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Christian Cassagnol
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October 7, 2019

COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Attending:

Louis Walker
Chaio-Chung Chen
Marialena Giampino
Kristen Gonzalez
Jennifer Gutierrez
Vincent Laucella
Patricia Martin
Sylvia Martin
Matthew McElroy
Rovenia McGowan
Edgar Moya

Ruby Muhammad
Gurdip Singh Narula
Georgina Oliver
Ashley Reed
Oscar Rios
Clara Salas
Lucy Schilero
Gregory Spock
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa
Rosa Wong
Minwen Yang

Board Members Absent:

Karin Abreu
Priscilla Carrow
Lucy Cerezo Scully
David Chong
Lynda Coral
Erica Cruz
Michelle Dunston
Aridia Espinal
James Lisa
Salvatore Lombardo

Sandra Munoz
Alexandra Owens
Alexa Ponce
Rupinder Raj
Neil Roman
Cristian Romero
Fernando Ruiz
A. Redd Sevilla
Alton Derrick Smith
Izaida Valcarcel
Damian Vargas

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, District Manager CB4
Council Member Francisco Moya
Kelly Wu, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office
Walter Sinche, NYS Senator Jessica Ramos' Office
Victoria Leahy, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Pollini Polska, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Steven Raga Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Lt. Frank Manetta, FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit
Mark Long, Queens Chronicle
Candace McCoy, CORE Services Group
Roger Young
Elyse Foladare, Eric Palatnik PC
Jorge Rodriguez
Sally Wong, Elmhurst United
Miley Wong, Elmhurst United

Public Speaker's List

CB4 Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen
CB4 Board Member Marialena Giampino
CB4 Board Member Gregory Spock

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2019

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Italian Charities of America
83-20 Queens Blvd.
Elmhurst, NY

- I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- III. First Vice Chair Marialena Giampino took the attendance. A quorum was not present.

IV. **VOTE:** Minutes September 10, 2019

Since a quorum was not present, a vote could not be taken on the minutes. The next agenda item was discussed.

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Board Chairperson Louis Walker reported Board Member Judith D'Andrea had officially resigned from the Board and turned the floor over to Joe Nocerino, representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz.

Mr. Nocerino reported Board Member Judith D'Andrea had received a 40-year service award and read the inscription on the award. Also, applauded for her service to the Board was Board Member Rovenia McGowan for 30 years of service.

Next, Mr. Nocerino announced Queens Borough President Melinda Katz cordially invited all to attend the Veterans Day Observance Ceremony at Queens Borough Hall, Helen Marshall Cultural Center, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, NY, Thursday, November 7, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager Christian Cassagnol thanked the NYC Fire Department for its presentation at tonight's meeting.

Subsequently, he reported budget consultations have ended and explained the budget consultation process. At the consultations, District Managers meet with the different city agencies. During this time, questions are asked of the agencies regarding needs, funding numbers, staffing etc. From information acquired, District Managers compile their community wish list based on the needs of the agencies.

Speaking to the Board's Committee Chairs, you should have received an informational packet to base your committee's recommendations. This time of year the Board compiles its Capital and Expense Priorities wish list. The document is due October 31, however, before the due date a Public Hearing must be held. As a result, we have been granted an extension to November. Committee Chairs are aware of what is needed and instructions are included in the informational packet. More details were provided by the District Manager.

Next, he reported on zoning Training Workshops for Queens Community Board Members. NYC Planning will conduct two training sessions. Flyers were on hand with details.

Next, District Manager Cassagnol reported on the discretionary funding given to Community Boards by the NYC Council. The City Council had provided the Boards with a \$42,000 stipend at the beginning of the fiscal year. Also discretionary funding was provided to the Board from Council Member Francisco Moya. From the City Council stipend, the Board will upgrade its entire office. So far, purchases have included brand new computers and branding of the Board by ordering CB4 mugs, bags, pens, and pencils etc. The present office furniture has been in use for over thirty years and an upgrade is sorely needed. Included in the office redesign is new paint, furniture, and supply closets.

Next, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park will hold its yearly Shocktoberfest. The event takes place at the Playground For All Children on 111-01 Corona Avenue.

In the past Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland had donated a substantial amount of money to event, which featured a parade and a show afterwards. Unfortunately, the parade is not happening, but we have been approached to partner in the event. Some of the City Council's discretionary funding will be used to buy snacks and Halloween candy for those attending that draws about 1500 children. Also, there is a makeshift pumpkin patch, crafts, and more. The Shocktoberfest will take place Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Lastly, he reported he had attended the late Senator Peralta's street co-naming. It was very well attended and was livestreamed. About 15 – 20 elected officials were present and everyone spoke very highly of Senator Peralta. Many accolades were given to the family and the pride they had in The Senator Jose Peralta Dream Act.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen addressed the homeless problems. Specifically, he spoke about the major slaughtering of the four homeless men. This problem needs to be solved and he questioned why New York City does not address the problem because they do have the funding. According to newspaper reports, New York City received \$3.2 billion for the homeless population which totals 63,839 with the funding to be divided to help each homeless person. With this money, the homeless could be housed in hotels for a year with three meals a day, but noted many hotels will not accept them. What happens next, he questioned and asked for an answer from the City.

Next, First Vice Chair Marialena Giampino reported on the old Newtown Playground cemetery. Back in 2016, the Board voted for a memorial at the site because there is still approximately 86 colonial settlers buried there. It was the original public cemetery. Recently, it has been renovated. The memorial part where it is believed to be remains and where a bone fragment was found by the archeologists on site. It proves there are historical sensitive sites in the Elmhurst community and archeologists on site are essential. However, communication with the Parks Dept. is very vague. We would not have known anything was found if it had not been for our perseverance to continuously ask about findings and keep up with the progress.

At CC Moore Playground, which is another historical park, an historical cistern was found dating back to the Moore family. An archaeologist on site was promised by the Parks Dept. but the Parks Dept. did not keep its word and no archeologist was on site. With the rich, historical history of the neighborhood, the discovery of the iron coffin lady, the bone fragment unearthed at Newtown Playground, and the possibility of other relics and human remains being discovered, it is upsetting that all the work we expended into the project was obstructed and the community deceived. Since all of us serve as volunteers, those roadblocks are very disappointing and need to be rectified.

Subsequently, she mentioned neighborhood problems. If you see something in the neighborhood that needs attention call 311 and report it. For example, construction with no permits, graffiti, or gang activities. Bringing awareness to our neighborhoods, may give us more community support such as police protection.

Next, Parks Committee Chair Gregory Spock reported on National Grid holding everyone hostage for new gas accounts. He relayed problems one of his friends is experiencing with this shutdown. They had signed a new lease, moved into the building, and still have no cooking gas.

Mr. Spock reported Community Board 4 should be advocating along with other elected officials to end the shutdown. He explained National Grid wanted a pipeline to come in, but the current administration statewide said no, preferring to find cleaner, greener solutions. National Grid responded it would not accept new gas accounts.

Subsequently, he spoke about 82 Street. With the Target development on one side, there is construction. On the other side of the street, scaffolding was recently added. He spoke about a fruit store located in front of the Q29 bus stop. Bus riders cannot step on the sidewalk, but exiting into the street. Numerous people have experienced the same issues where the bottleneck on 82 Street exists.

VIII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Senate

Charles Schumer

No Report. No representative present.

Kristen Gilibrand

No Report. No representative present.

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

VIII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS (cont'd)

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Daniel, Operations Coordinator and caseworker/field representative, reported on the following updates:

Last week their office held an October Town Hall at the Queens Library at Lefrak City. Thank you was extended to all who were involved in the success of the meeting. It was a great event.

The Congresswoman was able to share her recent package of Bills entitled, A Just Society. Questions were taken from the audience and she met with many community members afterward. The entire event was live streamed on their official Facebook page and was also broadcast live by C-Span. The video can be found on their Facebook page—facebook.com/repaoc.

Next, he reported on legislation introduced by Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez entitled, A Just Society. This legislation is focused on addressing the national issue of poverty. The legislation includes the Recognizing Poverty Act that will update the official poverty line which is still based on 1955 spending patterns. The Bill will include more Americans in the poverty line. The Place To Prosper Act which protects low-income tenants by ensuring access to counsel facing eviction and a 3% cap in annual rent increases also imposing disclosure requirements on landlords etc.

The Mercy in Re-Entry Act and the Embrace Act ensuring access to public benefits despite immigration status or prior criminal records.

The Uplift Our Workers Act which directs the Office Management and Budget to create a worker friendly score for federal contractors.

A resolution directing the Senate to ratify the UN Covenant on economic, social and cultural rights.

This covenant recognizes the right to just and favorable conditions of work. The right to form trade unions, the right to adequate, food, clothing, housing, and the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

The five Bills and Resolution were introduced together as a Just Society package and they will be working to get it passed in the House.

Additionally, the Congresswoman's office is accepting applications for nomination to the four US service academies: the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, U. S. Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Academy. Those seeking a nomination from the Congresswoman's office should complete the form on their website, under the services column at Service Academy Nominations.

Furthermore, members of the community are being sought preferably with prior experience with the service academies to serve on the nominating committee. Please see him or Michelle if you are interested.

Newsletters and sign-ups were in the back. All were invited to come to the office if you are having issues with any federal agency such as immigration, Social Security, Veterans Affairs etc.

NYS Assembly

Brian Barnwell

Victoria Lahey reported on upcoming events:

Fall Toiletry Drive – Partnering With Community Board 4

October 7 – November 8

Collecting: Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, and Body Lotion to name a few. See flyer for a listing of more toiletries.

Drop off donations at Community Board 4, 46-11 104 Street and at Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's office, 55-19 69 Street, Maspeth, NY. Nonperishable food pantry items such as cereals, canned vegetables, rice, pasta, peanut butter is also being collected.

Thursday, October 10, is National Coming Out Day celebrations. Every year Assembly Member Barnwell celebrates Coming Out Day. It will be held at the LGBTQ network, Long Island City, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Every third Wednesday of the month, there is also PB&J sandwich making night. Always open to extra volunteers and held monthly at St. Sebastian's from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

October 26 – the Third Annual Filipino American History Month. This year it will be celebrated by honoring Filipino women, Topaz Arts, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Woodside, NY.

Lastly, a Halloween celebration in partnership with Emerald Isle and At Artifacts now known as Living Artists Association in Woodside.

It is a Halloween celebration for the community from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Before concluding, she reported if you see graffiti within the Assembly Member's district, report it and it will be added to their list for clean-up.

Regarding issues with National Grid in setting up an account, please let her know if you are within their district.

Michael Den Dekker

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Jeffrion Aubry

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Catalina Cruz

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

NYS Senate

Michael Gianaris

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Jessica Ramos

Walter Sinche announced:

- Health Week – October 7, 2019
- HIV screening

- October 8
- “How To Enroll for HealthCare”

- October 9
- Dental Screening

- October 10
- Free Flu Shots

- October 11
- Free Mammogram

Next week, Senator Ramos will be educating the community how to go-green in the streets and in the home.

Toby Ann Stavisky

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Office of the Mayor

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Council

Francisco Moya

Phive Solano announced:

Cleanup at Corona Plaza:

A walk thru was conducted and issues were identified such as graffiti cleanup. Additionally, ACE will power wash sidewalks along with DSNY involved with other community organization.

Immigration services are available at Council Member Moya's office Mondays and Thursdays.

CUNY Citizenship Now recently held a full day event at John Jay College, the biggest citizenship immigration event of the year. More of those events will be brought into the district coming sometime in November. Hundreds of people were serviced that day.

Visiting schools and informing families about immigration services and what is needed before coming to the Council Member's office.

Council Member Moya will attend an event at a local school announcing a very important program, New York City Kids Rise is A college program that provides families, schools, and communities to work together to save for their children's future regardless of family income or immigration status.
The Council Member is interested in expanding this program and continue funding in the future.

Daniel Dromm

Kelly Wu reported on the street co-naming for State Senator Jose Peralta, Sunday, October 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., corner of 79th Street & 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY. It was very successful with a very good turnout.

Every year Council Member Dromm hosts a Halloween Drive for children in the Pan Am shelter. For this year's event, collections are being accepted for new Halloween costumes. Please drop off donations at the Council Member's office by October 24 at 37-32 75 Street, Jackson Heights, NY.

A Period Product Drive, with other council members and organizations, is being held. Drop off any period products at the Council Member's office or other locations listed on the flyer. Flyers available in the back.

General legal services are available for immigration every month. For general legal services, two dates are available: the first and third Wednesday and for immigration issues it is the third Tuesday of every month. Call the office to schedule an appointment at 718-803-6373.

Next, she reported a free Rat Academy Training which was held last July in Elmhurst. Another one is scheduled in Jackson Heights for Thursday, October 24, at the Jewish Center at 37-06 77 Street. Call the district office or e-mail Kelly Wu to RSVP kwu@council.nyc.gov.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

No. Report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

IX. Presentation

FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit

Lt. Frank Manetta FDNY's Fire Safety Education Unit addressed the Board as part of Fire Prevention Week. The Unit reaches out into the community at meetings and in the school system. Units are comprised of active and retired firefighters.

Retirees focus on the school system. Additionally, the First Safety Unit has mobile safety trailers, which will soon be put away because of fall and winter. Call the unit if you need services such as table presentations or lecturing. Information was in the back.

In the booklet, *FDNY Smart* there are many fire safety tips. Looking at statistics from 1970, there were 310 fatalities in New York City. Numbers started declining with many of the outreach programs initiated by fire safety. Much credit for the decline goes to the community who were paying attention to fire safety. About four/five years ago there were 48 fatalities, however, the trend started to move upwards. Several years ago, there was a devastating fire in the Bronx where 13 people in one fire were lost. The building destroyed was an old tenement multiple dwelling building. The fire started on the first floor by a child playing with the stovetop where the door was left open. People were found deceased in the hallway, but others did escape via the staircase and fire escapes. Subsequently, he relayed other devastating fires that had occurred where lives were lost, stressing smoke alarms should be placed on every level in the home.

More information was presented on fire safety. For example:

- Clear and obstructed exits.
- Self-closing doors – keeping door closed. Fleeing, leaving, confinement, close the door.

- Living in a building with three or more apartments, the requirement is self-closing doors and locks without keys.

Lt. Manetta spoke about a joint venture between the Red Cross and the Fire Department. The Fire Department includes a not for profit fire foundation which does fund raising to acquire detectors to give to the Red Cross for installation. This program offers free installation and free alarms. Information in the back or go online at soundthealarm.org. The new alarms conform to the new code in New York that do not require a battery. The battery in the alarm is self-contained that last ten years.

In November, he reminded all change the clock, change the battery in your detectors. The old type battery alarms must be changed twice a year.

For fire prevention week, there is a plan to bring batteries to each Community Board. Batteries will be available at sites the fire safety presentation is given.

Subsequently, he spoke about partnering with Dept. of Buildings on outreach. The Department of Building and the Unit has collaborated on visiting transit hubs such as train stations and joining them in the issuance of material to the public on illegal occupancy as well as other issues. Specifically, he mentioned imminent peril. Some basements may not be technically legal, but there may be in imminent peril and tenants must be relocated.

At this point, he reviewed key points in the FDNY booklet. He pointed out the importance to have an escape plan in case of emergency, which includes a primary and secondary escape route. Have a meeting place outside. A combo unit which is a smoke and carbon monoxide detector should be placed within 15 feet of sleeping area and one on every level. The same type alarm that is not a combo unit placed in each bedroom.

The top three causes of fire are: kitchen fires, electrical, and smoking. Most fires are kitchen related. Unattended cooking or using oil based products is a leading cause. Electrical fires caused by overloaded outlets because of space heaters is another cause of concern. Buy products UL or ETL rated from a reputable hardware store or well established store. Extension cords in New York 12-gauge, which is the thickness of wires. Extension cords are temporary not permanent use.

Smoking is the cause of most fires started as smoking related. Most fires where people have lost their lives started with smoking. Smoking in bed is a major problem or smoking where something falls into a furnishing is considered a delayed response.

At this point, Lt. Manetta took questions from the Board.

Following the fire safety presentation, Chairperson Louis Walker announced a quorum of the Board was present. A vote on the minutes was taken.

IX. VOTE: Minutes September 10 Meeting

Board Member Ruby Muhammad made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Board Member Matthew McElroy. By a voice vote, the Board voted 23 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker introduced Council Member Francisco Moya who spoke about the New York City program, NYC Kids RISE, which is coming to School District 30 and gives the opportunity for families to establish 529 accounts. Money is given for scholarships for young children and teaches children and parents financial literacy, which is so critical in our community. Starting when children enter pre-k and kindergarten, by the time they are ready to graduate high school, there will be enough money to help pay for college.

This program works to expand economic opportunity and equity by providing families, schools and communities with a way to work together to save for their children's education. If we start now in districts with such high needs such as ours, this will have a profound effect not just on the children but also on the parents to learn to save for their future. The pilot is here and we are looking to expand it next year. Working with the organization, the Council plans to utilize the program in other parts of Queens and will soon become citywide.

Next, Council Member Moya spoke about concerns in the local parks such as the homeless problem, including persons addicted to alcohol and drugs. Those people have now overrun our community parks.

The Council Member had toured Corona Plaza as well as some of the local parks to address the problem. This year's City Council budget fought for an additional \$40 million in parks services. As a result, 80 new PEP officers will be hired for the city. Council Member Moya suggested a significant number of those officers to be assigned to this district.

Since currently those officers are not in our parks, we must rely on the NYPD who are not able to arrest the homeless.

Police officers are taken from their routes to monitor the parks, when the responsibility should be the Parks Dept.

PEP officers are equivalent to a Peace Officer who can write summonses and make arrests etc. He noted increased funding has been given to Breaking Ground which is a social services agency that encourages those in the parks to seek help.

Not intending to harm others, but at the same time we do want our families and children to enjoy our community parks. For Flushing Meadows- Corona Park, 80 new park rangers will be coming to the city and he has requested that a significant number of those officers to be assigned to Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. Since the 110 Precinct is currently patrolling the whole Park, additional resources were needed to keep our parks safe, clean and places families can enjoy.

Subsequently, District Manager Cassagnol explained the Board office has been notified there is a major problem with the homeless in the area. Parks Committee Chair Gregory Spock and District Manager Cassagnol have collaborated and noticed many of the drunkards are getting alcohol from the local bodegas and stores.

He explained the Community Board does not have jurisdiction over off premises consumption. For a liquor store, supermarket, or bodega, the Board does not have jurisdiction, however, the State Liquor Authority recognizes the Board as an advisory role. If a location is identified as selling alcohol to those persons, we can report it to the SLA who will take into consideration our recommendation.

Since the Board area does not have many parks, the Board will send letters to those bodegas and stores surrounding those parks and a data base will be created when the establishment's license is due. He noted it is not illegal to sell to an intoxicated person for off premises consumption. More details were reported.

X. Report and Vote: Public Safety Committee

SLA Applications

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero reported as of September 20, CERT Teams 3 & 4 held its National Preparedness Month Event. Eighteen hundred *Emergency Ready To Go Guides* in English, Spanish and Chinese, were distributed and the supply was depleted within an hour and a half. Many people came to the tables. As a result, more guides must be brought to Queens. The event was very successful, mentioning it was included in the NYC EM Newsletter. Access the Guide online at NYC I'm Ready To Go.

From the NYC Fire Department, an open house was held by fire companies Engine #289, #287 and #324 this past Saturday. Since there was not a big turnout, she suggested visiting the schools and hand out information in different languages to boost turnout. It's a very informative event and all fire companies did a great job setting up their tables with information. Being it coincided with Emergency Preparedness Month, it's a perfect way of getting out more information at one time to the public. Much information was disseminated.

Another topic Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero spoke about was false alarms. Investigations were ongoing and children from the ages of ten to fourteen and as young as nine were identified as the perpetrators. Most false alarms occurred in Elmhurst. More information is needed if those false alarms were by the pull box.

Next, she spoke about the occurrence of fires by overloading power surges.

Also, do not block entrances or exits in the hallways, alley ways, and balconies. From room to room, shoes all over the place hinders operation because of smoke you cannot see what's on the floor. Keep it clear!

From the NYPD, this month is Domestic Violence Month and advised if you hear anything such as a child being hit, family being beaten, please call 911. The 110 Precinct has a domestic violence unit to call at 718-476-9321, but advises to call 911 first.

Next, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero reported on the shooting at Kneeland Avenue and Manila Street. NYPD knows it's the 18th Street Gang who was fighting with the Sereno Gang. The shooter has not been found yet and the case is still under investigation. She had asked how they are spreading out. The 18th Street and Sereno Gangs are moving from Roosevelt Avenue further south past Queens Boulevard. Watching out how those gangs are spreading out and where they are looking for turf is under review. Also, the gang units have been providing extra help. Moreover, gangs have been frequenting 74th Street and 90th Street on Roosevelt Avenue predominantly using knives to steal from people.

A small task force will be set up from those posts from 74th Street to 90th Street on Roosevelt Avenue from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., mornings may also be included.

Next, a kiosk was discussed about the selling of marijuana CBD which does not contain THC. The 110 Precinct is investigating.

Subsequently, derelicts in the parks were mentioned. The 110 Precinct working on the homeless issues at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park has much activity and it was reported the homeless have now been hanging out in the alleyways of private homes and businesses. As the homeless are being cleared out of the parks, they are ending up by private homes and businesses. This problem may have to be looked at even further.

Talking about Ladies Night with regard to liquor licenses, not only is free liquor given out but also results in ladies exiting establishments at 2, 3, and 4 o'clock heavily drunk. Officers were asked to look at Ladies Night in the neighborhoods. If this occurs during the week when children are going to school, it is a problem that needs to be addressed.

At this point, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero presented the liquor license applications.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES – October 2019

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Chipotle Mexican Grill LLC Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	88-01 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Denied
<i>Applicant withdrew application and will resubmit later on.</i>		

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Gato Verde Sports Bar Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider	82-14 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
<i>Long history of criminal complaints at this location -- "bad neighbor".</i>		
Corona Diner Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	91-28 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Mi Taqueria Tolve Rest. Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	92-10 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Shake Shack Queens Center Wine, Beer & Cider	90-15 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Himalayan Yak Restaurant Wine, Beer & Cider	72-20 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved
Kai Fish Market Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	102-23 Horace Harding Exp. Corona, NY	Approved
Paraiso Azteca Restaurant Wine, Beer & Cider	102-53 43 Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
Sabor Norteno Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	102-06 43 Avenue Corona, NY	Denied
<i>Representative did not have proof of permission to represent applicant</i>		
Wasabi Point Wine, Beer & Cider	76-18 Woodside Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Leticia's Rest. Inc. Beer & Cider	40-32 National Street Corona, NY	Approved
Terrace on the Park Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider	52-11 111 Street Corona, NY	Approved

CORPORATE CHANGE APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Temezakai NY Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	88-08 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied

Representative did not have proof of permission to represent applicant.

CLASS CHANGE APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Unidentified Flying Chicken Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	71-22 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

Subsequently, Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Matthew McElroy, to **approve** the Committee's report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 23 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

XI. Report and Vote: ULURP/Zoning Committee

White Castle Parking Lot

BSA Cal. No.: 2019-158-BZ

89-03 57 Avenue, Block 1845, Lot 1

Board Chairperson Louis Walker called out for representation from the ULURP/Zoning Committee. Since the Committee Chair was not in attendance, ULURP Committee Member Marialena Giampino reported the ULURP/Zoning Committee met on September 24 with a representative from the applicant, White Castle. The plan was discussed and every five years the applicant must come to the Board for approval of its parking lot. There were no changes for the site except for repainting of the directional arrows. The Committee's recommendation was to **approve** the application.

Board Member Lucy Schilero made a motion, seconded by Board Member Clara Salas, to **approve** the application.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 23 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

XII. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

No Report.

Environmental

Committee Chair Oscar Rios reported the committee did not meet, but was optimistic a meeting will be held next month. He spoke about the use of plastic bags and noted if someone is buying one item the customer insists on double/triple bagging the item. He reminded all when grocery shopping to use reusable bags. If it's only one item, hand carry it out of the store. In this way, we can help to make positive changes to save our environment.

Health

Committee Chair Ashley Reed reported on the Fall Toiletry Drive and Non-Perishable Food Pantry Drive. Community Board 4 is partnering with the Coalition For the Homeless, which was founded by CB5 Member Crystal Wolfe who met with the Health Committee in May and is running this organization by herself. Items collected will be given to individuals and families in our communities. Collections will be accepted from October 7 – November 8. Listed on the flyers are items needed. Drop off donations at the Board office. Call Committee Chair Ashley Reed if you need help with pickups and arrangements can be made.

Next, she reported October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Many mammography events are scheduled. However, CB4 will also have a mammography event for Saturday, November 9, near Lefrak City. More details to follow.

Parks

Committee Chair Gregory Spock thanked all who had attended the gala for Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, which raised \$75,000. All of the money raised goes directly to the Park and over 250 people were in attendance.

Subsequently, as Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, he announced the next meeting is October 16 at the Queens Museum from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to discuss issues and future improvements for the Park. All were urged to attend.

Next, the NYC Soccer Initiative is having a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 10 at 4:00 p.m. at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in front of the Fountain of Planets.

Parks Committee Chair Gregory Spock reported on another initiative, which has corporate sponsors from Adidas and others, for ten mini soccer pitches as part of a soccer initiative implemented under a \$3 million public-private partnership. One of the park recipients will be Flushing Meadows-Corona Park to promote soccer in the community

Speaking about Newtown Playground and Moore Homestead, he thanked the Elmhurst History and Cemeteries Preservation Society for their efforts in preserving the history of our community.

An e-mail was sent to Queens Parks Commissioner Michael Dockett about Newtown Playground which was renovated and is open. However, there was no announcement from the Parks Department about the opening. It was through the efforts of the Elmhurst Preservation Society for the park to be evaluated from an historical aspect to include historical signage that commemorates families interred there.

Simultaneously, the same values apply to Moore Homestead Park. The Park is currently under renovation and there was a promise from the former Queens Parks Commissioner to have an archeologist on site, however, at the recent budget hearings with Parks it was stated the archeologist was to be “on call”. The Parks Dept. needs to keep its initial promise. That an archeologist will be on site to monitor all excavations.

Accordingly, the Iron Coffin Lady screening was mentioned which is a prime example of how history can be destroyed if the right professionals are not on site. We will continue to advocate for the park to be looked at from an historical viewpoint.

Regarding public intoxication in the parks, it was discussed with the Parks Department. Parks Chair Gregory Spock is committed to working on an initiative with Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero to put stores and bodegas on notice to combat this problem.

Transportation

Committee Member Matthew McElroy presented the report for the Transportation Committee. A meeting was held with the NYC Department of Transportation October 24 and the following three items were discussed:

1. Pilot Program at Corona Avenue/108 Street For Two Small Loading Zones. There had been a double parking issue in that area.

The purpose of the loading zones was to end double parking. However, complaints have been received about the removal of parking.

DOT will speak with the District Manager about its effects.

2. The crosswalk at 80th Street and 41st Avenue, north side of Elmhurst Hospital where the yield sign is inadequate to the needs of the pedestrians crossing at the hospital. DOT was aware of the location but had concerns about installing speed bumps because of the need for ambulances to use the street. However, DOT will re-evaluate the location.
3. Construction on Queens Boulevard a Capital Project on 73 Street to the Long Island Expressway. Extensive landscaping plans are proposed which address the tree issues. Tree pits will be removed and replaced with large expansive soil areas, which will expand the greenery. A private contractor will be brought in. Concerns were discussed such as the depth of the soil above the subway ceiling east of Grand Avenue. NYC DOT was aware of the problem and will take it into consideration in the planning.

Accordingly, Board Member Clara Salas asked who will be in charge of the continued maintenance.

Board Member Matthew McElroy replied DOT is planning to hire after they build to do maintenance gardening work. NYC DOT will address issues with a private contracting firm on an on-going basis to maintain the plantings, stressing not with the Parks Dept.

Next, he explained bus stops along Queens Boulevard will be moved from the service road to the right side of the main lane. It will not be an exclusive bus lane but buses will travel in the lane. The bus stops along that lane will alleviate congestion on the service road. Because some bus stops will be closed down along the service road, 26 additional parking spaces will be added. However, some bus stops will remain on the service road to access the subway and the Queens Center Mall.

At this point, the Board Members asked questions and expressed concerns about problems that will be created.

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No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Before adjourning, District Manager Cassagnol spoke about the Board's own Census Count Committee. Although many people have applied, please contact the District Manager or Board Member Kristen Gonzalez if you are interested.

As there was no further business, Board Member Lucy Schilero made a motion, seconded by Board Member Jennifer Gutierrez, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.