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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

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 Ivan Lafayette who has died. He served in the state Assembly for more than 30 years and represented parts of the Board 4 area.

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

IV. **VOTE: Minutes September 20 Meeting**

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Alirio Orduna, to **accept** the minutes.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 32 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

At this point, D. I. Christopher Manson of the 110 Precinct addressed the Board. An update on crime was given. Robberies and felony assaults are down. Burglaries are up. Last year, the Precinct had an historic drop in burglaries (down 30%). Crime is measured by a 28-day period. Normally, there are about 24 to 25 burglaries. Last year in the 28 day period there were six to seven burglaries. Comparing those numbers to this year, an increase is shown. Additionally, there was a spike on top of the normal numbers. Last week, there were 14 burglaries, compared to 1 the year before. He cited an example of a perp. committing four burglaries in the Jackson Heights area at 2 a.m. and immediately following those crimes broke into a car. The Police apprehended the male seven blocks away from the scene and he is in jail on \$500,000 bail. The perp. has a long, extensive rap history and is a drug addict and a career burglar who had spent four years in jail for burglary.

Conversely, most of the other crime categories are down, except rape--25 rapes vs. 20. Most of the rapes are domestic rapes: boyfriend/girlfriend, acquaintances, dating couples, as well as stranger rapes.

At this point, Board Member Georgina Oliver asked about the body found in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. D. I. Manson explained a son was charged in the murder of his mother after her remains were found in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. Sadly, the son had severe mental issues. He had argued with his mother, killed her, placed her body in a garbage bag and dumped it in Willow Lake. The son did not report her missing; co-workers filed the report. Surveillance video captured him at his mother's apartment building two days after she disappeared. A tip was called in to Police from an Uber driver about a passenger who transported a garbage can to Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. After two days of searching, Police were able to find the body so she could have a proper burial.

Next, Board Member Lucy Schilero asked about sex offenders.

D. I. Manson responded the City of New York transmits a report to the Police. Subsequently, the public is then notified. However, exact addresses of those persons cannot be let out. In the past addresses of known sex offenders were released, however, those persons were targeted by the community. He noted these are serious hard-core sex offenders. Sex offenders are monitored, he added. Although sex offenders have done their time, they are required by federal law to register with local law enforcement so their whereabouts are recorded in state sex offender registries.

Also, you can go online for information on registered sex offenders. Enter your zip code in the drop down box said D. I. Manson.

Next, Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula asked about the Mudanza vans parking on Roosevelt Avenue. D. I. Manson had a meeting with the NYC Department of Transportation for No Commercial Parking signs to be installed. He had requested no parking for a 3 block stretch on Roosevelt Avenue. DOT responded it could not be done on Roosevelt Avenue. In the interim, vans are being summonsed. Now, he is working with DOT to find an area for the vans which would be their own area, perhaps not on Roosevelt Avenue but in the surrounding blocks. DOT's cooperation is needed to resolve this problem.

Discussion ensued.

A community resident brought up the proliferation of For Sale vehicles in the community taking up valuable parking spaces.

D. I. Manson responded tow operations have been in operation in certain areas selling cars on city streets from their residences.

Flooding neighborhoods with for sale cars by shady dealers or body shops on neighborhood streets because they do not have enough parking harms consumers. The Precinct is aware of those practices by unlicensed dealers.

Moreover, D. I. Manson explained it is illegal to have a For Sale sign on a vehicle parked on a city street and you can be summonsed. Thursday two or three neighborhood areas are scheduled for tow operations. Depending on tow trucks received, 15 cars will be towed and another 20 cars summonsed. Tow operations are scheduled regularly because of community complaints. Parking in the neighborhood is at a premium, and dealers selling cars on New York City streets is not a good neighbor policy and places motorists at risk.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol inquired since the Dept. of Consumer Affairs is no longer conducting inspections on businesses selling merchandise on the sidewalk, it is now the responsibility of the NYPD. Can you confirm, he asked?

D. I. Manson responded the NYPD's conditions team is up to date on existing laws. This team investigates bars selling alcohol, prostitution, and other operations. Businesses are not usually investigated, but if there is a problem business. D. I. Manson will send to conditions team to inspect.

Board Member James Lisa brought up on 48 Avenue off 111 Street and 49 Avenue off 108 Street mechanics are working, taking up parking spaces and leaving cars overnight.

D. I. Manson responded those businesses will be visited.

As a result, Board Member James Lisa continued the Department of Sanitation issues a summons to the homeowner because of the oil and garbage left behind. Although the property owner cleans his property on a regular basis, he is ticketed because of the mechanics.

D. I. recommended the homeowner take photos and fight the summons. It is not right and suggested the good neighbor approach.

Next, Assembly Member Francisco Moya addressed the Board. He reported at last month's Board meeting an update was given on his legislative roundup. One of the major Bills submitted has now been signed into law. Now, it is illegal to put more than 5 vehicles on the street. The first fine was \$500 which was increased to \$1,000. The fine for selling more than 3 cars is \$4,400. As a result, it will now cost unlicensed car dealers to pay more for the fines than paying for the cars at auction. Although enforcement has been slow, it is coming. As it is now stands, each precinct does not have the tow trucks to tow the vehicles.

Assembly Member Moya is working with the 110 Precinct to help fund the cost of supplies and equipment needed to be able to perform the tow operation. Not only is the problem addressed legislatively, but also he reported a dealer's license is needed to sell more than ten vehicles. Curbstoning costs the city and state money in lost tax revenue
Consumers also lack protection because buying a vehicle at a bargain could end up costing thousands of dollars in repairs.

Specifically, Assembly Member Moya spoke about the downzoning of south Corona. For far too long, Corona has seen an over-population. One and two family homes are demolished and six-family homes are constructed in its place. The community is not growing at capacity such as infrastructure to maintain the growth. On how to build smartly, we have to look what we have. Who suffers, he questioned. The children are at a disadvantage. There are not enough classrooms to accommodate the increasing number of children, which contributes to the overcrowding problem.

Speaking about overcrowding, trailers were just added to P. S. 28 on 111 Street. New schools could be built here and they will be filled to capacity on opening day. Smart zoning is needed, which has been done in north Corona and Elmhurst. Assembly Member Moya is calling on the City Council and the Department of City Planning to look at this area for smart zoning. City services are not being increased to accommodate the influx of the growing number of families. We are not getting more sanitation routes or police or emergency services or classrooms. Our community must be preserved in order to thrive. Mentioning affordable housing, he said the housing proposed for our community is not affordable.

Since we all have an investment in our community, we must get the Dept. of City Planning and the City Council to take a good look at this area to ensure downzoning is implemented appropriately.

Before concluding, Assembly Member Moya mentioned his Quality of Life Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at the VFW Post 150, 51-11 108 Street, Corona, NY. All were urged to attend and bring neighbors and friends. Representatives from city and state agencies will be in attendance to discuss quality of life issues.

The more people attend our community meetings, the more people will pay attention to the needs of our community. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

--Selection of the Nominating Committee

Chairperson Louis Walker read the following letter from a NYC agency regarding the Reconstruction of Queens Boulevard from Roosevelt Avenue to Jamaica Avenue.

“This letter serves as the formal notification to you that the Preliminary Design is beginning, so that the design team can continue to keep you informed and to receive your feedback throughout the design process.

This project will be implemented in four (4) phases and will make permanent the interim geometric modifications developed for the operational design of Queens Boulevard, between Roosevelt Avenue and Jamaica Avenue. It will widen the existing medians to calm traffic and provide a raised bike path, pedestrian walkway, tree plantings, benches, green infrastructure, and urban art. Bus stops will also be considered for relocation to the mainline, if possible. (Meaning per Chairperson Walker, removing them from the service road into the express roadway.) Additionally, street reconstruction and geometric changes are proposed at nine priority intersections and complex locations.

The firm of AECOM, Consulting Engineers, has been retained by NYC _____ to develop the Preliminary Design documents for this project. As part of design and construction, we will make every effort to be sensitive to the particular needs of your community. Should there be any incidental sewer or water main work associated with this project, it will be necessary to temporarily shut off water services in order to complete the work. If your community has any occasions, observances, holidays, or other special considerations we should be aware of, when water shut offs would be particularly intrusive, or may require special planning, please include those in your correspondence. We will make every effort to include concerns in the planning process.

Please share this information with your Board Members and community residents and advise us as soon as possible of any concerns or issues that you believe we should consider during the project design. Copies of design drawings will be forwarded to your office for your perusal, once they become available.”

Chairperson Louis Walker commented on the contents of the letter. Even though the bike lanes painted by now and only in two districts, will be extended to Queens Boulevard and Jamaica Avenue, plans are to make it permanent. There is no changing. If it doesn't work, it will become permanent. It suggests the Q60 bus will be in the middle roadway because the service road will be very congested. Bus riders will be standing in the middle to board the bus. Despite the fact the Board was informed the bike lanes were temporary, it is obvious it will become extremely permanent. It remains to be seen what will happen with Queens Boulevard.

Next, Chairperson Walker informed the Board at tonight's meeting the Nominating Committee will be selected for the Board election at the November 15 meeting.

According to the Board's bylaws, the Chairperson can appoint two Members and three Members will be nominated from the floor. The two members Chairperson Walker chose to represent the Board Chair are:

Erica Cruz
Damian Vargas

Three other Board Members chosen from the floor must be nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea nominated Board Member **A. Redd Sevilla**, seconded by Board Member Erica Cruz

Board Member Alirio Orduna nominated Board Member **Gurdip Singh Narula**, seconded by Board Member Georgina Oliver

Board Member Priscilla Carrow nominated Board Member **Pat Martin**, seconded by Board Member Judy D'Andrea

Chairperson Walker called out were there any more nominees. If there are, a vote must be taken he explained. Since there were none, the nominations were closed.

Subsequently, Board Chairperson Louis Walker asked the Board who would like to be considered for the position of Board Chairperson. It would be helpful to the Nominating Committee to proceed much faster. Chairperson Walker explained it is the Chair's position up for election. The other Executive Officers can serve another two year term.

At the November 15 CB meeting (election night), nominations can be taken from the floor said Chair Louis Walker.

Board Member A. Redd Sevilla inquired can a Board Member from the Nominating Committee run for Chair.

Chairperson Walker replied yes.

Board Member Rovenia McGowan inquired if Chair Walker can remain in the position. District Manager Christian Cassagnol responded no because of the term limits set forth in the Board's bylaws. Chair Walker's term ends December 31, 2016.

Discussion ensued.

Keep in mind, Chairperson Louis Walker explained if there is more than one person seeking the Chair's seat; each Board Member will be allowed to ask the candidate's one question.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported on the FY'18 Capital & Expense process. Some Committee Chairs have not yet received their packets. He asked who has not yet received their packet. Board Member Giancarlo Castano and Board Member Lucy Schilero responded they did not receive their packets. Their response was noted.

District Manager Cassagnol read the following meeting dates for each Committee to discuss their respective submissions for the Capital & Expense budget:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Parks—6:30 p.m.
Health – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Transportation –6:30 p.m.
Youth –7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Consumer Affairs – 6:30 p.m.
ULURP/Zoning – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Public Safety – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Environmental – 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 14, 2016

Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
(Final Prioritization of Capital & Expense)

The Capital & Expense submissions are due on October 31, however, the District Manager managed to get an extension because the Board was meeting later in the month. Since time is of the essence, he urged all Board Members to attend their specific Committee meeting. He explained each Committee will handle a certain section of the Capital & Expense. In this way, our submissions will be more balanced.

Next, he spoke about Queens Boulevard under Woodhaven Boulevard. Some months ago, bricks had fallen from the structure and the second phase of NYCDOT construction project will begin Wednesday, October 26 – 8:00 p.m. through Thursday, October 27 - 10:00 a.m. There will be double lane closures & intermittent – 15 minute full closures. Flyers were on hand with more information. Service roads will remain open – no parking impacts. But drivers can expect delays while traveling through the area.

Next, he reported Community Board 4’s Youth Fair held on October 1 was a tremendous success. Close to 200 families were serviced. The Queens Borough President was in attendance and commented, “This Community Board is doing exactly what a Community Board should be doing.”

Next, there is a major issue of contacting Board Members when last minute changes occur and the District Manager or office cannot immediately reach the Board Member. E-mails in 2017 are essential. Since flyers are time sensitive, e-mailing them would be more advantageous than mail delivery. It will save on paper and postage and time. For example, since all Board Members receive all meeting notices if there is a last minute meeting cancellation, 43 Board Members must be called. It is very difficult and time consuming. Reach out to the Board office if you prefer to receive Board mailings via e-mail. You can still receive paper copies, if you prefer.

As a result, the general consensus of the Board was to receive Board mailings via e-mail.

The District Manager called out if any Board Member was against receiving e-mails for their Board packets. No objection voiced from the Board Members.

VII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Next, Lillian Zepeda, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland's office, reported on affordable housing. This month, a ground breaking ceremony will be held for the first affordable housing site on 104 Street. Priority will be given to seniors in the area. The site will contain 68 units as well as a pre-school on the first floor, completely green with a vegetable garden and a dedicated medical staff. This is a HANAC senior residence, which is the first in the nation to have green space.

Following this announcement, she reported Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland was one of the prime sponsors for a new Bill that will regulate street vendors. The Bill will be lifting the cap on permits. The cap has not been lifted for 20 years. However, before the cap is lifted there will be a one year period where a dedicated enforcement unit will be created within the NYPD to enforce the regulations. Currently, vendors are summonsed by various city agencies such as NYPD and the Departments of Sanitation and Health. No dedicated unit is responsible to enforce the laws on vendors.

Next, she reported Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland will host free Mammograms at the Council Member's office, 32-22 Junction Blvd., E. Elmhurst, on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., the Shocktoberfest (Annual Halloween event) is scheduled at the Playground for All Children, 111-01 Corona Avenue. Free of charge. Everyone is welcome to attend. A Halloween Parade is also planned.

On behalf of Congresswoman Grace Meng's Office, District Manager Christian Cassagnol read the following report:

Service Academy Forum
Informational forum on Service Academy Admissions, Programs & Nominations
Air Force Academy, Military Academy at West Point, Naval Academy
Sunday, October 23, 2016
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Forest Hills High School
67-01 110 Street
Forest Hills, NY
Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

Next, Qibin Ye, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, congratulated the Board on its successful Youth Fair. and stated Council Member Dromm would like to see it again next year.

Subsequently, she invited all to Council Member Daniel Dromm's Legal Workshop on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., Jewish Center of Jackson Heights, 3706 77 Street, Jackson Heights, NY.

Next, she reported on Council Member Dromm's paper shredding event, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, October 23, in front of the Jackson Heights Post Office, 78-02 37 Avenue.

VII. GUEST SPEAKER:
NYC Conflict of Interest Board

Mr. Alex Kipp explained Conflicts of Interest laws must be complied with. It is important to call the Conflicts of Interest Board before you cast your vote on a matter in question, not after you have voted. His presentation involved Voting as a Community Board Member.

When is a Community Board Member prohibited from participating in the discussion?
A Community Board Member is not prohibited from participating in a discussion, even if they have an issue where they cannot vote.

Circumstances where the Board Member *cannot* vote were: Keep in mind the three D's.
Disclose your conflict.
Discuss the issue.
Do not vote.

The following regulations apply to Community Board Members:
A Community Board Member is not entitled to vote on any matter that may result in a personal and direct economic gain to the Member or any person or firm with whom the Member is associated. *Disclose, Discuss, And Do Not Vote.* For example, liquor license applications. As the owner of a bar, a Board Member cannot vote on his own liquor license application or on applications of person with whom they are associated with because it has a direct impact on their own business. Because it is a direct impact to the Member's or spouse's bottom line, not indirectly, no vote can be cast. The benefit becomes indirect if a Board Member votes on a liquor license application on a bar opening in close vicinity of his bar. In this instance, a Board Member can vote on the application because the benefit is indirect.

Zoning change affecting my property – Board Member cannot vote
Zoning change affecting thousands of properties in Queens of which Board Member own one apartment – Board Member can vote because it does not directly affect Board Member.

Parks Department building something relatively close to Board Member's home – Board Member owns one parcel of property in the area
Board Member can vote because it is not a direct economic gain.

Board Member's spouse works at a not-for-profit organization, the wife is the only one making money. A vote comes up that affects the one single backer of the not for profit that pays spouse's salary.
Board Member cannot vote.

Similarly, a spouse is a teaching artist and one of the many staff Members at a not for profit organization. A backer does fund the not-for profit organization, but does not fund spouse's salary. The Board Member can vote.

Conversely, he spoke about Board Members working for city agencies.
Any matter up for a vote which is a direct impact to the Board Member's city agency – *Disclose, Discuss, Do Not Vote.* For example, a Board Member employed by the Health & Hospitals Corporation. Do not vote.

Department of Education – A DOE teacher working at a school in Staten Island cannot vote on any matters DOE related, even in another neighborhood.

Serving on the Board of Directors at a not-for profit organization

If the funding impacts the Board Member's not for profit in a direct economic gain, you must *Disclose, Discuss and Do Not Vote*.

Clearly, how do Conflicts of Interest affect vote tabulation?

At a Board meeting, a quorum is needed, which is 50% +1. Out of 50 Board Members, 26 are needed for a quorum.

With a quorum of 26 Members, 14 votes are needed to pass an issue.

Board Members can either vote yes, no or abstain on the matter.

If the Board Member has a conflict of interest h/she is not qualified to vote. Hypothetically if 4 Board Members are in conflict of interest, how many eligible votes are there now—22, of which 12 votes are needed to pass an issue. In this way, a Quorum for the meeting is maintained because everyone participated in the discussion.

Besides that, Mr. Kipp stated the City of New York has a very robust gift rule. Board Members are not to take valuable gifts from people doing business with the city. Community Board Members serve as volunteers. Friends can continue to give you gifts as in the past. The caveat is gifts must not be accepted because of your Community Board position.

A Community Board Member who is a professional such as accountants, lawyers, architects cannot represent clients before the Board. However if your firm wishes to do so, a written waiver from the Conflicts of Interest Board must be obtained.

Also, he noted the District Manager and staff serve as subordinates to the Board. No supervisor can ask Board staff to participate in political campaigns, or told how to vote, nor request money.

Furthermore, Board Members cannot be in a financial relationship with Board staff.

Additionally, a Community Board Member may not chair a committee that is likely to have matters before it that concern the Member's private interests or employment.

Next, Joshua Bocian consultant to LinkNYC and Daniel Engelman, Program Manager for LinkNYC addressed the Board. Mr. Bocian explained since everyone has a cell phone, pay phones are obsolete. During the Bloomberg administration, the question was brought up how we reinvent phone booths. Starting with the Bloomberg administration and continuing into the DeBlasio administration, how do we replace phone booths with what people need and want in the 21st century? The idea came about free Wi-Fi for the 8 ½ million residents of the City of New York. Free Wi-Fi will be provided at the kiosks 24/7, 365 days, to the millions of people living in New York City and the 56 million visitors. Not only is the service free, but there are no public dollars associated with the program. Not only is the Wi-Fi free, but the speed of the Wi-Fi is super-fast, specifically, a thousand times faster than the devices in your home. For example, a movie on Netflix can be downloaded in 30 seconds. When AOL dialup was around, we never thought about Netflix. This system was built as far as it can possibly go. However, your device is the drawback because it is not fast enough yet to deal with the speed of the free Wi-Fi. There are Links already in Queens (Jamaica), Manhattan, and the Bronx.

The Links will be replacing existing phone booths. Links have two sides of advertising. Advertising is digital and ads change about every 15 seconds, which is how the free Wi-Fi is paid for. In addition, Links are much narrower than phone booths--about 11" wide. One Link will be installed per location even though there may

have been a bank of phone booths at that location. The net effect is there will be less street furniture because there will be less Links. There is also a touchscreen tablet.

He spoke about the bad press the Links had received because of the Internet access. When some people accessed the Internet, they were looking at porn and hanging out all day. A tremendous number of complaints were received. As a result, the browser was removed. Although there is a tablet, you cannot access Netflix etc. You can access 311, NYC.gov, any city service, a map function, and a tab to direct people to register to vote. Free phone calls are available anywhere in the United States of America. Phone calls cannot be received back into the link.

A headphone can be attached to listen and there is a speaker to broadcast phone calls, if you prefer.

There is a 911 button on the Link. No increases seen in the number of 911 calls.

Reverting back to the browser, since the browser was disabled the number of complaints have decreased 92%.

There is the ability to charge a phone. A phone from 0% can be charged to 100% in fifteen minutes.

Currently, there are 370 links in the ground and over 600,000 people have already used the service. The eventual goal is to reach 7500 installations throughout the five boroughs, which will be in about four to five years.

The Links were built to withstand NYC. Examples were given of the testing. Old phone booths were required to be cleaned by the franchisee two times per month. Links must be cleaned two times per week, which includes a 3'-4' perimeter around the Link.

There are no flat surfaces on the Link so that people cannot leave their garbage.

Approximately, 1/3 of the existing phone booth locations fall out of the network. Their siting requirement is stricter than the old phone booth requirements. Details on other requirements to be met were given. LinkNYC has an agreement with the five Borough Presidents that for new locations proposed that are not existing phone booths, Community Boards have a 60 day comment period on those new locations.

Pursuing this further, eight or nine new locations were chosen along Queens Boulevard. Their request is for the Community Board to look at those locations and agree or disagree on those locations or if the Board would prefer alternate locations to let them know. Locations must be on Queens Blvd.

A Board Member inquired if any locations would be coming to Corona.

Mr. Bocian responded yes. The roll out is a four to five year plan. This is year one. Work is done in straight lines. Currently, the straight line is along Queens Blvd.

Board Member Jennifer Gutierrez asked how long the installation is.

The response by Mr. Bocian was about eight weeks because there are many factors involved

Board Member Lucy Schilero asked how safe our information we are transmitting is.

Mr. Engelman responded there are two network offered—an open and encrypted network. He explained the differences between both networks and software on the iPhones.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow asked about the free phone calls. How long can you stay on a call?

Mr. Bocian responded until the person behind you gets annoyed.

Board Member James Lisa asked how close to elementary schools will the terminals be? According to reports, Wi-Fi contributes to brain injury and many schools have eliminated Wi-Fi throughout school districts. Installing those transmitters next to schools creates a problem.

Mr. Engelman responded the device in the Link broadcasting the WiFi is the same type of device in your home broadcasting Wi-Fi.

Regulations the device manufacturers are required to follow they also are also required to follow those same regulations.

Board Member James Lisa spoke about the Wi-Fi health risks on children and being constantly exposed to WiFi radiation all day at school. Those guidelines are being re-evaluated because of new information showing WiFi has a tremendous problem because of pre-mature brain aging on children. Since WiFi radiation is everywhere around us it contributes to many disorders.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Engelman responded they are in compliance with the FCC regulations.

Board Member Erica Cruz asked how the loitering will be regulated since phone calls can be made all day.

Mr. Bocian reported the unwanted loitering was due to the browser issue. It is not an issue experienced yet. The ability to adjust it exists.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker asked for a motion to accept the current locations presented.

Board Member Giancarlo Castano made a motion, seconded by Board Member Ingrid Gomez, to accept those locations presented.

Before the vote, however, District Manager Cassagnol read into the record the following requested locations.

76-02 Queens Boulevard

79-14 Queens Boulevard

83-02 Queens Boulevard

86-10 Queens Boulevard

87-02 Queens Boulevard

89-30 Queens Boulevard

89-52 Queens Boulevard

90-02 Queens Boulevard

90-20 Queens Boulevard

Board Member James Lisa requested the location closer to the school be removed because of the effects of WiFi radiation based on scientific data. WiFi cannot be within a 1500 ft. radius of a school.

Board Chair Louis Walker called out there is a motion on the floor, but Board Member James Lisa would like to amend that motion to include the WIFI kiosk must be 1500 ft. (approx. 7 blocks) away from a school. Board Member Lester Youngblood seconded the amended motion.

Board Member Erica Cruz made a motion to wait until next month to further look into this. More time is needed to look at the locations and get more information.

According to Chairperson Walker explained there is not much time because the new Link locations in CB4 are on a 60 day clock.

Chairperson Walker said the Board can vote on all the locations except the one location by the school. Although the location was unclear, the vote was based on all locations presented except the one near the school which would not be considered by the Board.

Chairperson Walker pointed out of the locations presented there may several locations near schools.

A Board Member brought up WiFi's are everywhere. If more conclusive studies are presented that WiFs affect children's health, the subject matter can be considered again.

Following this further, Chairperson Walker explained there is a motion on the floor and also an amendment to that motion.

By a show of hands how many Board Members want the locations restricted near schools? Three Board Members raised their hands. As a result, the Chair announced that motion was defeated.

Pursuing this further, a vote will be taken to **accept** the locations presented announced the Chair. By a roll call vote, the Board voted 22 in favor, 3 opposed, with 6 abstentions. Motion passed.

The District Manager explained no Committee recommendation on the above subject matter was presented because CB4 does not have a telecommunications committee or specific committee to handle this issue or other issues related to telecommunications. Ultimately, it was decided the applicant would address the Board and the Board vote on it as presented. This was an addendum to the agenda.

For the time being, Committee Chair Giancarlo Castano recommended the Environmental Committee handle telecommunications.

Chair Louis Walker said a Bylaw change must be made and that it would not happen right now.

VIII. REPORT AND VOTE – Public Safety

SLA Applications

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on the Cert Team's participation in the National Preparedness Monthly Event on September 23 at the Queens Center Mall. 2,200 NYC Emergency Readiness Guides were given out in less than two hours, which was a record. This was a joint effort with the NYC Fire Department.

Committee Chair Schilero reminded all November 6 is Daylight Savings time and clocks should be turned back.

Next, she brought up the Police Department's Sex Offender report. There are four registered sex offenders in the Elmhurst area and one living in Corona. The report also lists the risk level of each. For more information, see her after the meeting.

According to the NYPD, residents should install surveillance cameras on their premises. Private homes as well as businesses would benefit by the added protection. Cameras have also helped the NYPD solve crimes in the area.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Don Alex Plex Peru Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	95-44 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

*7951 Albion LLC Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider Applicant failed to respond to our request to meet to discuss their application.	79-51 Albion Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Denied
He Lin Restaurant Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	83-11 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Osvis Bar Restaurant Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	80-04 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved
12 Corazones Rest. Bar Corp. Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider Applicant was asked to come back next month, as the owner was unable to appear, and the representative did not have proof of authorization to act on owner's behalf.	86-22 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied

*The attorney for this establishment was in the audience and said he came to the Public Safety Committee meeting, but the building was closed. It was ascertained the attorney came to the VFW Post #150 instead of at the Board office where the meeting was held. It was determined the application will be held over for review at next month's Public Safety Committee meeting. However, the recommendation for tonight is a denial.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Alexa Ponce, to **approve** the Committee's report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 31 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consumer Affairs

No Report said Consumer Affairs Chair Erica Cruz.

Environmental/Parks

No Report said Environmental Chair Giancarlo Castano

No Report said Parks Chair Al Perna

Health

No Report said Health Chair Sal Lombardo

Transportation

Committee Chair James Lisa reported on the following base licenses for the following car services:

1. Patron Car Service
97-24 Christie Avenue
Corona, NY
(Renewal)
2. Tiaz Car Service Corp.
81-36 Baxter Avenue
Elmhurst, NY
(Livery Base Name Change and Relocation to Elmhurst)

Board Member Lisa reported there are no violations or problems with those car services.

Board Member Lucy Schilero made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula, to **approve** both applications.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 31 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

ULURP/Zoning

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported at the last ULURP meeting there were no applications to review and vote on. As a result, the Committee took this opportunity to develop a proactive approach and talked about making greater neighborhoods. With this in mind, the Committee can start making decisions about the direction it wishes to follow. Particularly, in terms of zoning such as downzoning. It also provides the Committee to move forward. Under the City Charter, there are certain programs the ULURP/Zoning Committee can utilize to reach our vision. Assistance from the Dept. of City Planning and HPD is available to walk us through the neighborhood playbook process and set up workshops. Community Board 4 is now facing major problems with affordable housing, gentrification, and overgrowth infrastructure to name a few.

Under this process, it will give the Committee the tools for strategic planning and advancement in a growing community.

Youth

Committee Chair Cristian Romero reported Community Board 4's Youth Fair was highly successful. Assistance was provided to over 200 families dispensing information. Many people enjoyed the event.

Youth Committee Chair Romero thanked members of the Youth Committee, District Manager Cassagnol, Council Member Dromm and the other elected officials who attended and all those who participated to make the event the huge success it was.

This was a collaborative effort of many people moving forward together for the good of the community.

Since Committees can have Co-chairs, Board Member Ingrid Gomez was named Co-Chair for the Youth Committee said Committee Chair Christian Romero.

X. PUBLIC FORUM

Marilyn Herrera, a resident of 52 Avenue, reported at the last Community Board meeting she reported a mentally ill homeless woman causing disturbance on 52 Avenue. Just two weeks ago, the disturbed woman had an altercation with one of the priests from St. Leo's Church. The Police Department does not seem to help. Ms. Herrera was asking for the Community Board's help and relayed the many problems this woman is causing, not only with the residents but also with children living on the block.

First Vice Chair Al Perna also reported this is a mentally ill woman who screams at everyone. Assistance was provided for her to enter a facility, but she refused and does not want help. There were many altercations with the priests at St. Leo's and said woman. He agreed the Police cannot help neither can the Corona Community Ambulance Corp. Both have tried. She has been in and out of the hospital and then returns to 52 Avenue. He also noted the woman drives.

Discussion ensued regarding the services available to reach out to this woman in need of help. The Elmhurst Hospital Crises Unit was mentioned.

Next, Chairperson Walker said the next Community Board meeting is scheduled for November 15.

Before the adjournment, First Vice Chair Al Perna urged the Parks Committee Members to attend the FY'18 Capital and Expense meeting on Wednesday, October 19. Also, upcoming community events were mentioned.

Since there was no further business, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.