all are in agreement with the event, but not on 57th Avenue, and suggested finding another location.

Mrs. Miriam Levenson suggested moving it to Elmhurst Hospital Center.

Discussion ensued about using inside Hoffman Park. Sponsors of the event would look into it.

Ms. Laraine Donohue explained the detrimental effects of closing 57th Avenue between Van Horn and Seabury Streets. Van Horn is a one way street and is a thorough fare for not only the Fire and Police Departments but also everyone that uses Van Horn Street to get to 57th Avenue. If motorists can't access the street because of the Fair, they cannot make the left. Motorists would have to make a traveling around Maspeth to get back to their destination. Vehicles traveling from Maspeth would have to travel to the other end because they cannot get through--a hazardous situation. She also mentioned the Rock Church is based in Nassau County. They have no membership in Queens (95% membership is Nassau County).

Mr. Pennachio suggested holding the event in the Rock Church.

More discussion ensued.

Next, Ms. Roseann Geiger commented this was an important event that should move forward. Is there a way approval can be granted tonight to use Hoffman Park.

The Chairperson responded no; a permit must be obtained. Parks permits do not come before the Board.

Next, Mr. George Onuorah spoke in favor of holding the event. The Board Chair agreed this is a worthwhile and needed cause and the Board would do whatever it could to assist in finding another site. However, 57th Avenue would not be closed.

Ms. Audrey Galligen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miriam Levenson, to **deny** the street activity application on Van Horn & Seabury Streets on 57th Avenue because it is a major thoroughfare.

Before the vote was taken, First Vice Chairperson Louis Walker said voting yes is to deny the permit. A no vote is to accept it.

By a roll call vote, the Board voted 22 yes, 3 no, with 4 abstentions. Motion to **deny** passed.

At this point, First Vice Chair Walker admonished the Board for being extremely rude. A point can be made without being rude.

XI. CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Vote: Priama, Inc./Club Glazz

Committee Chair George Onuorah thanked Mrs. Helen Landaverde for her past work as Committee Chair. Mr. Onuorah explained when he joined the Board; he wanted to help people in need. We are here to do a job for the community.

Mr. Onuorah conducted an on site inspection of the premises located at 79-51 Albion Avenue. His visit was conducted on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. The business contact, Mr. Ivan Cotto, allowed Mr. Onuorah to take photos. Hours of operation would be 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. By 3:00 a.m. club activity would start winding down. Work was in progress when the visit was conducted.

Capacity is for 950 patrons. The breakdown is as follows:

Terrace - 124 person capacity
VIP Lounge for patrons to smoke cigarettes

Bottom Floor capacity for 650 persons

Mezzanine Level: 150 person capacity
VIP section, own bathrooms, Limo service, Versace room, 2 Office rooms

Open lounge
Valet parking available on premises
Dance Floor: Strict dress code enforced
Live artists performances

The decor is very modern and a 25 man security team will be on staff with an EMS person and Sgt. Plans are to open some time before June. This is a new business coming before the Board asking for a license.

Invitation to the Club will be exclusive through such mediums as Face book. The property once housed a lighting fixture company.

Chairperson Moreno asked if the club was operational now. Mr. Onuorah replied no. It is still under construction. Plans are to open before summer.

The recommendation of the Consumer Affairs Committee was to **approve** the application.

Discussion ensued about the type of business and its entrance (moving the door) and close proximity to P. S. 7.

Mr. Lisa commented bringing 900+ cars into this area would tremendously back up traffic on Queens Blvd. and surrounding streets.

Next, Mr. Robert Rothschild commented he found the contact people arrogant when they met with the Public Safety Committee.

Next, Ms. Lucy Schilero reported not only is the place of business right up against a school, there are 2-family homes and apartment building in a residential, low lying area. Although zoning does allow for the establishment to open, it is too big of a project for that immediate area.

Ms. Lucy Schilero made a motion, seconded by Ms. Laraine Donohue, to **deny** the proposal.

Before the vote was taken, however, First Vice Chair Walker explained a yes vote is to deny the proposal; a no vote is to approve it.

By a roll call vote, the Board voted 28 yes, 1 no, with 0 abstentions. Motion to deny passed.

XII. PRESENTATION

TLC Five Borough Taxi Plan

Ms. Emily Gallo and Mr. Gary Ross, representatives from the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission addressed the Board about the Mayor's Five Borough Taxi Plan. The goal of this plan is to give all New Yorkers a safe, reliable and convenient option for getting around town. For years, yellow taxis spend a majority of their time making pickups in Manhattan. GPS data proves that 97% of their trips start in Manhattan or the airports although 80% of the population lives outside of Manhattan. Under City law, yellow taxis are the only vehicles that have the legal right to pick up passengers off the street. However, there is a demonstrated demand for street hail type taxi service outside Manhattan.

Car services, also known as livery cars or dial-a-cars, are the ones that are meeting this demand illegally. TLC representatives have observed street hails at a number of locations including at the end of subway stations and at Malls. For example, there were 39 street hails an hour at Jamaica and Parsons Blvd.; 16 street hails an hour at Broadway and Grand Avenue during the peak of the evening rush hour. In Brooklyn and Coney Island data included 65 street hails an hour, nearly one a minute.

The Five Borough Taxi Plan proposes to legalize car services picking up passengers off the street, essentially legitimizing a service which already is happening provided, however, that those vehicles have certain key features as follows:

1. The vehicles must be painted a uniform color with consistent markings so that people will be able to identify them on the street. The vehicles must have a roof light so that passengers will know if the car is available to avoid the driver honking at the passenger to get into the car.
2. The vehicle must have a meter with a uniform fare for the street hail pickups. Many passengers find the experience of haggling with the driver uncomfortable and felt they were getting ripped off. Passengers traveling outside Manhattan deserve the same fares as people in Manhattan.
3. Vehicles must be able to accept credit and debit cards. This is a convenience that had been implemented in taxis. Over 40% of yellow taxi trips are paid with credit and debit cards.
4. Vehicles must have GPS so that the City will be able to find lost property. When passengers left behind property in yellow taxis, the TLC was able to find the property.
5. Drivers must attend taxi school to learn city geography and pass an English proficiency test.

No changes are proposed for the dial-a-car car service option. The car service companies will have the option of participating in this new service for street hails. If they want to keep their business exactly as it is now, they would be allowed to do that.

Discussions have begun with the City Council, which is the beginning of the process. As the plan goes through the legislative process, details will change. TLC representatives are visiting every Community Board outside Manhattan for feedback.

Since the plan is very open to changes, log on nyc.gov/taxi, which is a very short online survey you can take and tell the agency what you think of taxi and livery service today and what type of features you would want in the new service or whether or not you would want the new service.

At this point, Ms. Gallo took questions from the Board. Ms. Clara Salas relayed an incident and stated there is no provision to protect people's rights when taxi drivers refuse service.

Ms. Gallo responded complaints received at the TLC over the past year have gone up about drivers refusing service. The TLC conducted an undercover operation where testers asked drivers to take them to one of the outer boroughs. When the drivers refused, they were written up. Passengers should report illegal refusals by noting the taxi medallion number, calling 311, or go online to nyc.gov.

Next, Ms. Rovenia McGowan relayed an incident which she had reported and her experience with reporting the driver. New York City cab drivers are required by law to take passengers to any destination within the five boroughs or to Nassau and Westchester Counties and to Newark Airport. Calls to the TLC are followed up.

Ms. Gallo said to call 311 with complaints. No need to appear in person. In the last year, a program was instituted that allows complaints to be called in. Testify over the phone against the driver.

Next, the District Manager asked if the cabs that work in the outer boroughs will be able to work in Manhattan. Ms. Gallo replied no (only in the outer boroughs) explaining that if someone wanted to travel to Manhattan, they will be able to do so under the current proposal.

Subsequently, the District asked about fees. Ms. Gallo responded fees are not expected be as high as the cost for a medallion. Medallions sell for over \$800,000 each. This is not what this plan is envisioning. It is as a license that would be applied for at the TLC. Details for fees were still unclear, however, upgrades mentioned to the car must be made plus the cost of the license is needed.

At this point, Ms. Gallo responded to more questions from the Board members, adding empty trips going back and forth is a concern.

Next, Mr. Robert Rothschild suggested, perhaps at certain stands in Manhattan, cars traveling back to the outer boroughs can bring passengers back.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Environmental

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

ULURP & Zoning

Committee Chair Miriam Levenson reported no meeting was held in February. No meeting is scheduled for March as well.

Youth

Committee Chair Clara Salas reported the Community District Council is holding an emergency meeting on March 10 on proposed teacher layoffs and budget cuts. She urged all to attend. For the other boroughs, the Community District Council is also holding meetings regarding this issue on March 10.

District 24 will be adversely affected as 8% of our teachers will be cut. Ms. Salas gave statistics on the number of teachers to be cut. For more information, go to NY1 News where statistics are posted by school and borough.

Also, a Youth Services Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, at Elmhurst Hospital Center. Planned guest speakers include the School Construction Authority or any other important agency. More details will be forthcoming at the next Community Board meeting.

Health

Committee Chair Priscilla Carrow reported the Committee did not meet. But, the Community Advisory Board at Elmhurst Hospital legislator brunch was held on Friday to talk about cuts in Medicare and other issues.

Postal

The District Manager informed the Board since the Committee Chair had resigned a new Committee Chair is needed in addition to a new Second Vice Chair. A person must be elected to fill the position.

First Vice Chair Louis Walker reported this will be addressed at the April 12 CB meeting.

Chairperson Anthony Moreno asked whoever is interested in chairing the Postal Committee, call the District Manager. It is an important Committee. Only through the efforts of the Committee and particularly Mr. Castro serving as its Chair had the postal service improved considerably.

The District Manager added Postmaster Bill Rogers is retiring and also leaving his post.

XIII. PUBLIC FORUM

First Vice Chair Louis Walker called for anyone from the Public to speak or make a statement. Since no one came forward, a motion to adjourn was called for.

Before the Board adjourned, Mr. Eric Howard introduced himself as the new manger of the Lefrak City Library. He spoke about the number of cuts the Queens Library had sustained. He also spoke about the many services the Library had to offer. He invited all to come to the Library and let him know what your needs are. Donations are also being sought for the book budget.

Next, Ms. Yoselin Genao thanked a benefactor who donated hundreds of books to the community and the Corona Library.

Next, Ms. Rovenia McGowan mentioned the graffiti at the St. John's Queens Hospital property. It is horrible and needs to be cleaned up.

Next, Mr. Joseph DiMartino reported 110th Precinct Community Council will meet Monday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., at the VFW Hall; Flanders Field Post #150. Guest Speaker: Judge Richard A Brown, Queens County District Attorney. Come and ask questions.

There being no further business, Ms. Rovenia McGowan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robert Rothschild, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.