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October 13, 2020

### COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE

#### Board Members Attending:

Louis Walker  
Lucy Cerezo-Scully  
Chaio-Chung Chen  
David Chong  
Lynda Coral  
Lorena Diaz  
Michelle Dunston  
Aridia Espinal  
Marialena Giampino  
Vincent Laucella  
Carol Machulski  
Sunil Mahat  
Sylvia Martin  
Matthew McElroy

Rovenia McGowan  
Edgar Moya  
Sandra Munoz  
Georgina Oliver  
Alexandra Owens  
Ashley Reed  
Oscar Rios  
Cristian Romero  
Clara Salas  
Lucy Schilero  
Alton Derrick Smith  
Gregory Spock

#### Board Members Absent:

Andy Chen  
Kristen Gonzalez  
James Lisa  
Salvatore Lombardo  
Patricia Martin  
Ruby Muhammad  
Gurdip Singh Narula  
Alexa Ponce  
Rupinder Raj

Neil Roman  
Fernando Ruiz  
A. Redd Sevilla  
Dewan Tarek  
Marcello Testa  
Izaida Valcarcel  
Rosa Wong  
Minwen Yang

**ATTENDING:**

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager  
Margaret Silletti, CB4 Community Coordinator  
Christina Long, CB3 Community Assistant  
Cristian Romero, Congresswoman Grace Meng's Office  
Michelle Hernandez, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Office  
Alexandra Owens, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office  
Jessica Schabowski, Mayor's Office  
Bernice, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office  
Kelly Wu, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office  
Joe Nocerino, Office of the Queens Borough President  
James Mongeluzo, Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office

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**COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

**DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: Via Cisco Webex**

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**II. Chairperson’s Report**

Chairperson Louis Walker read the following statement from George Hadjiconstantinou, Business Recovery Specialist, Queens Chamber of Commerce:

“The COVID-19 pandemic has brought great harm to our communities. Not only have so many of our neighbors been infected by this virus, many people’s livelihoods have been threatened. Many business are being strained. The Queens Chamber of Commerce started an initiative with other Chambers of Commerce and nonprofits in New York City called the New York City Small Business Resource Network, which is offering NYC small businesses and nonprofits resources to help them deal with the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have many resources for businesses, ranging from business strategy, grants and low-interest loans, to marketing, technology, and procurement. One of our Business Recovery Specialists would be happy to meet with you to find out what your greatest business needs are, and we will provide you with options you can pursue to make your business stronger.

To seek a consultation go to <https://www.nycsmallbusinessresourcenetwork.org>, click the “Sign up here” button, and fill out two short surveys. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me by calling at 917-815-8970 or email at [ghadji@queenschamber.org](mailto:ghadji@queenschamber.org). We also have translation services available; hablamos espanol.

Thank you and have a great day.”

Subsequently, Chairperson Louis Walker reported the Nominations Committee deadline had already passed. However, tonight we will be selecting Board members to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Chair’s selection to serve on the Nominating Committee are Board Members Lucy Schilero and Ashley Reed. Three open positions remain available for the Nominating Committee.

**III. District Manager’s Report**

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported on the FY’22 Capital and Expense budget. The Capital/Expense/Needs Statement is due at the end of the month. October 31 is the deadline but we are granted an extension since a Public Hearing must be held and budget consultations have not yet ended. Significantly, budget consultations must be held so that the data can be sent to the Chairs to determine what was asked for to formulate the Capital and Expense budget.

Board Chairs have received a link to view the last couple of years of Needs Statements. In light of the social distancing, it would be helpful for the Chairs to access the document to acquaint yourself with it before your committee meets to formulate the final list. So far, several committees have said they would not be making many changes. This year has been somewhat of a difference from previous years because of the pandemic. Minor changes and some updates will be made with the latest data included.

Instead of the Board submitting the document on October 30, a Public Hearing, which is charter mandated, will be held at the November 10 CB meeting. Afterwards, the final copy will be submitted.

Next, the District Manager updated the Board on recently held events:

Community Cleanup – Conducted by Assembly Member Catalina Cruz this past weekend.

He noted not many Board Member had attended. Another cleanup is planned for Sunday, October 17 hosted by Assembly Member Catalina Cruz. If you would like to volunteer, a flyer will be sent to you shortly. To RSVP to volunteer, call the Board office or call the telephone number on the flyer.

Mural Project – The mural project has been successful as several entries have been received. Tonight would have been the deadline and it would have been opened to a full public process with the entry with the most votes would be the winner. Unfortunately, not

many entries were received, however, a request from several artists expressing it just wasn't enough time. As a result, the deadline has been extended to the end of the month. October 30 is the deadline with ten days or so of voting. The winner will be announced at the next Community Board meeting. The project will be funded by the Board, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz, and Council Member Daniel Dromm. Please get the word out to your artists groups. It gives us a chance to paint some of the walls that the NYPD had been covering that is graffiti again. It's our chance to be able to put something nice on those walls. The prerequisite is to submit a piece with a small essay on what Elmhurst means to you. The theme is Elmhurst Strong and the only prerequisite is it must have the word Elmhurst on it and established in 1652.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker said the Board Members should have received a document for a street co-naming. Council Member Daniel Dromm sent a letter of support requesting the Board review and approve the street co-naming for 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Whitney Avenue to Judge Street as Janta-Polczynska Polish Heroes Way (sign location south side of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Judge Street at 88-42 43 Avenue). The letter must be received by October 25. There is not enough time to take a vote at the November meeting noting the application will be submitted with or without the Board's approval. Therefore, we may put our names on it. As the Board Chair calls on the Board Member, he will ask if you have any opposition, questions, or comments on the street co-naming. If the consensus is to approve the street co-naming, the Board will send a letter approving the request noting since we did not have a quorum, there was no opposition.

At this point, Board Member Gregory Spock said the attachment stated a letter of support was needed for the street co-naming but was the House included for land marking since Board Member Marialena Giampino and her organization have been working on it as well.

The floor was turned over to Board Member Marialena Giampino for further clarification who reported the Board can give a support letter for landmark designation to the House as well, however, the documents received tonight are for the street co-naming.

The Board was given time to review the street co-naming documents before the roll call.

#### **IV. Open Session #1**

The Chair called on:

Lucy Cerezo-Scully – In attendance

No objection to the street co-naming. Board Member Lucy Cerezo-Scully has been doing a book swap once a month. The next one is planned for tentatively October 29. She accepts book donations, please contact her if you would like to donate. Usually, kids and teens are recipients of the books but other books are accepted as well.

Chaio-Chung Chen – In attendance

No comment on the street co-naming. He brought up in Manhattan at Lexington Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> Street homeless people on the platform raped a young lady and no one tried to stop it and people were taking pictures of the incident. What would happen if he tried to stop the crime, he asked.

Likewise, another crime also occurred in a supermarket to a disabled Chinese senior who stopped the perp. because he didn't pay for his item. People were taking photos and he gave more details about this crime.

What can we do about this?

Chair Walker responded every individual has to do what is best when confronted with a situation. There is no one correct answer. A discussion ensued.

Yi (Andy) Chen – Not in attendance

David Chong – In attendance

Lynda Coral – In attendance

No comment on street co-naming

Lorena Diaz – Not in attendance

Michelle Dunston – In attendance

Supported street co-naming

Aridia Espinal – In attendance

Supported street co-naming

Marialena Giampino – In attendance

Supported street co-naming and encouraged all to read about the two individuals who did so much for society.

Also, land marking status is being sought for their house which is still standing because it is a big part of Polish-American history and the Polish American community.

Kristen Gonzalez – Not in attendance

Vincent Laucella – In attendance

Thanked all who came out for the two parks cleanups at Josephine Caminiti and William F. Moore Park and mentioned all who gave their assistance. It was a wonderful turnout and many children were in attendance. As the COVID-19 numbers increase, he commented people are not wearing masks, especially the homeless. He mentioned a store on 103 Street selling alcohol to visibly drunk people and it is an ongoing problem. Supported street co-naming.

James Lisa – Not in attendance

Salvatore Lombardo – Not in attendance

Carol Machulski – In attendance

Supported street co-naming

Sunil Mahat – In attendance

Supported street co-naming

Patricia Martin – Not in attendance

Sylvia Martin – In attendance

Supported street co-naming

Matthew McElroy – In attendance

No comment on street co-naming.

Rovenia McGowan – In attendance

Did not comment on street co-naming

Edgar Moya – In attendance

No comment on street co-naming

Ruby Muhammad – Not in attendance

Sandra Munoz – In attendance

Commented on the pandemic and reported Elmhurst is a yellow zone in light of the numbers increasing and taking into consideration Rego Park, Forest Hills and Kew Gardens that are red zones. We must continue to practice the protocols such as social distancing, washing hands, and wearing masks. Also, she noted many people are laid back and not wearing masks. Wearing masks will prevent a projected 200,000 deaths by February.

Supported street co-naming

Gurdip Singh Narula – Not in attendance

Georgina Oliver – In attendance

Alexandra Owens - In attendance

Supported street co-naming

Alexa Ponce – Not in attendance

Rupinder Raj – Not in attendance

Ashley Reed – In attendance

Supported street co-naming and also supports land marking efforts for the House and requested the link to the petition in the chat.

Oscar Rios – In attendance  
Supported street co-naming

Neil Roman – Not in attendance

Cristian Romero – In attendance  
Supported street co-naming

Fernando Ruiz – Not in attendance

Clara Salas – In attendance  
Supported street co-naming

Lucy Schilero – In attendance  
Supported street co-naming

A. Redd Sevilla – Not in attendance

Alton Derrick Smith – In attendance  
Supported street co-naming

Gregory Spock – In attendance  
Supports the street co-naming and the House. The petition needs to be circulated as we need to preserve the historical homes that are left as they are fleeting in this neighborhood. He also mentioned the efforts for land marking the African-American Burial Ground. A very successful screening was held. Work is being done and noted as archaeological work which he does not believe. Land marking is important to protect our historical sites. The street co-naming would impact him personally as he had a close Polish friend whose father was a painter and passed away at a very young age. This would carry on the Polish history legacy.

Dewan Tarek – Not in attendance

Marcello Testa – Not in attendance

Izaida Valcarcel – Not in attendance

Rosa Wong – Not in attendance

Minwen Yang – Not in attendance

At this point Chairperson Louis Walker reiterated for the Nominating Committee his two selections are Lucy Schilero and Ashley Reed. Everyone else's name will go into a hat and he will show the names as he puts them in. The following names written on pieces of paper were shown to the camera and placed in the hat:

Matthew McElroy  
Rovenia McGowan  
Marialena Giampino  
Sylvia Martin  
Edgar Moya  
Georgina Oliver  
Chaio-Chung Chen  
Ruby Muhammad  
Aridia Espinal  
Sandra Munoz  
Lucy Cerezo-Scully  
Clara Salas

After placing all names in the hat, Chairperson Walker shook the hat and drew out the following names to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Matthew McElroy  
Sandra Munoz  
Aridia Espinal

When the drawing was concluded, he showed the hat with the other names in it to the camera. He commented Board Members, other than new members, can submit their name for any single CB4 Executive office or if you choose to run for more than one office. But you cannot be elected to more than one office. He continued the Nominating Committee informs the Board on the slate of officers on the ballot who best would serve the Board and if there are any nomination from the floor. If there is a nomination from the floor, the name would be added to the ballot that night. The only work the Nominating Committee may have to do is if there is not enough candidates to run for the various offices, the Committee may have to contact the person currently holding the office and ask if they are still interested in serving again. If the reply is negative, the Nominating Committee will have to find someone else who would be interested. If there is at least one person for each office, their name will be on the ballot. Ballots would be sent to all the Board Members. Then, the Board Members decide who they want and return the ballot to the office where the office will keep a count between now and the next Board meeting because there will be deadlines.

Significantly, Chairperson Walker would not know until the next Board meeting who had been elected to the respective offices. The results would be announced at that time.

## **V. Report from Elected Officials**

### **Senate**

#### **Charles E. Schumer**

No Report. No representative present.

#### **Kristen Gilibrand**

No Report. No representative present.

### **House of Representatives**

#### **Grace Meng**

Board Member Cristian Romero reported there were no major updates and commented the administration tries to continue negotiations with the House in regard to an additional Heroes package. It is still at a standstill and there is not anything worthy to update. Although some of the restrictions have lifted, numbers are increasing and we must continue to be proactive practicing social distancing and listening to the experts. Call him with your thoughts, ideas, or if you need assistance and he is always available to help. Call 202-420-8819.

At this point, Chair Louis Walker inquired if the Congresswoman was able to get any information about Chase Bank in Lefrak City, in particular, plans for reopening.

Board Member Cristian Romero reported Lefrak City is out of the Congresswoman's district but he would talk to Board Member Alton Derrick Smith to get more details.

#### **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

Michelle Hernandez, Field Representative and Caseworker, gave the following community updates:

In September, the Congresswoman hosted an all-Spanish census Town Hall to target one of the most undercounted communities in the district. Partnering with the National Association of Latino elected and appointed officials, it was televised on the Spanish news network. Currently working on a joint Town Hall for October with Representative Earl Blumenauer. The Town Hall is scheduled on Thursday, October 15, 7:00 p.m. The registration link has already been shared with the Board. She encouraged all to sign up for their mailing list. Those links will be added to the chat box.

The following legislative updates were presented:

Late September, congressional leaders reached an agreement to fund the government approved Bill which provides an additional \$8 billion for nutrition benefits which extends the national school lunch program and also extends the pandemic EBT which provides \$420 to all New York City public school students.

If you know of anyone who has a child in New York City public schools, they should be receiving \$420 per child through the program.

Last month, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Minority Leader Chuck Schumer urged FEMA to release the funeral assistance for families of COVID-19 victims. Both legislators continue to put pressure to see if that funding can be Allocated to those most in need.

Regarding the census, the Supreme Court today had approved a request to suspend a lower court order. The Trump administration can now end the 2020 census count.

In conclusion, the Congresswoman's office is looking to honor those in our community who were lost to COVID-19 as well as to celebrate neighborhood people going above and beyond during the pandemic. Two separate links called Celebrating Our Community and Honoring Those Lost will be in the chat box.

The office is available to assist constituents via phone and email.

**NYS Assembly**

**Brian Barnwell**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

**Michael DenDekkar**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

**Jeffrion Aubry**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

**Catalina Cruz**

Board Member Alexandra Owens reported on the following events the Assembly woman will be hosting:

Friday, October 16, an event is planned at the Assembly woman Catalina Cruz's office, between 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday – Cleaning Corona Plaza between 11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Sign up on social media through Event Brite to participate and noted it would be great to see Community Board members attending.

Furthermore, food distribution is held every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. for those in need of fresh vegetables and fruits. She suggested to be at the office around 11:00 a.m. because the line gets long and the food goes fast.

Also, she mentioned backpack giveaways. Working with Corona Ambulance and Board Member Lucy Cerezo-Scully, 500 book bags were distributed.

The office continues to be open by appointment only. Call the office 718-458-5367 to make an appointment.

**NYS Senate**

**Michael Gianaris**

No Report. Representative not present.

**Jessica Ramos**

No Report. Representative not present.

**Toby Ann Stavisky**

No Report. Representative not present.

**NYC Mayor's Office**

Jessica Schabowski reported on the importance of getting tested for COVID-19 as well as to get a flu shot and addressing what's anticipated in a second wave of the virus. The Mayor's Office is working to address the uptick in cases in some parts of New York City by getting the word out on testing sites, bringing out mobile sites, educating those on wearing masks, social distancing and encouraging people to get a flu shot to protect your neighbors as well as to minimize symptoms if you were to contract COVID-19 at the same time you may have the flu. Flu sites can be found at [nyc.gov/flu](http://nyc.gov/flu), calling 311 or texting flu877877. Covid-19 testing sites can be found at [nyc.gov/covidtest](http://nyc.gov/covidtest).

Indoor has opened as of the end of September and the Mayor announced the city's open restaurants program will be extended year round and made permanent, which will include expanding seating to the frontage of adjacent properties, incorporating heating elements into outdoor dining setups and permitting the use of tent enclosures to keep diners warm.

Lastly, she reported today the Commissioner of NYPD, the Mayor, and the New York City Council announced they will be starting the Reform and Reinvention Collaborative with eight listening sessions in each of the NYPD's patrol boroughs.



The session for northern Queens will be Friday, October 16. NYPD is launching a reform and reinvention collaborative survey which will be sent to the chat so that you can take the survey. All were encouraged to attend a listening session.

### **NYC Council**

#### **Francisco Moya**

Bernice presented the following updates:

Last weekend the Council Member partnered with Elmhurst Hospital to provide flu shots to the Lefrak community. Thank You was extended to Board Member Michelle Dunston, President of the Lefrak City Tenants Association, and all the volunteers who came out to help. Several free flu shot events will be upcoming throughout the district.

Next she reported two food distributions were held—one with Corona Ambulance and also fresh produce was distributed at Plaza del Sol through the Healthy Bucks Program which Council Member Francisco Moya had funded. Several community cleanups were held with volunteers. Thank You was extended to ACE along with city agencies such as the Sanitation and Parks Departments. The most recent event took at William F. Moore Park from Corona Avenue to Josephine Caminiti Park.

Special Thank You to Board Member Vincent Laucella who provided breakfast and Board Member Aridia Espinal and the 110 Precinct for joining the event as well as volunteers.

Additionally, Council Member Francisco Moya allocated \$160,000 in funding for DSNY and the ACE Program. These additional services have made a real difference within the district. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of illegal dumping. If you see any illegal dumping sites, please call the Council Member's office to tackle these ongoing issues.

Next, she presented the following funding highlights:

Council Member Francisco Moya had allocated another round of funding to local restaurants in partnership with the Hispanic Federation to prepare and distribute thousands of cooked meals for families in need.

Bernice noted there are free drive-in movies at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park funded by Council Member Francisco Moya. Many great upcoming movies include: Black Panther, which is screening this weekend as well as Nightmare Before Christmas and many more. Visit rooftopfields.com for more information and to RSVP.

If you have any constituent questions or concerns, please call Bernice. And if you would like to participate in any one of the community cleanups or upcoming events, information will be in the chat or call the office at 718-651-1917.

### **Daniel Dromm**

Kelly Wu reported no major updates from the Council Member's office. Staff continues to work remotely. She noted the office continues with immigration assistance tomorrow from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Appointments are available if you need to speak with an immigration attorney. Call the office at 718-803-6373. General legal services are also available to constituents.

### **Office of the Queens Borough President**

Joe Nocerino reported on the following:

Voting – Early voting starts October 24. If you have not sent in a ballot, please get out and vote. It is a very important year for many positions.

Movie Night – Last free Monday night by Borough President Sharon Lee is tomorrow night. See Wally and a reservation is needed. Log on to the Borough President's website if you wish to attend. The movie nights have been a huge success.

Veteran's Day event – The event will be virtual and held on November 10. A flyer will be sent.

At this point, Chair Louis Walker asked about early voting. If your polling site is in Rego Park, which is in a red zone, would it be moved or would you enter the red zone.

Mr. Nocerino replied your regular polling place is not necessarily where you would go for early voting. Check online. However if it is your early voting location, Mr. Nocerino did not have the answer. He would check and inform Chair Walker.

Mr. Nocerino reiterated if you want to vote early, do not assume it is your regular polling place, probably it is not.

### **NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer**

James Mongeluzo presented the following updates:

The Comptroller's Office Education Guide is online and has been online for about a month. Nevertheless, he will put it into the chat. The Guide has much information about navigating the public school system primarily and also the Catholic schools for the Brooklyn Diocese and the Archdiocese of New York. It also includes some information about private schools. He reported 52% of public school students have opted for completely remote learning. Look at the Guide for more information.

Additionally, the Comptroller's Office has just released its Thirteenth Economic and Fiscal Outlook Newsletter, which contains much information about the fiscal condition of the city.

If you are interested in the recovery or the unemployment numbers and the prospects for the city are in the future, check out the chat.

Moreover, the Comptroller's Office has been advocating for a year-round open streets program that would include retail businesses. Those businesses have been somewhat forgotten explaining with the open streets program much has been focused on restaurants, which are more vulnerable given no indoor dining beyond the recent 25% capacity. Previously, there was no indoor dining. The Comptroller's Office is on board with Senator Jessica Ramos.

If you have any city government issues, please contact Mr. Mongeluzo.

### **NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### ***Census***

No report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

However, District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported John Wang, Queens Night Market, thanked the Board for the borough wide event with the Queens Night Market, the Queens Museum and other city agencies and local organizations that banded together for a borough wide census event. Community Board 4 was one of the participants. Many informational tables with census representatives and volunteers were set up at different locations within the district to help people sign up for the census and to negate some of the stigmas presented.

Community Board 4 was stationed at the Queens Center Mall. The District Manager extended a Thank You to Board Members Matthew McElroy, Kristen Gonzalez, and Michelle Dunston who came out to the Queens Center during the pandemic to help out. Stationed near a bus stop, some people were in travel mode and could not be fully approached. Similarly, he noted the signup was very successful and another census event is planned.

### ***Consumer Affairs***

Committee Chair Alexandra Owens reported a meeting is planned Thursday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. On the agenda is a presentation on marketing for small businesses. If any small business wishes to attend to discuss their marketing or would like to improve their skills, they are welcomed to join.

Also the Board's Capital/Expense items will be discussed to determine where funding will be allocated noting COVID-19 has hit small businesses very hard.

### ***Environmental***

Chair Oscar Rios reported face masks are thrown on the streets and urged all to throw used face masks in the trash. It's not a good sight to see on the blocks or on the streets. Dispose of them properly.

At this point, District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported on the two community gardens in Corona. The first is Sparrow's Nest and the second Corona Taxpayer's Garden. There was a potential of a third garden in the Corona area around Van Cleef. This was a community garden that was started by a local community group, which came to us several years back and said they were looking for the Community Board's support. The Board was in favor of this community garden and he noted it is city owned property.

Not only at the Corona Taxpayer's garden, we are producing our own honey but there are hens and quails. It's an amazing garden! Once the paperwork began for the third community garden, it was slowed down. In consultation with the Parks Department and the Board's Parks Chair Gregory Spock, it was brought up the status of the application. There are several places throughout the borough and the city where community groups taken over community gardens.

If we do not hear from the Parks Dept. soon, the community group will begin to do the work by at least by leveling out the land before approval is given. The Parks Dept. would like the Board to wait for approval, but it has been slowed.

### ***Health***

Committee Chair Ashley Reed is planning a committee meeting. Meeting date will be announced shortly to discuss budget requests. Not much has changed since last year regarding budget priorities, but she wanted to give the new members the opportunity to review the requests. She also brought up self-swabbing to the Elmhurst/Corona areas. It has been done in Forest Hills and Rego Park as these areas are red zones. But many parts of Elmhurst are orange zones, including Lefrak City. She said it was important to offer it to our neighbors.

Also, Committee Chair Ashley Reed encouraged all to take advantage of the free screenings and testings available. Elmhurst has free walk-in testing. No appointment required. You can walk into any City MD too.

Additionally, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and she reminded all to keep on top of screenings.

### ***Parks***

Committee Chair Gregory Spock reported Parks news is grim. Since the Parks Department has been a lifeline during the pandemic, \$81 million has been cut from the Parks budget, which is a 14% reduction. Also alarming was the cut to the tree pruning schedule which means our district will not get the tree pruning services. We asked Parks what is their contingency plan and their response was they will rely on FEMA and other Federal resources. From the recent storms where trees fell on cars, we are not being proactive. We will continue to advocate in the Capital/Expense Needs Statement we need those services in the midst of the budget shortfall.

Committee Chair Gregory Spock explained during the pandemic, he has been taking his son to various parks throughout the city and for a change of pace spending more time in Manhattan, which recently River Park just opened their Pier 26, which is beautiful. He compared this park to Flushing Meadows Corona Park which has a similar public private partnership that Hudson River Park Trust does have. He will be advocating the Alliance and the Community Advisory Board for a concrete plan since no plan currently is in place.

They are relying on a donor to give money. As a community we need to show elected officials, the Mayor, and Parks Department that parks needs more funding. Cutting the budget means deterioration of the parks and its breakdown.

Committee Chair Gregory Spock will plan a meeting and advocate for our parks.

### ***Transportation***

Committee Chair Lynda Coral reported the committee is meeting October 21 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Needs Statement.

### ***Public Safety***

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported there were many businesses that had submitted applications for liquor licenses.

Before reviewing the applications, she announced the CERT program had served 66 million meals to New Yorkers in need, which is a great accomplishment--on standby now for the second Corona virus wave.

The crime statistics for the 28-day period from last month, wwnyc.gov website for crime stop but it is always a week late, but more current information is needed. She reported on the following crime statistics:

Rape, Robberies, Felony Assault, Grand Larceny and Burglaries decreased.  
Grand Larceny autos crimes have increased.

Regarding the homeless issue on Whitney Avenue and Broadway, certain areas keep coming back. Breaking Ground and more not-for-profits are needed to keep up with the situation. Working on a plan with the NCO Officers of Sectors A and B.

Reporting on graffiti, it was brought up to give a \$500 fine for those who commit the crime or to give a \$500 reward to those who can supply information on those committing the crime. This proposal is now being reviewed by the Police Department.

Speaking about the vendors at 111 Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 51 Avenue will be checked. Some of them complain they have licenses to be there. This will also be checked. Police will summons vendors if they continue to be in those locations without licenses.

Noise was the #1 complaint. Restaurants were closed at 12 a.m., but they were competing with each other so the volume was very, very loud. Social distancing is not being met and summonses are being issued. SLA Inspectors are being brought in although not all businesses were summonsed some were given warnings.

As businesses close at 12 a.m., the patrons are leaving with glass bottles of beer and sitting on private stoops. Occasionally, they are leaving or breaking the bottles. Police Officers will talk to the local merchants about this problem.

Reporting on the Mayor and the Governor closing the south end of Elmhurst in the orange zones, it will be watched to see how the stores and restaurants are following the new closures near 108 Street and Lefrak City.

Next, Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on a problem with St. James Church, a child's tricycle and a man who keeps breaking into a four-door hatchback vehicle, however, no one has filed a complaint. The Police Officer asked for a witness and to file a complaint and it will be investigated. She noted there are homeless men that sit in front of the church.

At this point she reported on the liquor license applications. There were 16 applicants

**NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES**  
**October 2020**

**NEW APPLICANTS**

<b><u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u></b>	<b><u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>LICENSE TYPE</u></b>
Roca Bar	88-06 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider
Paraiso Colombiano NY Inc.	106-20 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Bakery Restaurant Los Parceros Corp.	40-09 82 Street Jackson Heights, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider

**RENEWAL APPLICANTS**

<b><u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u></b>	<b><u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>LICENSE TYPE</u></b>
12 Corazones Restaurant Bar Corp.	86-22 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Queens Center Apple LLC Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar	90-15 Queens Blvd., Space 1001 Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Ginger Dollar Sushi Inc. <i>Tomo Japanese Café</i>	89-14 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Asadero La Fogata Corp.	108-40 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Super T&F Inc.	81-17/19 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Osvis Bar Restaurant Corp. <i>El Canelazo Bar Restaurant</i>	80-04 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Brian 74 Inc.	40-06 74 Street Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Bunvised Inc. <i>Jaew Hon</i>	71-30 Roosevelt Ave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl. Jackson Heights, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
He Lin Restaurant Inc.	83-11 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider

### METHOD OF OPERATION CHANGE

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>
Pico de Gallo Inc.	82-12 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

### ALTERATION

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>
Pico de Gallo Inc.	82-12 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

### CORPORATE CHANGE

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>
Temezkai NNY Corp.	88-08 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
El Trio Corp.	102-02 44 Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider
La Mexican Inc.	111-12 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Asadero La Fogata Corp.	108-40 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Tomo Restaurant did not have to appear before the Committee because there were no violations. 12 Corazones Restaurant Bar Corp. at 86-22 Roosevelt Avenue, was not ready to come in.

All other applicants were in attendance and the meeting lasted for two hours. Committee Chair Lucy Schilero thanked the committee members for their attendance.

All of the restaurants had noise complaints and many did not follow the COVID-19 guidelines. The establishments were informed they could not continue to not follow the guidelines because it is very dangerous for our community. Restaurants were summonsed and the Police will continue to follow up.

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

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported the Committee had not met, but the Committee is reviewing the application for 82-11 Queens Blvd. and the Statement of Needs. The application for 110-40 Sautell Avenue is also under review and a discussion with the developers is needed to see what their intentions are. He was optimistic a committee meeting can be held by the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Regarding Chase Bank, this situation affects the individuals living in the community as well as agencies and businesses that do business with Chans Bank. Since it comes under the economics of the community, a letter or inquiry be sent to Chase Bank to invite them to a ULURP Committee meeting or to disclose what their intentions are and present it to the Board at the November meeting.

#### ***Youth***

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

### **VII. Open Session #2 – Final Community Board Member Comment Period**

Chair Louis Walker called on the following Board Members for their questions or comments:

Lucy Cerezo-Scully – No comments or questions

Chao-Chung Chen – More cameras are needed on street corners. More problems can be solved, for example, dog walkers. In this way, the dog feces left behind can be traced to the owner.

At this point, District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported as part of the Board's Capital/Expense Needs Statement, there were instances where the Board had requested security cameras in our neighborhood. There is a possibility to request them, but no guarantee we will receive them. The request has been noted and please reach out to the Board office with locations. The request will be sent.

Andy Chen - No response

David Chong – No comments or questions

Lynda Coral – No comments or questions

Lorena Diaz – No comments or questions

Michelle Dunston – Commented she is holding a census event on Saturday and was requesting material on the census.

Aridia Espinal – No comments or questions

Marialena Giampino – Commented if Board Members had any questions about the street co-naming or land marking, please let her know.

Kristen Gonzalez – No response

Vincent Laucella – Commented teamwork makes the dream work. All are wonderful and keep up the great work.

James Lisa – No response

Salvatore Lombardo – No response

Carol Machulski – No comments or questions

Sunil Mahat – No comments or questions

Patricia Martin – No response

Sylvia Martin – No comments or questions

Matthew McElroy – No comments or questions

Rovenia McGowan – No comments or questions

Edgar Moya – No comments or questions

Ruby Muhammad – No response

Sandra Munoz – commented although this is a major election there are also local elections especially for judges. More diversity is needed in the court system, which we do not have. Go vote.

Gurdip Singh Narula – No response

Georgina Oliver – No comments or questions

Alexandra Owens – Asked the ULURP/Zoning Chair Alton Derrick Smith to repeat the address of the development previously mentioned.

The response was 110-40 Sautell Avenue.

Alexa Ponce – No response

Rupinder Raj – No response

Ashley Reed – No comments or questions

Oscar Rios – Go vote.

Neil Roman – No response

Cristian Romero – No response

Fernando Ruiz – No response

Clara Salas - No comments or questions

Lucy Schilero – No comments or questions

A. Redd Sevilla – No response

Alton Derrick Smith – No comments or questions

Gregory Spock – Commented because you are outside does not make you immune to the virus. Many adults in the parks are not wearing masks. For the sake of the children and younger people who use the parks, wear a mask.

Dewan Tarek – No response

Marcello Testa – No response

Izaida Valcarcel – No response

Rosa Wong – No response

Minwen Yang – No response

Before adjourning, District Manager Christian Cassagnol reminded all to check emails. The software the Board office uses indicates emails sent out and only 30% of Board Members are opening their emails, which includes minutes to meeting notices. Since it may seem like marketing, it may help to create an email address exclusive to Community Board 4 to differentiate.

There being no further business, Board Chair Louis Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.