



## COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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October 9, 2018

### BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

#### Board Members Attending:

Damian Vargas  
Priscilla Carrow  
Chaio-Chung Chen  
Kristen Gonzalez  
Jennifer Gutierrez  
Matthew McElroy  
Ruby Muhammad  
Sandra Munoz  
Gurdip Singh Narula  
Georgina Oliver  
Alexa Ponce  
Ashley Reed  
Oscar Rios

Cristian Romero  
Clara Salas  
Gigi Salvador  
Lucy Schilero  
A. Redd Sevilla  
Alton Derrick Smith  
Gregory Spock  
Dewan Tarek  
Marcello Testa  
Louis Walker  
Rosa Wong  
Minwen Yang

#### Board Members Absent:

Karin Abreu  
Giancarlo Castano  
Lucy Cerezo Scully  
Lynda Coral  
Erica Cruz  
Judith D'Andrea  
Marialena Giampino  
James Lisa  
Salvatore Lombardo

Peter Manganaro  
Patricia Martin  
Rovenia McGowan  
Edgar Moya  
Alexandra Owens  
Albert Perna  
Neil Roman  
Lester Youngblood

**ATTENDING:**

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager  
Christina Long, CB4 Community Assistant  
Barbara Jackson, U. S. Re. Joseph Crowley's Office  
Lisette Barcia, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office  
Carolyn Tran, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office  
Kelly Wu, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office  
Stephanie Acese, Senator Joe Peralta's Office  
Stacy Eliuk, Public Advocate Letitia James' Office  
Captain Nicola Ventre, 110 Police Precinct  
P. O. Dave Saponieri, 110 Police Precinct  
NCO Officer Jodi Rodriguez, 110 Police Precinct  
Karen Ellis, Director of Community Affairs, NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Marra Barlis, Ramos for State Senate  
Louis Lopez, Queens College  
Adiel Francis, Queens College  
Ernestine McKayle, Lefrak  
Michelle Dunston, Lefrak City Tenant Association, Pres.  
Debra Hargrove, Corona, NY  
Marta Lebreton, Corona, NY  
Sarah Lorya, NYC Retrofit Accelerator Program  
Jo Bruni, CUNY – School of Journalism  
Tuchiashan  
Fior Lampert, AARP  
Christina Bautista – CUNY Baruch Paper  
James O'Connor, Department of Sanitation  
Juanita Arias  
Juliane A. Williams  
Andy Collado  
Jimmy Apostolatos, Elmhurst, NY  
Miles Ashton

**PUBLIC SPEAKER'S LIST**

Sean O'Connell, Hunter College  
Miles Ashton  
Sarah Lorya, NYC Retrofit Accelerator Program  
James O'Connor, Department of Sanitation

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**COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

**TIME: 7:30 P.M.**

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

I. Chairperson Damian Vargas opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. At Large Director Lucy Schilero took the attendance. A quorum was present.

**IV. VOTE ON THE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

Correction to the September 17, 2018 minutes: Board Member Clara Salas stated she did not inquire about the graffiti at Willets Point (page 5).

Subsequently, Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow, to **approve** the minutes with the change.

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

**V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Damian Vargas reported CB4's Youth Fair held on Saturday, October 6 was a great success. Many people had attended the Youth Fair at Hoffman Park. The Youth Fair generated a large turnout and all had a good time. He thanked all who came out and volunteered their time at the Youth Fair. Special thank you was extended to District Manager Cassagnol, Youth Chair Alexa Ponce, and the members and volunteers who all helped make the Youth Fair the success it was.

At this point Chair Vargas explained according to the Board's bylaws, every two years a Nominating Committee shall be formed in October. The term of the current Board officers expires in December. The Nominating Committee will meet and nominate candidates for the various Board officer positions. The officers of the Board are as follows:

- Chairperson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson
- Executive Secretary
- Treasurer
- At Large Directors (4)

Two members to be appointed by the Chairperson. Three members will be nominated and elected by a majority of members of the Board present at this meeting.

Subsequently, Chair Damian Vargas selected Board Member Louis Walker and Board Member Cristian Romero to serve on the Nominating Committee.

He explained for the first three Board Members who want to serve on the Nominating Committee an election would not have to be held. However, if there is a fourth person for the Nominating Committee, a vote must be taken for three members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Also if a Board Member is considering serving in another Board position, serving on the Nominating Committee will not prevent you from running for the other position.

A Board Member inquired about the role of the Nominating Committee.

Chair Vargas explained the purpose of the Nominating Committee is to canvas the Board for candidates for the respective office.

At this point, he called out who would like to serve on the Nominating Committee?

After discussion, the following three Board Members were chosen to serve on the committee:

- *Alexa Ponce*
- *Ashley Reed*
- *Gregory Spock*

Next, Chair Vargas announced the resignation of Ingrid Gomez. The Chair wished her well and also noted she was one of our strongest members.

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

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported on the Capital/Expense Budget Priorities for FY2020. Although the due date for the document is October 13, the Board will vote in November. Every committee should meet to discuss its priorities. The wish list is formed with 40 Capital and 25 Expense items. Some of the Committee Chairs did attend the Budget Consultation meetings, he noted.

October 11 is the ULURP training and eight/nine Board members have signed up for this training at Queens Borough Hall. The majority of those attending are from the ULURP/Zoning Committee. Call the number on the flyer if you have any questions. He explained zoning laws are constantly changing and what was learned in the past may have changed today. All were urged to attend.

Succeeding the District Manager's report, Captain Nicola Ventre addressed the Board. Captain Ventre reported there was a decrease in robberies, felony assaults, and burglaries. There was a large increase in grand larcenies, such as stolen motor cycles off the streets. Proper locks are needed to protect them and park them behind or on the side of your house to prevent theft. Mainly, Yamaha and Yuma bikes are the choice of thieves.

He spoke about an incident in the 115 Precinct and an incident this morning concerning a young girl between 12 -16 years old that was touched inappropriately on the street. A Wanted flyer for this incident has been produced. He said the young girl was going to school. The individual pretended to be on the phone, walked by, and touched her inappropriately. He urged all to be sure their children are aware of their surroundings. Log on

to the NYPD 110 Precinct's Twitter account, and take note of this perp's photo. Call the phone number listed if you recognize or see the perp.

Consequently, Captain Ventre reported on another incident which occurred last night. Although he did not have much information about it, it was an attempted rape which occurred at 10:00 p.m. on 74 Street & 41/42 Avenue. A female in her thirties was coming home from Manhattan. She was grabbed from behind by a male, who threw her to the ground, and tried to rape her. She managed to fight him off and ran home. An hour later she reported the incident and was taken to the hospital. Detectives are working the case and hopefully within 24 hours a surveillance video and a Wanted poster will be in effect. All were urged to be aware of their surroundings.

Also, Captain Ventre reported the area is heavy with graffiti, especially gang graffiti. We have the most cleanups in the Borough, noting 40% of those cleanups occur in the 110 Precinct. If you see graffiti, take a photo, post it on Twitter and you will get a quick response for cleanup.

Regarding area parks, he reported Council Member Moya wants to do a multi-agency cleanup to see what can be done about the homeless in our parks. Before concluding, he urged all to follow the NYPD110Pct on Twitter.

Police Office Dave Saponieri reported since October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, a bake sale will be held at the 110 Precinct tomorrow between 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All were invited to stop by. Sunday, October 21, is the Breast Cancer Walk in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park at 10:00 a.m. All were urged to attend.

The 2018 Annual Awards Gala will be held on Friday, November 2, which is the 110 Precinct Community Council's fundraiser at Terrace on the Park. If you are a business owner, or wish to take out an ad in the journal, log onto Twitter to show your support.

Next, Neighborhood Coordination Officer Jodi Rodriguez for Sector D reported a quarterly meeting, which is a Build a Block meeting, is scheduled at P. S. 28, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. A representative from Council Member Moya's office will be in attendance and you can meet the parents and teachers. Officer Rodriguez urged the community to come out. Four Build a Blocks meetings were held and, unfortunately, the turnout was not as expected. Smaller turnouts were the norm. If you are not in Sector D, you can still attend. Refreshments will be served. Any complaint or concern can be forward to the other NCO officers. Flyers are available in English, Spanish, and Chinese with details.

## **VII. PUBLIC FORUM**

Sean O'Connell, Student Researchers with Hunter College Graduate Program Urban Policy, announced a study in conjunction with Queens Neighborhood United, and wished to reach out to members of the community to see if they wished to participate in groups as part of the study. Issues covered are excessive rent increases, rent burden, and lack of affordable housing. Community at large members were addressed to participate. A signup sheet was in the back.

Next, Miles Ashton, raised concern about 94 Street between 55 Avenue and Corona Avenue. The roadway is very narrow and he has seen at least a dozen accidents that had occurred there since last year, noting many accidents were near misses. He suggested a one-way operation for the street and commented other streets such as 92 and 93 Streets are one way.

Next, Sarah Lorya, representing the NYC Retrofit Accelerator Program, reported it is a free program sponsored by the Mayor's Office that streamlines the process of making energy efficiency improvements to your building.

A free event is planned for October 18 in partnership with National Grid, Con Edison and DEP as well as the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, at the Lefrak City Public Library. Please register beforehand. Building owners and property managers are addressed to help with upgrading to new lighting, update heating and cooling, seal air leaks and more. Flyers were in the back. Call 212-656-9202 or log on to [nyc.gov/RetrofitAccelerator](http://nyc.gov/RetrofitAccelerator) for more information.

Next, James O'Connor, representing the NYC Department of Sanitation, Bureau of Community Affairs, related the phone number to DSNY Customer Service Unit. Calling 311 is not necessary any more.

Instead, call 646-885-3769 for sanitation service. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Leave a voice mail, which are checked every morning.

Subsequently, he spoke about the Fall Lawn/Leaf Collection Program. The Department of Sanitation picks up leaves and other materials. For Community Board 4, two collection days are scheduled. Put collection materials at the curb. The collection dates are November 24 and December 8 after 4:00 p.m. When putting leaves out use the brown paper collection bags or an unlined trash bin labeled yard waste. Some of the brown paper collection bags were on hand tonight. When the leaves are set out for collection, please do not include branches due to the Asian Longhorn Beetle infestation.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow inquired is the Department of Sanitation is prepared for the upcoming winter months with snow removal.

James O'Connor said yes, they are prepared.

## **VIII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS**

Congressman Joseph Crowley

No Report

Congresswoman Grace Meng

Cristian Romero reported on the following:

If you are a veteran or beneficiary of a veteran, need assistance with filing for VA benefits, meet with a VA representative at Congresswoman Meng's office:

Veterans Affairs Office Hours

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. *Appointment Required*

40-13 159 Street, Flushing, NY

To make an appointment, call 718-358-6364 by Monday, October 22.

Subsequently, Cristian Romero reported the Postal service is still working on retrofitting the blue mailboxes. Be patient. All mailboxes will be done.

Next, he reported on a Bill sponsored by Rep. Grace Meng to combat spoofing which targets a telephone scam when criminals pose as a government agency, bank, or the police. They convince victims to provide their bank account or personal information. Spoofing from foreign countries is not a criminal act. However, Rep. Grace Meng's Bill seeks to make it illegal.

Rep. Grace Meng attended a rally for the U. S. Postal Service regarding privatization. It is her belief the postal service should receive funding to deliver mail.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol brought up another telephone scam where a family member will get a call that their family member needs money and to send money. It's a con.

State Senator Michael Gianaris  
No Report

State Senator Jose Peralta  
Stephanie Olcese, representing Senator Jose Peralta's office, reported the Senator offers legal services for housing (Tuesdays & Fridays) and immigration (Wednesdays). Please stop by the office if you have any issues with housing or immigration.

State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky  
No Report

State Assembly Jeffrion Aubry  
No Report

State Assembly Brian Barnwell  
No Report

State Assembly Michael Den Dekker  
No Report

State Assembly Ari Espinal  
No Report

Council Member Daniel Dromm  
Carolyn Tran introduced Council Member Dromm's new staff member who will be Community Board 4's rep. Kelly Wu who was on staff at the Council Member's office since June 2018 is the Constituent Services Liaison and fluent in four languages.

Kelly Wu presented the following updates:

Free Rat Academy, Thursday, October 11, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Saint James Episcopal Church, 84-07 Broadway, Elmhurst. Learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention.

Green NYC Win A Free Tree – Saturday, October 20, 86-02 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

More updates were announced by Kelly Wu.

She announced a Halloween Costume Drive for children at the Pan Am Boulevard Family Residence. Please bring new, unused costumes to 37-32 75 Street, Jackson Heights by Monday, October 22.

Legal services will be offered in the Council Member's office. Details will follow at a later date.

Upcoming hearings were also given. The school bus hearing was mentioned scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, at City Hall. You can watch it live or send in written testimony via e-mail.

Carolyn Tran reported Council Member Dromm will introduce a Bill to amend the administrative code in relation to the creation and distribution of a school bus Bill of Rights.

At this point, Chair Damian Vargas said Council Member Daniel Dromm was a huge supporter of Community Board 4's Youth Fair. Not only economically but also in volunteerism. A Special Thank You was extended to Council Member Dromm and his staff.

Council Member Francisco Moya

Lisette Barcia, representing Council Member Francisco Moya's office, reported the City Council had received permission for Sanitation to do pickups seven days a week throughout the City of New York at locations that are high impact where trash receptacle will be installed: 43 Avenue/104 Street, 46 Avenue/104 Street, Corona Avenue/104 Street, Roosevelt Avenue/108 Street, Roosevelt Avenue/104 Street, Roosevelt Avenue/National Street and 111 Street/Roosevelt Avenue.

Next, there will be a routine 5-day week trash cleanup in the district.

Those locations are from 111 Street/Roosevelt Avenue to Corona Avenue at William F. Moore Park and 104 Street to Corona Avenue.

Immigration office hours at the Council Member Moya's office have changed. The new days are Monday and Friday.

Public Advocate Letitia James

No Report

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Joe Nocerino reported at the last Board meeting questions arose about the Governor's policy on sealing criminal records. From October 24 – 26, 2018, five workshops are scheduled throughout the borough. Flyers with details are in the back.

Also, the Borough President is hosting a workshop, *Surviving Partner Violence & Abuse*, Friday, October 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Queens Family Justice Center, 126-02 82 Avenue, Kew Gardens, NY. Flyers with details are in the back.

Addressing complaints from the last Community Board meeting, Board Member Clara had submitted complaints about the dead trees on Queens Blvd. Joe Nocerino reported the Borough President is requesting locations and will address the problem.

Last month, Board Member Lucy Schilero raised the issue about the cast iron emergency call boxes. Board Member Schilero was also asked to submit locations to the Borough President's office.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea had asked about the alienation of the pre-k site on the Hall of Science property. Joe Nocerino reported it went through. In the next month, he will report on more information as it occurs.

In regard to Board Member James Lisa's concern about the Maker's Faire event, Joe Nocerino reported it is unclear if anything can be done. Looking into the Hall of Science's lease, the Borough President's legal team is checking into it and what events the Hall of Science can or cannot hold on the property.

#### **IX. PRESENTATION: Dept. of Environmental Protection**

***Rehabilitation of the 108th Street Pump Station - DEP proposed to rehabilitate the 108 Street pumping station, which conveys sewage to the Bowery Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant, to upgrade its equipment to increase capacity and ensure reliability with redundancy.***



Karen Ellis, Director of Community Affairs, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, reported three months ago she was the Queens Borough Coordinator, and had attended all the meetings for the Queens Community Boards. Updates from DEP include:

She informed the Board that there was a 2.36% water rate increase end of June. Also, property owners had received \$183 credit on their water bills. She noted rates have not increased on the service line protection plan. If you have a break on you water line, the cost could be \$3,000-\$5,000 to repair. If you carry the plan, you are covered for repairs. The sewer line repair could cost \$10,000-\$15,000. The plan is optional, which costs \$12.49 monthly.

Next, she reported the Lefrak City Senior Citizen Center will be located at Lefrak within the next year. Renovations will be made to the building. Projected timeframe for the senior center next year some time.

For assistance from NYC DEP, call 718-595-3496 or call Robert Oliveri, Community Affairs Liaison who attends the Board meetings, or call Karen Ellis at 718-595-4394 for any issues you may have.

Subsequently, she talked about an upcoming project which is getting ready to go to the Public Design Commission to get approval for the design. DEP has 14 waste water treatment plants. The waste water for this area goes to the Bowery Bay plant. As a result, there are pumping stations also. A pumping station is located at 108 Street and the Horace Harding Expressway, next to the Fire Department. Upgrades are planned for this station to occur probably next year. However, designs must be submitted to the Public Design Commission for approval, who approves the design for the aesthetics. DEP endeavors to have a design that is pleasing in the neighborhood. The plant is being updated both inside and outside.

With the aid of a slide presentation Karen Ellis presented the following facts for DEP:

Deliver one billion gallons of drinking water per day to nine million New Yorkers  
Manage 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes with a storage capacity of 580 billion gallons  
Treat an average of 1.3 billion gallons of wastewater per day  
Operate 14 in-city wastewater treatment plants and the 96 pump stations that convey wastewater for treatment  
Work to reduce, air, noise, and hazardous pollution

Next, a slide of New York City's Wastewater Treatment System was displayed. She explained these are the fourteen plants and the Bowery Bay plant is number 1.

Subsequently, the following slides with details were presented:

#### Combined Sewer

108<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station: Site  
108<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station – not upgraded since 1989

#### Upgrade Components

Before & After (with upgrades)  
108<sup>th</sup> Street Renderings – view looking from northwest from Horace Harding Expressway  
108<sup>th</sup> Street Renderings – view looking from northwest from Penrod Street  
108<sup>th</sup> Street Renderings – view looking from southeast from Penrod Street

## Anticipated Schedule

- Design Commission Preliminary Review: Fall 2018
- Design Completion: January 2019
- Procurement: October 2019
- Start of Construction: May 202
- Construction Completion: November 2023

## Construction: Temporary Lane Closures

- Phase I: 108 Street
- Phase II: Penrod Street
- Phase III: Horace Harding Expressway

Community Boards will receive a report on how much the project will cost.

At this point the Board Members asked questions.

Board Member Georgina Oliver asked about the work hours and noise generated from the construction.

Karen Ellis replied she did not have that information from DEP as yet. Furthermore, there is a noise mitigation plan for any type of construction that must have this plan on site. The sound of the equipment they use must be muffled whether it is jackhammers or saws. If this plan is not on site, a Stop Work Order will be issued. DEP inspectors do come out and examine the site. DEP strives to make the upgrade as minimally invasive as possible to homeowners and yet to proceed with the work.

A Board Member asked about the jobs. Karen Ellis replied the contractor hires their staff. The job goes out to bid as does all city contracts. Sub-contractors are hired who will do specific jobs and all are skilled laborers. Any work inside the plant, DEP workers monitor because it is a DEP facility.

Board Member Clara Salas asked if it was 14 pump stations for Queens or for the whole city.

Karen Ellis responded for the whole city.

When Board Member Clara Salas inquired about the NYCHA housing complexes, Karen Ellis responded they are separate.

At this point, Karen Ellis clarified it is 14 wastewater treatment plants citywide and 5 in Queens.

Board Member Lucy Schilero asked how much more water pressure will it take?

Karen Ellis was unclear since it is a technical question. However, DEP will be coming back to address the Board and will have the technical person at that time.

Board Member Clara Salas asked if security cameras will be on site.

Karen Ellis replied yes.

Board Member Sandra Munoz asked if there are any plans to improve the water sewer system. During heavy rains, many homes get a sewer backup. Is there any works in the future to alleviate this problem?

Karen Ellis under the capital projects which are done not only on necessity but also on the age and sizing of the pipes and from complaints by the residents. If you have having issues in the community where you are seeing flooding on the catch basins or backup in your basements, call it in to 311. DEP tracks the calls from 311. The City Council mandated DEP to clean out all 50,000 catch basins once per year. When DEP cleans the catch basin, they also look for damage and it is repaired.

Successively, Karen Ellis took more questions from the Board Members.

Next, she mentioned DEP is responsible for cleaning out the rain gardens. The homeowner is not responsible for cleaning. If a rain garden is in front of your house and it is not maintained, please call 311. The rain garden hotline is 718-595-7599 or e-mail [raingardens@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:raingardens@dep.nyc.gov).

Karen Ellis also reported the Department of Environmental is hiring. If you know of someone who is interested in helping to clean the rain gardens, go to the DEP website: [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep) and scroll down to jobs.

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen brought a problem with a catch basin located at Whitney Avenue and Case Street.

Karen Ellis responded did he call it in to 311? It must be called in to 311 so that it is recorded in the system. Keep the Reference #. Then, call her so that the complaint can be tracked.

What is the timeframe from the time the complaint is called in to the cleanup for a rain garden, inquired a Board Member. He continued what if someone wanted to volunteer and clean up the rain garden?

Karen Ellis answered a program is starting called Adopt a Rain Garden program. More information on the program will be forthcoming. It is a part of the Love Your Block program. DEP is mandated to inspect a catch basin and rain garden within nine days of a complaint. Inspecting does not necessarily mean it will be repaired immediately. It depends on what the problem is. Subsequently, she explained why it may take a bit longer to repair.

At this point, Chair Damian Vargas explained what is needed from the Board is an approval if we accept the design.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Alexa Ponce, to **approve** the DEP design for the 108<sup>th</sup> Street Pumping Station.

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

## **X. REPORT AND VOTE – Public Safety Committee**

### ***SLA Applications***

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on prostitution and quality of life issues. Locations were brought to the NYPD. Vendors are high and drunk and block sidewalks. This area is so overwhelming with quality of life issues, social services cannot keep up. She will suggest more social services in our area to handle complaints.

Next, she gave Halloween safety tips for the children. On the back of their shirts/pants write initials with a telephone number. Also, this tip is helpful for seniors and people who are forgetful and have been diagnosed with dementia and Alzheimer's.

The telephone number for the NCO program is 718-476-6725, which is the office number or call 718-476-6785. NCO officers are being called for other duties. Please be patient.

The Public Safety Committee Chair announced the CERT Team made national headlines.

At this point, the liquor licenses were presented:

**RENEWAL APPLICANTS**

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Committee Recommendation</u></b>
Osvis Bar Restaurant Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	80-04 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
Extensive history of criminal complaints ranging from menacing to assault to grand larceny. There were 11 criminal complaints at this location in the past two years.		
Brian 74 Inc. dba Chung Kiwa <i>Chung Kiwa Restaurant</i> Wine, Beer & Cider	40-06 74 <sup>th</sup> Street Elmhurst, NY	Denied
Applicant failed to respond to our request to meet.		
Asadero La Fogata Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	108-40 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Approved

**CORPORATE CHANGE**

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Committee Recommendation</u></b>
Gato Verde Sports Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	82-14 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
Applicant failed to appear.		
DEUM Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	71-26 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

At this point, Board Member Georgina Oliver 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 26 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

**XI. REPORT AND VOTE: Parks Committee**

***Adult Fitness equipment installation at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park***

Parks Committee Chair Gregory Spock reported at the last Committee meeting a quorum was not present. However, copies of the presentation were sent to the Board Members for review. The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation is looking to put adult fitness equipment in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park to be located at the main entrance of the Playground for All Children. Directly to the left of the handball courts is a grassy knoll where the proposed exercise equipment will be placed.

Parks Chair Gregory Spock continued the Parks Department did some community outreach to get community ideas to what would be placed there. The equipment would be free standing such as a push up station, sit-up

station, parallel bars, shoulder rotator, chin up station, and plyometric boxes (1', 1'6", 2 heights) and Captain's Chair. 50% of the equipment is ADA accessible, he noted. Colors are gray and black. More details were given, including shade trees will be on site to provide additional shade.

The recommendation of the Committee members present at the meeting was to approve the proposal. Committee Chair Spock commented the Park needs more area to exercise.

At this point, the Board members asked questions.

Chair Damian Vargas added the NYC Parks Department is seeking the Board's approval for the Adult Fitness Equipment.

Before the vote was taken, discussion ensued.

At this point, Board Member Sandra Munoz made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to **approve** the Flushing Meadow Adult Fitness Equipment.

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

## **XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Consumer Affairs***

Committee Chair Georgina Oliver said a meeting is planned for October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Silver Spoon.

### ***Environmental***

Committee Chair Oscar Rios reported a meeting was held on September 27 and a presentation was given by DEP on the 108<sup>th</sup> Street pumping station. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 17.

### ***Health***

Committee Chair Ashley Reed did not present a report but a meeting is planned for October 24. The meeting is open to the Public. Also, Elmhurst Hospital has launched Express Care, which is an urgent care clinic that offers adult patients a more convenient and faster way to see a physician for common conditions that are not life threatening. Basically, it is an urgent care facility at Elmhurst Hospital.

### ***Transportation***

Committee Chair Louis Walker reported a meeting is planned for October 16 at 6:30 p.m., at the CB4 office. There are several items on the agenda to discuss.

Regarding the CB 4 Bylaws, a meeting is planned for October 30.

### ***ULURP/Zoning***

ULURP Chair Alton Derrick Smith did not present a report.

### ***Youth***

Committee Chair Alexa Ponce thanked all for their support to CB 4's Youth Fair. She individually named some members for their untiring efforts to make it such an amazing event. A Committee meeting is planned for October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

She also provided details on upcoming meetings and events.

At this point, Board member Chaio-Chung Chen asked questions directed to the Environmental Chair about the Adult Fitness Equipment at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

There being no further business, Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula made a motion, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.