



## COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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### COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Board Member Nick Pennachio's sister, Josephine A. Pennachio.

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

IV. Vote: Minutes of April 9 and May 14, 2013 Meetings

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board member Judy D'Andrea, to **approve** the minutes of the April 9 and May 14 meetings.

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

### V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

As part of the Chairperson's report, Chairperson Walker introduced Deputy Inspector Leyson to address the Board.

Deputy Inspector Leyson reported on the increased grand larcenies largely attributed to the carnival at Citi field held May 17-18. 13 pickpockets were arrested. Playing for an estimated 50,000 people, the festival was held in the parking lot.

He cautioned all to be aware of their surroundings. Try not to forget your property when it's in your car, especially when it's in public view. Don't think your purse is safe under the seat of your car. People are watching you. Be mindful of your property and your surroundings. He spoke about the smartphones and being engrained in the phone and inattentive to your surroundings. Also, while wearing earphones always leave one ear bud off your ear so that you can hear what's going on around you whether it is a car coming or people sneaking up on you.

Don't leave house windows open. People are watching to climb in your home and grab your property.

Summer is here!

The City Council was holding hearings on Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, which had an increase in crime. Statistically, there was dramatic spike in crime in Flushing Meadow-Corona Park. 13 crimes versus 0 at Citi field, which is part of the statistics for Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, attributed to the Electric Daisy Concert. Last year, there were no crimes at Citi field of the seven major crimes. This year 13 crimes were reported, which is a huge increase.

Also, by the aquatic center there was a rash of car break-ins under the Van Wyck Expressway and in the parking lot adjacent to the aquatic center.

Deputy Inspector Leyson also reported on the robberies at the Electric Daisy Concert and at Meadow Lake. He noted the Park's closing at 9:00 p.m. The robberies were reported at 1:00 a.m., after the Park closed. He spoke about the 9:00 p.m. curfew inside Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. Details of a recent crime and enforcement of the curfew were provided.

He urged all to call 311 on noise complaints for licensed premises or to call the Precinct. Deputy Inspector Leyson spoke about the new policy instituted in every precinct. The Desk Sergeant is required to call back at least one 311 complainant, where a phone number is given. Details were given.

This is done to ensure the Police did respond and the complainant is satisfied with the service rendered.

Quality of Life issues is very important to Deputy Inspector Leyson, noting he is accessible to the constituency and strives to make our neighborhoods better places to live and work.

Next, he mentioned National Night Out against crime, Tuesday, August 6, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park by the Carousel. The 110<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council does a great job in conjunction with other community groups. He urged all to come out and enjoy this family event.

At this point, Board Member Georgina Oliver asked about obtaining an aided report copy. D. I. Leyson provided details on the procedure.

Similarly, Chairperson Walker stated this past Sunday in the Lefrak area a group of people went around knocking on doors in Sherwood Village and said Ralph Moreno, a Board Member of Community Board 3, had been hit and killed by a vehicle. The perps. were collecting donations for his family because they said he had no insurance. Chairperson Walker said Mr. Moreno was alive and well and those individuals were going around fraudulently soliciting donations.

Deputy Inspector Leyson said P. O. Saponeri will take the information and further commented Lefrak has excellent video systems. Talks will begin with Mid-City Security about this incident. Chairperson Walker pointed out the people targeted were from Sherwood Village.

Deputy Leyson advised the Board to try to confirm any requests for donations. Remember, the Police Department does not solicit donations over the phone.

Next, Mr. Mike Liquori brought up the issue of speeding cars in the neighborhood. He resides at 42 Avenue between 114<sup>th</sup> Street and 111 Street. On 43rd Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue he has witnessed many vehicle accidents on 111th Street. On 114<sup>th</sup> Street there is a speed bump and a stop light on 41st Avenue. Why the same can't be done for 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Roosevelt Avenue which is far busier, he questioned.

Deputy Inspector said he would look into it and provided information about obtaining speed bumps, which is a Department of Transportation matter. He also stated he would speak to his traffic officers about enforcement in the area.

Discussion ensued about the accidents at the location.

At this point, Board Member Judy D'Andrea said at the corner of 111<sup>th</sup> Street and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue by P. S. 28 at dismissal time illegal vendors are selling food from coolers and shopping carts. When cars are coming down 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, they must come into the middle of 111<sup>th</sup> Street because of this activity by these vendors. With the children coming out of school, parents picking up their children, vendors selling food, plus the double parked cars, it creates a very dangerous situation. She requested at dismissal time a police officer be there to move the illegal vendors and double parked cars along.

Deputy Inspector Leyson said there is a business conditions unit that will be sent over to this location. Extensive vendor enforcement has been done in the area especially in the vicinity of 111<sup>th</sup> Street. Illegal vendors will be summonsed and their goods confiscated.

A community resident related an incident when 911 and 311 and the 110 Precinct were called in response to an auto accident where someone was injured. It took an hour and half for an ambulance and two hours for police to arrive at the scene.

Deputy Inspector Leyson responded originally the call was probably called in with no injuries. The ambulance is dispatched completely separate. They are FDNY employees. If there is an injury, the call will be transferred to EMS dispatcher. More details were provided about how the calls are handled through different agencies and radio systems, and dispatching system. He explained all jobs are prioritized and he gave further details.

At the Precinct level, Deputy Inspector Leyson has instituted random audits. The Integrity Control Officer must report to D. I. Leyson monthly, where he calls up different officers in the building to see how long it takes for them to answer the phones. D. I. Leyson also places phone calls to see how long the officers take to answer the phone.

Also, he advised if there is a problem when calling the Precinct, note the time and date the call was placed.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker reminded the Board Members to fill out their committee choices form and return it as soon as possible since the Board committees need to be formed.

Similarly, Chairperson Louis Walker announced Robert Rothschild had resigned from the Board, but he had held the position of At Large director, which must be filled. A Nominating Committee must be formed. Three people are chosen from the floor, two people are chosen by the Board Chair.

First, nominations from the floor will be taken tonight. Since there were none, Chairperson Walker made the nominations and asked all if they agreed to serve. *Al Perna, Patricia Terranova, Giancarlo Castano, Lucy Cerezo-Scully, and Debra Clayton* were selected and all agreed to serve. Chairperson Walker advised the newly formed committee it must meet and make a report at the September Community Board meeting. At that meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor. The newly elected candidate will only be in office until February 2014, when the Board will hold an election for the various offices.

## **VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

District Manager Cassagnol referred the Board to Page 2 of the Board agenda, pointing out the Street Activity applications. He had met with a majority of the applicants as well as calling some of them. With the Street Activity Permit Office and the Precinct, there are no objections. District Manager Cassagnol said there is another application for consideration, which was not placed on the agenda.

The District Manager reported the Board can either vote on each application individually or the District Manager can approve it as he meets with the applicant. He explained the majority of the current applications are religious ceremonies that do not merit a full street closure and the others are recurring events that have been held the last couple of years without incident. Very few are new applications.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea asked for more information on the Copyme Healthfair (Block Party). District Manager Cassagnol provided details from the application submitted. District Manager Cassagnol informed the Board all applicants were invited to tonight's meeting, but only two are in attendance. A representative from Copyme Healthfair is not present.

Board member Roseann Geiger pointed out she lives on the block that had been requested. Discussion ensued.

Representatives were present from:

July 27 - Confirmation of St. Mary's Church (Religious Ceremony)

July 20 - Family Super Saturday (Religious Ceremony)

The Labor Day Festival was cancelled. **However, State Senator Jose Peralta will hold a Back to School event.**

More information will be given by Ms. Emely Paez

Board Member Al Perna suggested hearing the information from those representatives who are in attendance tonight.

At this point, Board Member Al Perna, made a motion seconded by Board Member James Lisa to approve the above three street activity permits where the representatives are present at tonight's Board meeting and to table the remaining applications.

After discussion, it was determined the applications cannot be tabled since they are time sensitive. A vote must be taken tonight.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol suggested to the Board if the applicant is not present tonight and they have had a recurring event, with positive results for the last couple of years, would the Board agree to **approve** the event. The general consensus was in favor.

By a voice vote, the Board **approved** this recommendation. The vote was 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Next, District Manager reported he was the keynote speaker at Elmhurst Hospital's Green Market. Additionally, he with Parks Committee Chair Al Perna was present at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Fantasy Forest at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

## VII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Mr. Bruce Eiber, representing City Council Member Karen Koslowitz's office, reported Flag Day is June 14.

Happy summer. See you in September!

Next, Ms. Emely Paez, representing Senator Jose Peralta's office, reported a Back to School is planned for Saturday, August 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at 98<sup>th</sup> Place where St. Paul's Church is located. Different community organizations will be present. More information will follow.

Also, a summer reading program *Dig InTo Reading* will be started to encourage students to read. Join this summer in promoting literacy and indulging in the wonderful world of books. Students and their parents can log on to PERALTA.NYSENATE.GOV and create a profile, record reading progress and earn a certificate.

Next, Ari Espninal, representing Assembly Member Francisco Moya's office, reported on a New York State reading program. Visiting the schools in the district, the Assembly Member's office will issue certificates as well to the students to keep them active in reading over the summer.

Subsequently, she thanked everyone who attended Assembly Member Moya's Town Hall meeting.

Next, Mr. Sebastian MaGuire, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, reported the City Council is in the process of passing the Richard Italiano street co-naming. Details will follow regarding the community ceremony.

Other street co-namings include Mary Sarro, former District Manager of CB3Q, and Guillermo Vasquez which is scheduled for July 27 on 77<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. Former Board member and Chairperson of CB 4 Steven Trimboli's street co-naming had already passed and a ceremony is scheduled for September. Details will follow.

Additionally, an upcoming LGBT event is scheduled for June 26 at Queens Borough Hall at 5:30 p.m. All invited to attend.

Finally, the budget is expected to pass early this year. Cuts to vital programs such as senior centers, firehouses, libraries etc. were proposed, but the City Council stepped in and restored funding for those essential services.

Next, Mr. Don Capalbi, representing Congresswoman Grace Meng's office, reported the local district office will be open in another week. Community Board 4 will be advised of the Open House. The Flushing office is located at 32-26 Union Street and in Forest Hills at 118-35 Queens Blvd. The phone numbers are for the Flushing office 718-445-7860 and for the Queens Blvd. office 718-445-7861. The easiest way to communicate is to e-mail the Congresswoman at meng.house.gov. Sign up for newsletters or ask questions or to invite the Congresswoman to events.

Next, Mr. Joel Trinidad-Santos, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras, reported on the following upcoming events:

June 13 – 12 Noon - The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day Pledge Against Domestic Violence  
Steps of City Hall

June 19 – 7:30 p.m. – Town Hall Meeting, P.S. 19 Auditorium, 98-02 Roosevelt Avenue

He also gave the following details on two upcoming service events to receive free and confidential legal assistance from qualified immigration attorneys to apply for U. S. citizenship.

On behalf of the New Americans campaign:

Saturday, June 15 at P. S. 19, 98-02 Roosevelt Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

NYCitizenship In Schools:

Saturday, June 15 at Newtown High School, 48-01 90<sup>th</sup> Street, Elmhurst, NY

Call the phone number on the flyer for hours of operation.

### VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

District Manager Cassagnol read the Committee's report since neither he nor the Committee Chair were in attendance at the June 4 Committee meeting.

### NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES JUNE 2013

#### NEW APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
85-15 Food Corp. Wine and Beer Only Business needs to resubmit application. Owner on 30-Day notice sent to Board does not reflect current owner.	85-16 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Denied
Los Andes Deli Corp. Beer Only Owner not ready to present to Committee. Asked to resubmit for next month.	92-22 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Denied
40-32 Food Corp. "Polleria El Rey" Liquor, Wine & Beer Assault IFO location; Criminal Mischief; Assault inside location. Arrests criminal mischief; SLA Checks: C Summons Unlicensed cabaret, employing a bouncer without a registration card, failure to check id, unlicensed sale of alcohol	40-32 National Street Corona, NY	Denied.
Junction Blvd. Rest. Corp. Los Tres Potrillos Liquor, Wine and Beer Failure to show. No paperwork submitted to Committee.	40-20 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Denied
Pizzeria Primera Vinicio's Pizzeria Liquor, Wine and Beer	40-21 108 Street Corona, NY	Approved

#### RENEWAL APPLICATS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Picanteria La Gualacenita Corp. Wine and Beer Only	40-08 Hampton Street Elmhurst, NY	Approved
El Gauchito II Corp.	94-60 Corona Avenue	Approved

Wine and Beer Only	Elmhurst, NY	
D&E Mexican Food Corp. Wine and Beer Only	40-11 82 Street Elmhurst, NY	Denied. Failure to show. No Business Documents.

At this point, Board Member James Lisa made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula to **approve** the Committee’s report as presented. By a voice vote the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

**IX. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Dan Wempa, VP External Affairs**

**Hall of Science**

**--Summer Programs/Events**

**--Hall of Science Updates**

Mr. Wempa reported on a just opened feature summer exhibit entitled *Design Zone*, which is a hands-on exhibit for families, especially young children. Find out how videogame developers, music producers, roller coaster designers and other creative problem solvers use math and science to meet their design challenges. Design Zone consists of three main thematic areas: Music-Hear It; Art—See it! and Action—Move It!

Hear the match in music while you explore relationships between length and pitch in musical instruments, ratios, and rhythms, and visual representations of sound. He explained the exhibits used.

This event will be featured all summer long through Labor Day weekend. Free with NYSCI admissions.

Fall programs include:

Dead or Alive: Halloween at NYSCI Do it yourself twist on Halloween and the Day of the Dead. Bats, catapults, pumpkin sculpting, piñatas, and Halloween inspired robots are all part of the celebration.

Partnering with local community organizations, there is always a theme of science and certain global cultural to the event.

Gingerbread House Maker planned for the holiday season – The gentleman who performs this does major displays. The administrators of the Hall of Science thought this would be a great exhibit. This is a very big outdoor exhibit, and some samples will be given away. Planned date to follow.

Next, he reported on holiday activities planned (week between Christmas and New Year’s). *ReMake the Holidays* –Budding scientists make their mark on the holiday season through hands-on workshops, demos and installation of the NYSCI’s fun day long festival. Last year activities include futuristic noisemaker creations and jam sessions with percussion sculpture. Registration required.



Next, he spoke about summer exhibitions planned, for example, the Telsa exhibition and other events planned for 2013 and 2014. 2014 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World's Fair, but parochially it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New York Hall of Science. A few years ago the scaffolding around the building was refaced. He spoke about the internal renovations and gave details. A major exhibition for the lower central pavilion, located beneath the Great Hall, called Design Lab is planned, geared toward school children. Taking a look at design, it is a 45 minute workshop in engineering, building structures etc. In the Great Hall, there will be a new exhibition, opening in the Fall of 2014. This exhibition is about how resources are shared across the world, and how decisions made here for example, the water supply, might affect Canada.

Working with partners in the Park, they are looking into ways of doing World's Fair celebrations. Details followed.

Next, Mr. Wempa reported the World Maker Faire New York will be held September 21 and September 22 at the New York Hall of Science. The week before an Education Day is planned for Thursday, September 19. 750 children are expected to attend.

At this point, Board Member said James Lisa last year's Maker's Fair was a total disaster. Parking was taken away from the residents on 111<sup>th</sup> Street. People were parked on 99<sup>th</sup> Street, walking over because they did not want to pay the parking fee. Residents could not move their cars to go out because when they returned there would be no place to park. No one parks in Citifield; they all park in Corona, walking to the event. Also, garbage left from the attendees is another major concern. The Maker's Fair is unconscionable for the community. It is operated from their parking lot and puts a great strain on the community. Something must be done. Also, it puts a burden on the Police Department because they must investigate accidents, and rope off the streets, plus there is no traffic flow on 111<sup>th</sup> Street. The side streets are extremely congested because attendees are looking for parking.

Speaking about revenue from the Maker's Fair, he said the community does not see a dime from the income taken in.

The Hall of Science is not a good neighbor in the community by holding this event. It is overburdening the Police Department and the community. Residents cannot attend church services because when returning home there is no place to park their cars. Many elderly people from the community depend on their vehicles to go to church because they cannot walk. More thought must go into planning this event.

Mr. Wempa responded 2012's event over the two days drew 50,000 people. In 2010, the event drew barely 20,000 people. This event drew 55,000 attendees-which was a surprise. Regarding parking, Citified last year the lots were not large enough to accommodate all those coming in. However, thousands of people did park in the Citifield lot. He is aware the event does disrupt traffic in the neighborhood, and the organization is looking into ways to mitigate the situation. He spoke about increasing awareness to use mass transit.

Board Member Lisa questioned why the event can't be held at Citifield. Continuing on the parking issue, he stated the New York Hall of Science sponsored a bike valet; about 400 people

brought their bikes. The event is about sustainability. They recycled and composted 20,000 pounds of garbage last year. With 500 exhibitors from New York State, attendees from 37 states, and 3 different continents, the exhibitors present everything from little table top projects built in their garage to major innovations.

Discussion ensued.

Before concluding, Mr. Wempa commented submission of New York Hall of Science is learning through participatory activity. It is not encouraged to open textbooks and read about things, but rather to use their hands by doing and/or failing. The scientific method is by making mistakes and learning through mistakes.

More discussion ensued.

At this point, Chairperson Walker advised that the Council Members should be apprised of the problems pertaining to events such as this one.

**B. PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)**

**Thomas Hurtubise, Curator of Education**

**Queens Zoo**

**--Summer Programs/Events**

**--Queens Zoo Updates**

Mr. Hurtubise reported Queens Zoo has had a very good year and great attendance. Last weekend, the Community Board event was held, which is an annual event to see some of the new activities.

In terms of new exhibits for the summer, new wild pigs and parrots have been added. In about two weeks, new sea lions will be added to the exhibits as well as new animals for the summer. With the intention to broaden exhibits to show animals from the Americas, the Queens Zoo wishes to expand its exhibits of animals from Central and South America such as parrots and aviary.

Next, he reported on the science activities. Queens Zoo is all about learning science and being outdoors

Step away from the television and come outside and see the animals. Be outside in nature. A summer camp program, which has doubled since last year, is available. It's all about being outside to learn science through the animals and the exhibits.

In the upcoming year, special events are planned such as Moo At The Zoo in September (date not finalized). A Halloween event is also scheduled. Between Thanksgiving and the Holidays a presents for the animals event is scheduled every weekend. Visitors are encouraged to come to the Discovery Center to put together presents and gifts for the animal exhibits.

More events include the Annual Lunar event 2014 the Year of the Horse; the annual sheep shearing event is scheduled for May; and the summer camp program is coming up. Brochures were distributed.

Next, he said the Queens Zoo would like to go out and participate in community events (providing staff is available) to promote the Zoo and help make the event more fun. Details were provided.

He also mentioned Grant funded programs will be available from the Queens Zoo to schools. Details were provided on the funding program for education.

At this point, Mr. Hurtubise answered questions from the Board members.

Before proceeding to the next agenda item, Chairperson Louis Walker informed the Board guests are invited to speak at its meetings. Although we may not agree with their viewpoints, being rude or persistent with the guests will not get us anywhere. Community Board 4's role is advisory. How many times have we voted for items that did not materialize? Board members are aware of the offices of elected officials and their roles. Elected officials should be contacted to report problems.

#### **X. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Vote: Patron Car Service, Inc.**

**New Base License – 97-24 Christie Avenue-Corona, NY**

Transportation Committee Chair Joseph DiMartino presented the report. Committee Chair DiMartino called out if anyone was present from Patron Car Service. No one was in attendance. Mr. DiMartino reported the Committee met with the applicant and there were no objection from the community or any police reports on file. The Committee voted to **approve** the application.

District Manager Cassagnol added the Base was asked to produce a hard copy of its procedures for drivers, which they did not produce.

At this point, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Judy D'Andrea, to **approve** the new base license application.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 4 abstentions. Motion passed.

#### **XI. CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Vote: Sabor Latino Restaurant**

**95-35 40<sup>th</sup> Road**

Committee Chair George Onuorah reported the establishment listed in the Board's Newsletter (Play Lounge) was incorrect. The correct establishment requesting the Sidewalk Café was Sabor Latino, located at 95-35 40<sup>th</sup> Road, Elmhurst, NY.

Committee Chair Onuorah reported he visited the site and spoke to the applicant. Details followed. Since there was no quorum at the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting, but based on observations at the site, the Committee Chair recommended allowing the operation of the business. Two minor incidents were reported to the 110 Precinct about the site.

At this point, Board Member Patricia Terranova made a motion, seconded by Board Member Patricia Terranova, to **approve** the application.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 26 in favor, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Environmental***

No Report.

### ***Health***

Committee Chair Priscilla Carrow reported she met with the Queens Smoke-Free Partnership and would like to have them as guest speakers at the Board's October meeting to talk about smoking and cigarettes displayed in the front of a store and also to discuss smoke free buildings.

### ***Postal***

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

### ***ULURP***

Committee Chair Miriam Levenson reported the Committee met on June 4 to discuss three applications. One application was the St. John's Hospital site at 90-02 Queens Blvd. regarding the Department of Buildings objection that at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> now) floor building segment portion of residential units not provided adequate legally required windows. Details were provided.

The next item on the ULURP agenda was the 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Demapping – City Planning submitted the application to de-mapp unmapped portion of 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Junction Blvd. & National Street in order to facilitate the construction of two new public schools in CSD 24.

The next item on the ULURP agenda was 89-53/63 Queens Blvd.

Current approvals prohibit restaurants, ice cream stores, food stores and more. Approval also limits design of building to current configuration. Owner sought modification to some of the existing conditions to reflect current development in the area and provide flexibility in future leasing and development of property. Details followed.

At this point, Mr. Frederick Lee, Project Manager for rezoning for East Elmhurst, part of which includes Roosevelt Avenue between Elmhurst Avenue and 114<sup>th</sup> Street. He also introduced his colleague Ms. Hye-Kyung Yang the new planner from Queens City Planning to Community Board 4.

Mr. Lee reported the vast majority of the re-zoning effort has been directed toward commercial and residential re-zoning in East Elmhurst, which is situated in Community Board 3. However

when the Department of City Planning did the re-zoning for North Corona, many of commercial overlays was established on the north side of Roosevelt Avenue. The south side was an “out” commercial overlay rezoning because it was Community Board 4 and to make up for the oversight, the lots fronts on Roosevelt Avenue have now been included.

Many of the lots and sites have commercial uses but are without commercial overlays. Commercial overlays allow retail development and office use. Previously, lots were established which had commercial uses but not commercial overlays and were grandfathered in by a pre-existing condition. But should the owner of the property wish to change the use to another commercial use, he would not be able to do because the property is without a commercial overlay.

This proposal will update commercial overlays to reinforce the main commercial corridors, to better reflect current land use trends, and constrain commercial movement onto residential streets.

For the 14 blocks on Roosevelt Avenue, it is proposed a C1-4 and C2-4 districts that would allow commercial development and mixed use development, which is residences on the upper floors and retail on the ground floor. No changes will be made to the existing residential zoning.

Under the current zoning, where there are new developments without commercial overlays, it is restricted to community facility or a residential use. With a commercial overlay, it allows commercial use on the ground floor and residences on the upper floors allowing a great deal of potential for new development.

The -4 in the C2-4, indicates a parking requirement of one space per 1,000 sq. ft. of floor area, meaning parking for the small lots would be waived. The planning rationale is Roosevelt Avenue is very well served by mass transit.

At this point, Mr. Lee answered questions from the Board members.

Next, Board Member Miriam Levenson made a motion, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow, to **accept** the certified re-zoning.

Before the vote was taken, Committee Chair Miriam Levenson reported the Committee recommended approval of the proposal.

By a roll call vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

At this point, Board Chairperson Louis Walker continued with the Committee Reports.

### ***Youth***

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

### ***Parks***

Committee Chair Al Perna reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony of the first amusement park in Queens. He also reported on the free events listed in the Board's Newsletter at Flushing Meadow-Corona Park.

Committee Chair Perna also reported on the activities held at Citi-field throughout the summer. Details were provided.

### **XI. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Daniel Green, representing Faith In New York, an interfaith organization around New York City. A forum will be held on Thursday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, East Elmhurst, NY. Details were provided.

At this point, Ms. Tamanna Yasmin from SHEBA USA who applied for a street activity permit on June 23 requested to address the Board. Although the application was denied by the Board earlier in the evening, she asked to speak. Chairperson Walker granted her speaking time, and also informed she was late.

Ms. Yasmin reported this organization helps new immigrants in the Elmhurst-Jackson Heights area. Flyers were passed out.

The purpose of this festival is for fund raising, not for personal gain. Free services are provided by the organization such as computer, civic leadership etc. They have no complaints on their festival in the past.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker stated this request was originally for Community Board 3, until they decided to move it Community Board 4.

District Manager Cassagnol reported this event was scheduled for June 16, but because it fell on Father's Day it was moved to 23, which is two weeks from today, and requesting to move it from CB 3 to CB 4. The site for this event is 73 Street between Roosevelt and 41<sup>st</sup> Avenues. He reiterated it is a 2 week notice.

District Manager Cassagnol although it is very short notice if the Board wished to approve the application it could be done and the Street Activity Permit Office would process the application. Nothing else is happening that day.

At this point, Chairperson Walker asked the Board if they wished to re-open this application. After discussion, the Board agreed to re-open this one permit for June 23.

Next, Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula, seconded by Board Member Georgina Oliver, made a motion to re-open the vote for this event on June 23.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

There being no further business, Board Member Myrna Littlewort made a motion, seconded by Board Member Jennifer Lagos, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.