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PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

Subject: FY 2018 Capital & Expense Priorities for Consideration and Approval for the FY'18 Budget Adoption Process

Board Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Executive Secretary Lucy Schilero took the attendance. A quorum was present.

Copies of *the FY'18 Capital & Expense* priorities were distributed to the Board.

Capital items were on for discussion first.

For #11, Board Member Priscilla Carrow noted surveillance cameras were already in place on 57 Avenue and Junction Blvd.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol replied if it is confirmed, it will be removed.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea inquired sidewalk/curb replacement program. She had damaged two tires on her vehicle from the protruding metal curbing and asked if a claim can be submitted.

District Manager Cassagnol replied yes. Submit the claim to The Comptroller's Office who would handle it.

Discussion ensued on the remaining budget priorities. No other changes were made.

Next, the Expense priorities were discussed.

Priority #8, (Extend Library Hours or Expand and Enhance Library Programs) Board Member Judy D'Andrea asked if the library already had extended hours for Saturday.

District Manager Cassagnol replied yes and commented it should be kept on.

Board Member Giancarlo Castano recommended to move up #21 (Provide Funding Enforcement for Illegal Posting Laws) higher on the list to #8 (Extend Library Hours or Expand and Enhance Library Programs). #8 will become #21.

Board Member Rosa Wong brought up #5 (Increase Funding for Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Program) Homeowners are being requested to repair damaged sidewalks.

District Manager Cassagnol responded if the damaged sidewalk is as a result of a tree, it falls into trees and sidewalk program which is handled by the Parks Department. The Parks Dept. will survey the homeowner's sidewalk and will be given a number from 1 through 100, currently #80 and above is being handled. If the number is less than #80, it is the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner can do the repair or wait for the City to do the repair if they can get a higher number. It is two different programs he explained. Sidewalks and curbs are different from trees and sidewalks.

A request can be submitted specifically for that particular block to be looked at, but this item is more for general funding for the program such as more staffing, explained District Manager Cassagnol.

Next, Board Member Priscilla Carrow brought up #7 (Increase Staff for Roadway Maintenance (Pothole and Reconstruction Crews and Traffic Device Maintenance) should be higher on the list. Many times motorists are damaging their cars hitting potholes, costing them a lot of money.

Discussion ensued to move #7 to #5(Increase Funding for Curb and Sidewalk Program).

Board Chairperson Walker reiterated there is a request to move #7 to #5, is it OK asked the Chair Walker.

Board Member James Lisa pointed out both requests are the Department of Transportation, it would be #1 and #2 on DOT's request. What is the point of the switch?

Subsequently, District Manager Cassagnol explained this year there were 40 Capital requests and 25 Expense requests. Because there were eight committees, each committee chose 5 Capital items and 3 Expense items. In the end, the agencies will receive five requests. Specifically, DOT will receive 5, DEP will receive 5 etc. To think, the agency would look at #1 and not #4 or #5, is not the case. The agencies are requesting just their five priorities. Agencies look at all requests and must respond to each one. Agencies were given top priority for their requests which would be near the top of the list.

Discussion ensued should the two DOT's requests be switched.

Following the discussion, it was decided the priorities will be left as is.

At this point, Chairperson Walker asked if there were any other comments on the Expense Priorities.

Board Member Giancarlo Castano requested #23 (Increase Enforcement of Dirty Sidewalk/Dirty Area/Failure to Clean Area Laws—Commercial Corridors Such As Roosevelt Avenue, Junction Blvd., Broadway, and National Street near Corona Plaza) be moved to #4 ((Increase and Maintain Trees and Sidewalk Program)

Board Member Erica Cruz asked if Queens Blvd. can be included in #23.

District Manager Cassagnol responded yes.

As a result, #23 would become #4 adding Queens Blvd.

Board Member James Lisa said each priority is going to a different agency. He pointed out there are only three DOT requests. Each agency will receive priorities one through five, not get the whole list.

Subsequently, Chairperson Walker called out does the Board want to move the priority.

The general consensus was no. Then, Chairperson Walker called out how many Board members want to move it up? Three Board members raised hands.

How many Board members want to keep it as is, asked Chairperson Walker? A majority of hands were raised.

Priority #23 will remain as is, stated Chairperson Walker.

As there was no other discussion on the Expense priorities, the Continuing Support priorities were discussed.

Since there were no comments or questions on the Continuing Support priorities, Chairperson Louis Walker called for a vote on the FY'18 Capital & Expense budget submissions.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion to **accept** the priorities with the necessary corrections, seconded by Board Member Judy D'Andrea.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 28 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

There being no further comment from the Board or public, Chairperson Walker closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board 4 immediately followed.