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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
End: Approx. 7:30 P.M.

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

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

A moment of silence was observed for Board Member Georgina Oliver's mother and Board Member Patricia Terranova's brother-in-law who had passed away.

At this point, First Vice Chair Patricia Terranova took the roll call. A quorum was present.

III. Vote: Minutes of April 10, 2012

Mr. Stephen Castro made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anthony Moreno, to **accept** the minutes of the April 10, 2012, meeting.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 42 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Louis Walker informed the Board he had recently interviewed an employee from the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare for the purpose of obtaining a senior worker to help out in the Board office for 20 hours per week. There is no charge to the Board for this service.

Some of the duties the worker can do are to assist the staff with the mailings, photocopying and answering phones.

At this point, Mr. Tom McKenzie brought up since the past five Board meetings were held in Corona, can the next five meetings be held in Elmhurst?

The Chairperson responded he would consider it.

Mr. McKenzie had offered meeting sites.

V. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Ms. Emily Paez, representing Senator Jose Peralta's office announced a Town Meeting on:

Wednesday, May 9, 2012
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

St. Paul Apostle Church
98-16 55th Avenue
Corona, NY

Working with Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry and Council Member Daniel Dromm, this meeting will serve as an open conversation with the 110th Precinct and Lefrak City Security and the District Attorney's Office on the recent shootings.

Additionally, a *Staying Sharp* event is planned for:

Saturday, May 19, 2012
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Elmhurst Hospital
79-01 Broadway
A1-22
Elmhurst, NY

Partnering with AARP, ask the experts about keeping your brain young. A question and answer session on the aging brain, the bi-lingual advantage, memory and brain health, and a Brain Fair with activities, quizzes and more.

Flyers were available with more information.

Next, Bruce Eiber, representing Council Member Karen Koslowitz's office, reported Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Event are scheduled for Thursday, May 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m at Bethzatha Church, 85-20 57th Avenue, Elmhurst. NY.

Council Member Karen Koslowitz will be in attendance at this event. Among those honored will be Council Member Peter Koo who is receiving Person of the Year award. All are invited to attend.

He also mentioned anyone with landlord tenant issues visit the Council Member's office on Tuesday nights. An attorney is on staff to offer assistance.

At this point, Mr. Tom McKenzie inquired if the City Council's Public Safety Committee could consider granting the Commission to Combat Police Corruption *subpoena power*?

Mr. Eiber said he would bring the suggestion back to the Council Member.

Next, Carolyn Tran, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm’s office, reported a Shredding Event is planned for Saturday, May 19, in front of the Jackson Heights Post Office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring any documents that need to be shredded.

Next, she announced on Sunday, June 3, at 12 Noon the Annual LGBT Pride Parade is scheduled. The parade will start at 37th Avenue from 84th Street to 75th Street, Jackson Heights.

If interested in marching with the Council Member, please contact their office. Flyers were on hand.

VI. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Vote: SLA Applications

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Committee met on May 7 on the following SLA applications.

New Applicants

<u>Establishment’s Name</u>	<u>Establishment’s Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Taiwanese Gourmet Corp. Wine and Beer Only	84-02 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Ramen Joe, Inc. dba Wine and Beer Only	85-22 Grand Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Picanteria La Gualacénita, Corp. Wine and Beer Only	40-08 Hampton Street Elmhurst, NY	Approved
El Reencuentro, LLC Wine and Beer Only	102-46 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Denied. No C of O or Dept. of Bldgs. Approval.

Renewal Applicants

<u>Establishment’s Name</u>	<u>Establishment’s Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Winners Bar, Inc. Liquor, Wine, and Beer	82-67 Broadway-1 st Fl. Elmhurst, NY	Denied. Consumption after hours. Disorderly premises. C-summons underage sale. Put in for closure.
Team Tacos Mexico, Corp. Liquor, Wine and Beer	88-10 Roosevelt Ave.-1 st Fl. Jackson Heights. NY	Approved
El Gauchito II Corp. Wine and Beer Only	94-58/60 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
JNT Foods Inc. dba Pop Diner Liquor, Wine and Beer	80-26 Queens Boulevard Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Restaurant Mexico Int., Inc. Wine and Beer Only	40-18 82 Street-1 st . fl. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Terraza Coffee Bar and Art Corp. Liquor, Wine and Beer	40-19 Gleane Street Elmhurst, NY	Approved

Diskal, Inc. dba Georgia Diner Liquor, Wine and Beer	86-55 Queens Boulevard Elmhurst, NY	Approved
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Renewal Applicants (cont'd)

Establishment's Name	Establishment's Address	Committee Recommendation
Casa America Corp. Grocery Wine	102-04 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
El Dorado Café Corp. Wine and Beer Only	102-02 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approved

Mr. Tom McKenzie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stephen Castro, to **accept** the Committee's report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 42 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Before the Transportation Committee's report was presented, Ms. Schilero provided more information about the wishes of Georgina Oliver regarding the passing of her mother, Marjory Works. Our deepest sympathies go out to Georgina Oliver and her family.

If you would like to make a donation, please do so in her memory to the Queens Hospital Center Breast Clinic. Sympathy flyers were on hand.

Mr. Tom McKenzie suggested reading the *Newtown Crier* about how a sergeant had his own mother arrested.

VII. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Vote: LA Corona Express Car Service

Committee Chair Joe DiMartino reported on the LA Corona Express Car Service. The base did not provide the committee with any leases for off street parking of its cars. Until the lease is received, we cannot take a vote on the application.

Also, a Committee meeting is planned with DOT on Monday, May 14, at the Board office regarding the trucks parked at Corona Plaza.

Before concluding the meeting, Chairperson Walker reminded the Board members Mr. DiMartino also collects for the Sunshine Fund. If new members would like to see Joe at the end of the meeting, please do so.

At the point, Chairperson Walker announced the Board would be commencing its Executive Session. Non-Board members were asked to depart. Job candidates to remain. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Chairperson Walker opened the Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Before the interview process began, however, Mrs. Catherine Moore announced New Members' Community Board Orientation & Training is Thursday, May 10, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. All new members are mandated to attend. Orientation should take approximately two hours.

Next, Ari Espinal, representing Assembly Member Francisco Moya's office, reported the Dream Fund was passed.

Next, she spoke about the upcoming Mobile Office in two weeks. All were invited.

At this point, sample questions, candidate resumes, and copies of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy were distributed to the Board members.

Subsequently, Louis Walker announced all Board members must stay until the end of the meeting to be marked present. This list will be given to the Borough President for review.

At 7:40 p.m. the tape recorder was closed, and the Board began the selection process for its next District Manager.