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December 2, 2014

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014

TIME: 7:40 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.

III. Executive Secretary Lucy Schilero took the roll call. A quorum was present.

IV. Vote: Minutes of November 12, 2014 Meeting

Board Member Alirio Orduna made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lester Youngblood, to **approve** the minutes of November 12.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 26 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Louis Walker reported last night at Borough Hall the Future of Queens was discussed, mentioning the Queens West projects and the need for affordable housing, where there is no easy solution to this problem.

VI. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

District Manager Christian Cassagnol stated he had no report.

VII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Ms. Ari Espinal representing Assembly Member Francisco Moya, reported the Assembly Member is in Israel with the NYS Assembly Speaker this week and will return next week. The Board was thanked for voting for Assembly Member Moya. Ms. Espinal also reported she is a District Leader, and represents this area Part B, Jackson Heights, Corona, and Elmhurst. The Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 6:00 p.m., at 46th Avenue and 104th Street. All were invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Flyers were on the back table.

Next, Mr. Michael Mallon, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, reported all were invited to the Council Member's Annual Open House on Wednesday, December 17, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All were urged to attend. Flyers were included in Board Member packets.

Next, Ms. Barbara Jackson, representing, U. S. Representative Joseph Crowley announced the Annual Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday, December 7, in Long Island City, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Flyers were available. All were invited to attend this festivity.

VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Public Safety Committee not only reviews liquor license applications but also handles other public safety issues such as 311 and 911 calls, noise complaints etc.—if its noise complaints or other quality of life issues be sure your neighbors' call 311. It helps the Committee, the Board and the Police Department. It's important to do this. Moreover she announced at the end of the Board meeting, community complaints will be taken.

Next, she reported on the letter sent from Senator Jose Peralta to Police Commissioner William Bratton. The Public Safety Committee had discussed the letter. Under Senator Peralta's recommendation, Roosevelt Avenue would be patrolled by one precinct. The Committee felt Roosevelt Avenue is too big for one precinct. Currently, two precincts patrol Roosevelt Avenue the 115th and the 110th.

If the suggestion were implemented, two officers, one from each precinct, would be needed to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting. Committee Chair Schilero is requesting a letter from the Board be sent to Police Commissioner Bratton and cc'd to the elected officials stating the Board is against the proposal.

Public Safety Chair Schilero also noted the Board was not involved in the decision making. Talking to other Boards, she said whenever there is a major decision such as this one including redrawing the lines of any Board; the Board should be part of the decision making.

Second, one precinct cannot handle both sides of Roosevelt Avenue.

Third, a Roosevelt Avenue Task Force should be established. Each precinct has its own way of handling problems, but with a Task Force we can enforce the problems as a unity to conquer those issues. This request was included in the Board's annual Statement of Needs.

Following this information, Board Member Lester Youngblood made a motion, seconded by Board Member James Lisa, to write a letter to Police Commissioner William Bratton **opposing** to redraw the police precinct lines and **opposing** to have one precinct monitor both sides of Roosevelt Avenue.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 26 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Following this report, Committee Chair Schilero presented the liquor licenses.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

DECEMBER 2014

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Pico de Gallo Inc. Liquor, Wine and Beer	82-12 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Denied

500 ft. rule: Los Tres Potrillos (82-11 Roosevelt Avenue), Gatos Verde (82-14 Roosevelt Avenue), Castillo Sports Bar (82-18 Roosevelt Avenue), Hornado Ecuatoriano (81-10 Roosevelt Avenue), El Picosits (81-03 Roosevelt Avenue), Hairos Place (81-09 Roosevelt Avenue), El Tucanazo (83-17 Roosevelt Avenue), La Pequena Colombia (83-27 Roosevelt Avenue), MGM Billiards (40-33 82 Street).

Owner contact the Board and stated they were not ready to proceed at this time.

El Coral Deli Restaurant LLC Wine and Beer Only	108-06 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
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RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
La Esquina Criolla Restaurant Corp. Wine and Beer Only	94-67 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Coco South Malaysian Cuisine Inc. Wine and Beer Only	82-69 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Mangos Steakhouse and Bakery Liquor, Wine and Beer No show, No paperwork submitted (crimes, complaints, arrests, etc.)	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue, Store #2 Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
Tacos Y Jugos Genesis Corp. Wine and Beer Only Invalid Power of Attorney	78-04 Woodside Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Denied

CORPORATE CHANGE

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
A.N.G Diner Corp. "Silver Spoon Diner" Wine and Beer Only	58-21 Junction Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved

NEW YEAR'S EVE ALL NIGHT PERMITS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Sonero's Night Club Liquor, Wine and Beer	92-02 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Denied
Applicant missed deadline to apply for All Night Permit with the SLA.		

It was brought up by Board Member Lucy Cerezo-Scully the property is being sold. District Manager Cassagnol explained there is a gray area within the law. It is advertised the restaurant is for sale with liquor license. This is highly illegal as per the State Liquor Authority. However if an owner is smart enough, all he has to do is to allow the person to explain that he willing to provide a corporate change, at which point the license stays intact and he tells the person to keep it as is. While the restaurant is being advertised, the SLA classifies it as buyers beware.

Public Safety Chair Schilero said the laws need to be changed because of the many loopholes the Committee deals with constantly. For example, the Committee will deny an applicant, but they receive the license anyway from the SLA.

Discussion ensued about Sonero's application.

At this point, Board Member Judy D'Andrea made a motion, seconded by Board Member John Peters, to **approve** the Committee's report as presented.

By a voice voted, the Board voted 26 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

IX. REPORT: ULURP & ZONING COMMITTEE

Vote. Corona Senior Residence

Vote: BSA Variance Alstyne & 103 Street

Chairperson Louis Walker reported he had chaired both committee meetings on the above subject matters. ULURP Chair Miriam Levenson is still not available, and her status remains unclear.

Next, the Chair called for a vote on the Corona Senior Residence.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea made a motion, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow, to **approve** the Corona Senior Residence proposal.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 26 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Next, Chairperson Walker called for a vote on the second ULURP matter: BSA Variance Alstyne & 103 Street.

Board Member John Peters made a motion, seconded by Board Member James Lisa, to **deny** the variance.

Before the vote, the Board Chair asked if the Board would like to discuss the motion. The Board did not wish to discuss it any further.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention. Motion to deny passed.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Environmental

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Youth

Committee Chair Lucy Cerezo-Scully reported the Committee met on November 19. Discussion included the Committee moving forward and to get more outdoor activities for the children to participate in and finding park space.

Transportation

Committee Chair Joseph Di Martino reported on a meeting that was held regarding P. S. 13. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Department of Transportation and the Department of Education.

Consumer Affairs.

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Health

Committee Chair Clara Salas reported:

1. The Health Workshops have started at Newtown High School, Tuesday, November 18, 2014 with a lecture by Dr. Policar from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Nancy Wang, Assistant Principal, will inform us as to the date and time of future workshops and how members of CB4 Health Committee can participate.
2. Medicare Open Enrollment Date: 10/15/2014 to 12/17/2014

New York State Open Enrollment Qualified Health Plan: 11/15/2014 to 2/15/2015

Postal

Committee Chair Gigi Salvador reported the first meeting of the Postal Committee was held on December 1. The meeting was well attended, with the exception of one member. Discussion centered on unreliable mail delivery. The District Manager is trying to establish a contact person at the Post Office who is accessible to provide assistance on problems with mail delivery. If a positive result is not obtained, District Manager Cassagnol will write to the Postmaster.

A motion was made by Board Member Lucy Schilero, seconded by Board Member Marcello Testa, to write to the Postal Service requesting the USPS provide a liaison to the Board to address complaints with mail delivery.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 26 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol clarified we are not so much concerned with giving our complaints to the Post Office, but rather to try to understand how the Post Office operates. There is no community liaison. He had tried during the last few months to reach out to someone to no avail. He was always told to call the 800 number, It has been extremely difficult and reaching the Postmaster or any manager is impossible. Our intent is to open the lines of communication between the Postmaster and the Board. Congressman Joseph Crowley as well as Congresswoman Grace Meng will be cc'd on the Board's letter since it is a federal matter. Moreover, other legislatures will also receive a copy.

XI. PUBLIC FORUM

Good and Welfare of the District

No speakers.

Before adjourning Board Chairperson Louis Walker wished all Happy Holidays and good wishes on any other Holidays being celebrated.

Next, Ms. Catherine Moore announced Borough President Katz is holding her first State of the Borough address on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at Queens College, Invitations were on the front table.

There being no further business, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Alirio Orduna, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The Board's Annual Holiday Party followed and a good time was had by all!