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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

TIME: 7:00 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.

III. First Vice Chair Patricia Terranova took the roll call. A quorum was present.

IV. Vote Minutes of September 10, 2012

Mr. Stephen Castro made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alirio Orduna, to **accept** the minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 37 in favor, 0 opposed with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. Report of the Chairperson

Under the this segment, Chairperson Walker introduced Mr. Jonathan Ettricks, NYC Districting Commission, who reported the Commission will hold a public hearing for public comments on Wednesday, October 10, 5:30 p.m., at LaGuardia Community College.

The Commission is supposed to follow a set of rules to redraw the lines in response to population changes recorded in the 2010 census, ensuring communities are kept together and federal voting guidelines are followed. Informational packets were distributed to the Board members. He explained the proposed lines inside the packet are #21, 25, and 29. He urged all to come to the hearing tomorrow to testify. If you cannot attend the hearings, log on to their website at www.nyc.gov/districting upload testimony. The Commission is very interested in hearing from the Public and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Next, Chairperson Walker reported the ULURP meeting scheduled for October 16 had been cancelled due to the fact the premises had been granted the variance by the BSA. The property in question is 90-02 Queens Blvd. (St. John's Queens Hospital property).

Next, Chairperson Walker reported proposed cuts to the Board's internal operating budget. For FY 13, the pending cut is \$11,172.00. For FY 14, the proposed cut is for \$15,658. The first cut the Board can withstand, but the second cut will cause serious problems.

Chairperson Walker expressed optimism the cuts will not happen and the City Council will restore the funding. Community Boards budgets are very small, under \$200,000, which all operating expenses including salaries are paid out.

VI. Report of the Legislators

Mr. Bruce Eiber, representing, Council Member Karen Koslowitz, reported on Tuesday nights an attorney is on staff to answer questions concerning landlord/tenant issues. Call the office at 718-544-8800 for more information.

He also mentioned he would be following the redistricting meetings.

Next, Christina Long, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras' office, reported on the following:

In conjunction with Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, Council Member Julissa Ferreras will host a seminar on:

Preventing Home Foreclosures – Knowing Your Rights and Finding Assistance
Co-Sponsored By State Senator Jose Peralta & Assembly Member Francisco Moya
At: Elmcot Senior Center, 98-19 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY
Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 6-8 p.m.

October 17 – *Owner's Forum*
Property Tax Exemptions, Building Department Issues, Lead/Pest Control
Low Income Home Repair Loans
6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
100-10 Astoria Blvd.
E. Elmhurst, NY

Restaurant Boot Camp
In Conjunction with Queens Chamber of Commerce and NYC Business Solutions
Monday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m.

To run a successful restaurant, you must know how to manage your employees and expenses, As well as which licenses you may need. This course will help you understand the basic requirements.

Langston Hughes Queens Library
100-01 Northern Boulevard
Corona, NY

Understand NYC Law and Your Responsibilities To Customers
What Businesses Need to Know this Holiday Season
A Free Seminar for Small Business Owners and Employers
Presented by Queens Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, November 8, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Langston Hughes Library
100-01 Northern Boulevard
Corona, NY

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker asked the Elmhurst Board members to stand. He explained he will move one of the Board meetings to Elmhurst Hospital. He asked those Board members, "How do you feel about that." The vote of those Elmhurst Board members to move the meeting, indicated by a show of hands, was 1 opposed and the rest was in favor.

Board Member Miriam Levenson inquired about parking in the garage at Elmhurst Hospital. Chairperson Walker stated he already looked into it and he could not obtain it. Suggestions were also given about other meeting sites in the Elmhurst community. Mr. Walker emphasized the site must be ADA compliant. More discussion ensued.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Vote: SLA Applications

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Committee met on Tuesday, October 2, on the following SLA applications:

New Applicants

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>
Blue Aroma Café, Inc. Beer Only	41-06B Junction Boulevard Corona, NY	Approved
Six Brothers Liquor, Wine and Beer	108-10 41 st Avenue Corona, NY	Approved

Renewal Applicants

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>
Wa Wa San, Inc. Wine and Beer Only Penang Malaysian Cuisine	82-84 Broadway – Store 2 Elmhurst, NY	Approved
BBQ Chicken Don Alex 2 Wine and Beer Only	106-24 & 26 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
Osvis Bar Rest. Corp. El Canelazo Bar Rest Liquor, Wine, & Beer	80-04 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied 1 Arrest for Forged Docs. Under 500 Foot Rule
Stareast Glory, Inc. Sushi Island Wine and Beer Only	87-18 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Eustaquio Cortez Cabanas Paraiso Azteca Rest. & Bar Wine and Beer Only	102-53 43 Avenue Corona, NY	Denied. SLA 1C Summons Unlicensed Billiard Table

RECONSIDERATION

Cavico Corp.
Sabor Deportivo Rest.
Liquor, Wine and Beer

40-32 National Street
Corona, NY

Denied.
2C Summons Failure to Check
ID's. Obstructive View of Bar

At this point, Committee Chair Schilero announced CERT CB4Q was the Honoree CERT Queens Host for National Preparedness Month at Target Store at Queens Place at 88-01 Queens Blvd., Elmhurst, NY 6,000 RYN Guides and Info. were distributed that day.

Mr. Al Perna made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tony Moreno, to accept the Committee's report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 37 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Subsequently, Chairperson Walker asked if any other Committee Reports needed to be heard.

Youth Committee Chair Clara Salas reported a Parent Education Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, 135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, NY. Open free of charge to all Queens parents with children in NYC schools. She urged all to attend. Flyers were on hand.

At this point, Mr. George Onuorah commented other areas should be taken into consideration to hold upcoming Board meetings.

Chairperson Walker responded a future Board meeting will be held at Elmhurst Hospital. He did not think it was a good idea to be going to different places every month. People will lose track of the meeting site and a quorum problem will develop.

Discussion ensued.

Next, Board Treasurer Joe DiMartino reminded those who did not contribute to the Sunshine Fund, see him later in the meeting.

At this point, Chairperson Walker introduced D.I. Ronald Leyson, P.O. Janine Rivera and Capt. Santana of the 110 Police Precinct.

Before moving on to the next agenda item, Ms. Celeste Balducci, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, announced a shredding party will be held on October 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in Jackson Heights. Come and Shred all your old paperwork.

Word will be received soon regarding the street co-naming for Steven R. Trimboli and Guillermo Vasquez. Another street co-naming had been requested, but it will not be acted upon until the Spring, when the Committee meets again.

Council Member Dromm and Council Member Mark Weprin had appeared on NY1 speaking about illegal flyers people post.

Mr. Claudio Zamparini from Corona Community Ambulance Corp. informed the Board of its services. Business cards were on hand.

At this point, Chairperson Walker introduced Deputy Inspector Ronald Leyson of the 110 Police Precinct. As far as crime over the summer, crimes decreased about 15%. We are still showing an increase in crime by about 10% for the year, which was driven by numerous robberies during the beginning of the year and continuously grand larcenies, including property crimes.

Be vigilant of your surroundings he urged. The increase in Apple products thefts surpasses the overall crime increase in the entire city. Programs are in place such as Operation ID. Register your phone's serial number with the 110 Precinct. Call 718-476-9310.

A March Operation was conducted on October 5, 2012. This is multi-agency community response to "hot spots". Coordinated efforts by the Departments of Health, Sanitation, Fire, and Buildings to view problematic locations at 10 locations were initiated and numerous summonses issued. Not only locations where crime emanates from but also locations that were called in by residents were looked at.

Also, the 110 Precinct is working with the local Council Members on issues surrounding the community such as the Mudanza trucks on Roosevelt Avenue and 104 Street. It is a time consuming issue because the trucks park legally and extend the time in a two hour parking zone. Details were given.

Next he addressed the illegally parked For Sale cars on our streets. Since parking is at a premium in the community, those offenders feel they can use the street as a used car lot, which they cannot. Several tow operations have been conducted and more will continue. Another tow operation is forthcoming. A few different tow trucks will be brought in so that even more cars will be towed.

Before concluding, Deputy Inspector Leyson urged all to be aware of the upcoming Holiday Season and to make it a Healthy, Happy, and Safe one. He gave safety tips about purchases left in the car. People are watching and elaborated on awareness.

Keep windows and doors locked, providing more safety tips.

At this point, Board Member Lucy Schilero thanked Deputy Inspector Leyson for his assistance regarding petitions that were submitted for two locations. Although the establishment continues to make noise, neighbors are very happy.

Deputy Inspector Leyson stated, "It is not only about crime, but quality of life is very important." He urged all to call the 110 Precinct so that quality of life issues can be addressed to promote a good, safe, clean and healthy environment.

Next, Board Member George Onuorah inquired about the shooting of a 22 year old unarmed man who was shot by a police detective during a traffic stop on the Grand Central Parkway.

Deputy Inspector Leyson replied the case is under investigation by the Internal Affairs Bureau and the Queens County District Attorney's Office. It is a tragedy, but he cannot comment on the particulars. He noted the 110 Precinct has been working with the family.

At 7:40 p.m., Chairperson Louis Walker announced the conclusion of the Board meeting and non-Board members were asked to depart. The Closed Session of the meeting immediately followed to begin interviews for District Manager of Community Board 4Q.