



COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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June 14, 2022

COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE

Board Members Attending:

Marialena Giampino
Rownoka Ashakhan
Michelle Calderon
Chaio-Chung Chen
Jaime Cho
Lynda Coral
Michelle Dunston
Lara Gregory
Vincent Laucella
Salvatore Lombardo
Carol Machulski
Patricia Martin
Sylvia Martin
Matthew McElroy

Mac Ryan Merchan
Edgar Moya
Sandra Munoz
G. Oliver
Georgina Oliver
Shrima Pandey
Lindsay Quartini
Ashley Reed
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Urgen Sherpa
Alton Derrick Smith
Charlie Tetiyevsky
Louis Walker

Board Members Absent:

Valery Calderon
Tsering Dechen
Ari Espinal
Leeanne G-Bowley
Ramakrishna Kadukuntla
Deependra Lama
James Lisa
Sunil Mahat
Abu Zafar Mahmood
Rovenia McGowan
Jose Morillo

Ruby Muhammad
Alexandra Owens
Purushottam Panthee
Alexa Ponce
Brian Ramirez
A. Redd Sevilla
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa
Yilin Wang
Minwen Yang
May Yu

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager
Margaret Silletti, CB4 Community Coordinator
Christina Long, CB4 Community Associate
Samantha, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Perla Liberato, State Senator Jessica Ramos' Office
Shamina Ramen, Council Member Shekar Krishnan's Office
James Mongeluzo, NYC Comptroller Brad Lander's Office
Elizabeth, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office
James Mituzas, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Place: On Line via Webex

I. Board Chair Marialena Giampino called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Vote on Minutes from May 10, 2022

Since a quorum was not present, the vote on the minutes would be taken later in the evening.

III. Chairperson's Report

Board Chair Marialena Giampino reported this is the last meeting before summer break as the Board recesses for July and August. Emails on summer events and updates will be sent out over the summer. The only time a committee may meet is if a vote is needed before the September Community Board meeting.

Regarding the Elmhurst firehouse, two letters were sent to Council Members Robert Holden and Shekar Krishnan and updates will be provided on this ongoing issue. She was optimistic the city will provide trailers needed to keep the firehouse serving the Elmhurst community as well as the surrounding communities.

Next, the Board Chair had attended last week's Borough Board meeting where a vote was taken on a Smoke Free Housing Resolution which gives landlords of multi-family dwellings the right to make the building smoke free. Board Chair Marialena Giampino voted no because she had not seen the presentation, however, in the past Community Board 4 had voted for a smoke free New York City. A copy of this resolution will be included in the e-mail recap. The resolution did pass the Borough Board.

IV. Report & Vote: CB4Q Bylaw Committee

Amendments/Additions to CB4 Bylaws

Committee Chair Louis Walker reported the committee is working on implementing Bylaw changes that will affect member's attendance regarding those Board members who never attend meetings and those members who rarely attend. The objective is to establish a rule what should be done and members held accountable for meetings not attended.

Bylaw changes will be presented to the Board for a vote.

In the case of Board Members resigning after being voted in to the Executive Committee and before the next Board election, a process will be implemented to fill vacancies temporarily should they happen mid-year. A report will be presented at the September Community Board meeting.

V. Open Session #1/Board Member Attendance

Statements will be limited to two (2) minutes

Board Chair Marialena Giampino took the roll call:

Rownoka Ashakhan – In attendance

Michelle Calderon – In attendance

Valery Calderon – Absent

Chaio-Chung Chen – In attendance

Jaime Cho – In attendance

Lynda Coral – In attendance

Tsering Dechen – Absent

Michelle Dunston – In attendance

Aridia Espinal – Absent

Leeanne G-Bowley – Absent

Marialena Giampino – In attendance

Lara Gregory – In attendance

Board Member Lara Gregory was happy to meet Community Board 4's staff when she stopped by the office. She also mentioned the Queens Borough President's award she had received during Philippine Independence Day and it was a great time to uplift the voices of the LGBTQIA members of our community. June is also Pride Month.

Ramakrishna Kadukuntla – Absent

Deependra Lama – Absent

Vincent Laucella – In attendance

Board Member Vincent Laucella thanked Community Board 4 and all the Board Members who participated at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park with the Queens United Health Fair which was very successful. The Queens United Lions Club looks forward to partnering with Community Board 4 in the future on other events. Also, those celebrating Pride Month were wished happiness. Parks Committee Chair Ashley Reed was congratulated for her work on the Parks Committee and he was looking forward to the presentation on William F. Moore Park.

James Lisa – Absent

Salvatore Lombardo – In attendance

Carol Machulski – In attendance

Sunil Mahat – Absent

Abu Zafar Mahmood – Absent

Patricia Martin – In attendance

Board Member Patricia Martin brought up the James Galloway Street co-naming on 57 Avenue and questioned why it was taking so long to have the street co-named. It was voted upon and approved but never materialized and requested a follow-up.

Sylvia Martin – In attendance

Matthew McElroy – In attendance

Rovenia McGowan – Absent

Mac Ryan Merchan – In attendance

Jose Morillo – Absent

Edgar Moya – In attendance

Ruby Muhammad – Absent

Sandra Munoz – In attendance

G. Oliver – In attendance

Georgina Oliver – In attendance

Alexandra Owens – Absent

Shrima Pandey – In attendance

Purushottam Panthee – Absent

Alexa Ponce – Absent

Lindsay Quartini – In attendance

Brian Ramirez – Absent

Ashley Reed – In attendance

Cristian Romero – In attendance

Clara Salas – In attendance

A. Redd Sevilla – Absent

Urgen Sherpa – In attendance

Alton Derrick Smith – In attendance

Dewan Tarek – Absent

Marcello Testa – Absent

Charlie Tetiyevsky – In attendance

Louis Walker – In attendance

Yilin Wang – Absent

Minwen Yang – Absent

May Yu - Absent

Note: Many of the Board Members wished all fathers a Happy Father's Day and Happy Pride Month to those who celebrate.

VI. District Manager's Report

District Manager Christian Cassagnol thanked Board Member Vincent Laucella for his amazing work on the Health Fair. Special thanks were given to Board members Mac Merchan, Michelle Calderon and Parks Committee Chair Ashley Reed, Youth Committee Chair Sylvia Martin, Pat Martin, and the many others who provided help and support to make the Health Fair a great success.

Next, District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported on plans for a workshop with DCAS (Department of Citywide Administrative Services) regarding the civil service exams. There are many city jobs available but the concept of taking civil service exams is somewhat vague. Community Board 4 will be partnering with DCAS for a workshop, however, there is a workshop scheduled for tomorrow, June 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. via zoom. Check CB4's web pages and social media for further details.

Subsequently, the District Manager reported on a pending ULURP application for 97-27 57 Avenue to map a C2-4 overlay. This is a substantially large ULURP development coming to our district and is to be constructed over the existing Food Bazaar supermarket.

The Board will meet over the summer months via a Public Hearing on this application. The ULURP/Zoning Committee will meet at the end of this month to review the application and urged as many Board Members as possible to attend.

Next, he reported the Budget Register was received. The Board's Needs Statement was sent to all city agencies and the Board received a budget report back explaining which items were eligible for funding as well as city responses to each individual items. Next, he thanked the City Council Member and the Queens Borough President for funding for the renovation of William F. Moore Park at a cost of just over \$3 million.

At this point, he read statements received:

From The Elmhurst Green Market – Winifred Lee, Go NYC:

Grow Industry Green Market Farmers Markets are returning to your neighborhood. The Elmhurst Green Market reopened today, June 14, and is open every Tuesday until Thanksgiving from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on 41st and 81st Street behind the Hospital. The Green Market will return every Friday starting June 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Green Market located on Corona Plaza on Roosevelt Avenue/103 Street. There is locally grown fruits and vegetables and baked goods from the farms upstate New York less than 100 miles from our Queens neighborhood. Like years past, we accept cash SNAP/EBT, Senior and WIC checks. For SNAP customers for every \$2 spent, they get an extra \$2 health buck up to \$10 per day. Also, they are happy to share the food scrap collection of return to Corona Green Markets eight to one. This is a free service that provides the community with the rate to reduce waste and generate compost to nourish gardens and Parks.

The following statement from Adam Wilkes was read to the Board:

Before the District Manager read the statement, he clarified Mr. Wilkes was never a member of Community Board 4 as stated in his letter.

My name is Adam Wilkes. I have lived in Jackson Heights for a year, but prior to that, I live in Elmhurst for two years and was a member of Community Board 4. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Everyone in the country knows that the health insurance system is broken.

The United States spends \$12,000 a person per year on healthcare, while Great Britain spends \$5,000. Yet Great Britain actually has better healthcare, not just according to nonprofit rankings, but the hard numbers of longer life expectancy and less disease of almost every kind. And that \$5,000 in Great Britain is organized by the government. The government pays for all HealthCare in Britain, through their National Health Service. There is no private insurance, no premiums and no exorbitant hospital bills or co-pays. Few national political issues are so potently local political issues. Our neighborhoods were the literal epicenter of Covid 19 in the spring of 2020. But we had problems long before the pandemic. Prior to the Affordable Care Act, approximately one in three Queens's residents were uninsured. About ten years ago, Comptroller Scott Stringer estimated that this community district had 34,000 uninsured residents #3 in the city. That is about 20% of residents. We might be half of that now, although Queens still leads the other boroughs with the most uninsured residents.

The New York Health Act, a law labelled A6058, would place 19 million New Yorkers on one government health insurance plan. It would end monthly premiums, yearly deductibles, and out of pocket expenditures. All medical providers in the state would have to accept it: all hospitals, pediatricians, dentists' physical therapists. A new payroll tax would pay for it. A consensus of experts, including the Rand Corporation, agree that the Health Act is the best way to expand coverage to one million uninsured New Yorkers. It would reduce yearly healthcare for 90% of New Yorkers, end differences in quality between networks, and end the inequality in care based on income and immigration status.

This has been introduced every year for two decades. A majority of Democrats in Albany support it, yet they never vote on it. In their secret negotiations called "conference", they never prioritize passing the New York Health Act.

We all can figure out why. If there is big money in it, there is big influence in Albany. The Democratic machine derives its power from private profit. The New York Health Act would end this profit in New York State, but money and power flows down from the Democratic Party leadership.

Now that Mr. Brian Barnwell retired, there is an open race for an assembly seat which includes most of Elmhurst. The machine appears to have given a nod to Mr. Steven Raga, but Mr. Raga has not mentioned the New York Health Act in his public communications. He tells me he wants the Health Act, but when I suggest he publicize his belief, he dodges.

Mr. Raga is two weeks away from a Democratic primary. Now is the time for him to commit to the best healthcare vision for the people of his district.

Please sign Change.org petition demanding Mr. Raga clarify where he stands on A6058, the New York Health Act. Even if the Health Act is not going to happen right now, we need to see his public promise for the political battles of the future.

I have known Steve for a little while. I have volunteered with him, in community food giveaways and cleanups. I think he has the makings of a great Assemblyman. Once he puts it on his website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, I will take the petition down and even volunteer for him.

Please sign for a longer fight. You can also follow Elmhurst Evolution on Instagram where I publicize information about the Health Act.

Thank you for having me discuss this.

PETITION LINK:

<https://chnng.it/STK9XYC9CS>

In response to Board Member's Pat Martin question about the street co-naming for Jim Galloway, District Manager Cassagnol reported the office had reached out to Council Member Moya's office. The intent was to invite the Council Member to a Transportation Committee meeting as the District Manager had informed the Council Member's staff it is not only one item that we are questioning but several street co-naming's that have come to our district which included Hakeem Griffin, Miss Williams, and Jim Galloway that have gone through the process by the Board, but not passed the City Council. We will reach out to Council Member Moya why these street co-naming have not been processed.

No representative from Council Member Moya's office was present to address this matter.

Discussion ensued.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol announced Saturday, June 25, the Mayor's Office is celebrating Immigrant Heritage Month. The Board had received a call from the NYC Commission on Human Rights with the opportunity to table. Volunteers are needed, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to set up tables and help with giveaways.

At this point, Board Chair Marialena Giampino announced a quorum was not present, and the vote on the May 10 minutes could not be taken.

VII. Report from Elected Officials

--Federal

--State--

--City

NYS Assembly

Catalina Cruz

Samantha gave an update on last month's community events. Pride Prom which held last Wednesday and attended by the LGBTQ+ community for the youth with two drag queens performing. It was a fun event.

Also, the Assemblywoman has been visiting senior centers as well as hosting Welcome Back summer events. More events are planned for the weeks ahead.

With NALEO a get ready to vote webinar was performed. Upcoming community events planned are for cleanups in the district. The district office helps with DOL issues, public assistance such as food stamps, one shot deal. HEAP is also doing a summer program for anyone who needs air conditioners. Assistance for applying for ERAP is also available at the district office, even though there is no funding at the moment. If the landlord decides to take the tenant to court, assistance is provided to the tenant.

NYS Senate

Jessica Ramos

Perla Liberato reported there are no current updates, but Senator Ramos is working on events for June, July, August, and September. Specifically, health and resource events are planned and also for September events related to indigenous communities as well as supporting an organization that works directly with indigenous communities in Mexico and Central America.

NYC Council

Shekar Krishnan

Shamina Ramen announced the new Queens Pride Parade was held in the district after a two year hiatus from Covid-19. Many came out to celebrate and also for the summer, events are planned such as movies under the stars, Encanto play at Traverse Park, and a play

at O'Connor Playground. Other movies are planned during the summer and a puppet show in different languages throughout the district will be shown. Also mentioned were the upgrades to intersections in the district by DOT to make the area safer. Improved infrastructure will be seen soon. Please follow the Council Member's Newsletter for updates to see which corners and streets will be updated as soon as this summer.

All were urged to visit the Queens Night Market which will be continuing throughout the summer.

NYC Comptroller Brad Lander

James Mongeluzo announced an updated LGBTQ+ guide with many resources of different organizations throughout every borough including national organizations for the LGBTQ+ community, with social groups is available. He mentioned Comptroller Lander had attended the Pride Parade. The link was provided if anyone is interested in the guide.

In addition, the Comptroller's checkbook NYC demos with two pertaining to Community Board 4 to look at spending contracts for NYCHA, although there are no NYCHA contracts in CB4 you may know people who might find it useful. Information will be put into the chat.

In terms of the Newsroom, he would post the Newsroom in the chat to look at updates. A statement was released on the new FY2023 budget, which was agreed upon by the City Council and the Mayor. Statements were given on the proposed funding cuts to schools and Comptroller Lander was not in favor of the proposed cuts because there were many schools where the attendance dropped in the post-pandemic years. Overall attendance in New York City public schools had dropped.

Also, the Comptroller's Fiscal Economic Outlook Newsletter, is a bi-monthly publication through June 6. This was the last one. In terms of reports, the Quarterly Cash Report was released as well as the cash balance projection for the city plus an audit was performed. All information in the chat.

Lastly, if anyone is holding events for Comptroller Lander to attend and visit the district, preferably in the summer months as he has less of a tight schedule, please let James Mongeluzo know at 646-689-6509.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz

Elizabeth reported District Attorney Melinda Katz celebrated Pride Month with the public. Go to the District Attorney's Facebook page to look at the celebration.

Also, the District Attorney joined Governor Kathy Hochul and state lawmakers for the signing of ten bills aimed at strengthening gun laws in New York State.

The District Attorney's office investigates and prosecutes those who bring guns into the borough. Since August 2021, the office had conducted 11 illegal firearms investigations in Queens. The office will continue to utilize all means at their disposal to ensure the well-being of Queens's residents.

VIII. Presentation & Vote: Department of Parks & Recreation

William F. Moore Park Design Review

James Mituzas from the Department of Parks & Recreation presented the schematic design for William F. Moore Park. Thanks to generous funding by Borough President Donovan Richards and Council Member Francisco Moya. The goals for the project were to create a safe Park for all: one that could incorporate gatherings and many different activities noting the Park is located in the heart of Corona.

Due to technical difficulties, the slide presentation was forwarded to Anthony Buscano for showing. James Mituzas explained regarding coastal flood risk, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park had the risk, but William F. Moore Park is high and dry. The neighborhood is mostly single family residential and some commercial buildings around the site.

Within a five to ten minute walk, there is a variety of different green spaces, however, William F. Moore Park is very important to the neighborhood.

The Park is boarded by 51 Avenue, Corona Avenue, and 108 Street.

The site analysis was presented. The site was analyzed and determined it's an old Park that is worn, well-loved and in need have repair.

Existing condition photos were shown where some of the site lines into the Park are not visible because the plants are overgrown and sidewalks need replacing. The grade on 51 Avenue is raised. The evergreen tree in the middle is overcrowding the two white birches. Pointing out the rich material, there is nice brick but around the flagpole the pavement had failed over the years and needs to be replaced. The bocce court, the sink and the barbecue is no longer functional.

A community input meeting was held in December and many comments were given such as seating. A clean, safe Park was the #1 priority, and space for temporary art installations and community events were brought up.

At 51 Avenue, the grade will be dropped so that there are no longer steps making the Park accessible to all. For every entrance on all three sides, the Park can be entered without going up stairs. In order to accomplish this, the trees must be preserved. The trees are at a certain grade. The bigger trees now become trees that are in a planter bed. Around those planter beds, will be plantar walls.

The 1939 World's Fair bench will be used with rpl wood, using attractive colors. Public space receptacles will be visible so that there will be plenty of garbage cans. The bocce court will be completely redone and recreational lighting will be installed for use of the bocce court at night. Throughout the entire Park, decorative pavement will be installed to keep the legacy of rich materials throughout the Park.

Concrete pavement to redo the sidewalks is planned. Granite hex block pavement around the flagpole area and a bottle filler for drinking water and accent lighting is included.

There is a four ft. fence around the entire Park with gates at all entrances so that the Park is secured at night.

The next diagram showed the photometrics regarding lighting for a well-lit Park and very secure. The site lines into the Park are completely unobstructed by dropping the grade at 51 Avenue.

More details were shown such as the plant curb wall (precast planter walls) acting as a seating wall too.

A bottle filler with a high and low drinking fountain for accessibility.

1939 World's Fair bench with armrests that prevent people from sleeping on the benches.

Accent lighting to give some pizzazz to the Park.

Security lighting was the photometric of a well-lit Park.

Decorative pavement to keep the rich materials.

Public space receptacles to keep the Park clean.

Game tables with a Bistro table.

Seating to eat lunch and play chess/checkers with versions of those tables that have one seat missing so that if you are in a wheelchair it can be pulled right up to the tables. Those tables will be a bit higher to fit an individual's wheelchair underneath.

Plant materials used are some shade trees to provide more shade. All ground covers and shrubs will be low growing to preserve an unobstructed view to keep the security of the Park.

At this point, Parks Committee Chair Ashley Reed reported the Committee met on June 8 with a full quorum and voted unanimously to support the proposal. A community input meeting was held in December. The Parks Committee was very pleased with all the community suggestions, which were taken into account. The Committee was satisfied that the bocce ball court will be preserved and that the stairs removed and leveled so that the Park will be easily accessible. Satisfaction was expressed with the gates and fencing and the overall aesthetics of the Park. Furthermore, the Parks Committee agreed it will be a good amenity for the community. However, the Parks Committee did request that historical signage be included with background information who William F. Moore was. Going forward, the Parks Committee requests every Park that is renovated in the district include historical signage to preserve the Park's heritage and the culture. In this way, people could learn who the Parks are named after.

Also, the Parks Committee did discuss an evergreen tree for tree lightings, however, because evergreens grow so large it might overshadow the Park and be out of character.

Parks Committee Chair Ashley Reed re-emphasized historical signage be included with the design.

Mr. Mituzas responded historical signage will be included in the design.

Also, Board Chair Marialena Giampino brought up an outlet for tree lightings be added.

Mr. Mituzas said an outlet to provide for tree lightings as well as any gatherings that need to support speakers would be included in the design.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino commented the current statues and memorabilia will remain as well.

Parliamentarian Louis Walker asked what is the timetable on the project.

Mr. Mituzas replied it is still in the design phase for the past few months and a year is needed to gain approvals though their internal process. After that segment is the procurement phase where the Comptroller and all involved review the contract, then a bidder is secured and a contractor selected, which is about ten months—about a year and a half away from shovels in the ground to where the Park will be closed for renovation. Park construction will take approximately a year to complete looking at a three year process from design to build environment.

Board Member Vincent Laucella thanked Mr. Mituzas and his team for including locking the fence at night.

At this point, Mr. Mituzas requested a letter of support from the Parks Committee or the full Board if the proposal was approved so that the process can proceed to the Public Design Commission.

Board Member Lara Gregory brought up when the Park is under renovation will there be an alternative Park people can visit.

Mr. Mituzas replied alternate green spaces that are within a five minute walk are: Corona Playground, Josephine Caminiti Park, and Louis Simeone Park.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino asked if signage will be posted to direct people to other Parks to visit.

Mr. Mituzas responded a construction sign is put up which announces work being done. If there is a suggestion to visit other parks, the Parks Department would work with the borough office to put up a sign on the fence, typically not done in a capital project, but he was agreeable.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino brought up the problem of vagrants in the Park. The design will incorporate ways to deter the problem.

Next, the question was asked what is there for children.

Mr. Mituzas responded the bocce court which is multi-generational, and the open space around the flagpole where children can run around and play hop scotch.

Subsequently, Board Chair Marialena Giampino noted this is not a playground but rather a Park. Traditionally, playgrounds have activities for children. This is a Park.

District Manager Cassagnol brought up the Park holds many events for children. One of the Board's former Board members, and the local Councilmember and Community Board 4 hold many events in the Park such as Easter egg hunts, Valentine's Day events and many other events in the Park very constantly throughout the summer. While it is not an active playground, there are many children related events.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino brought up holding a children's bocce tournament or games if someone wanted to introduce it.

Board Member Vincent Laucella said if anyone would like to know more about the game of bocce, Al Perna holds sessions every Tuesday night for seniors and during the last four weeks, 25 to 30 seniors are now participating knowing it is safe to be in the Park. He also reiterated there are Easter egg hunts, Christmas giveaways and food giveaways held in the Park for everyone.

Parks Committee Chair Ashley Reed stated the Park will be closed at night.

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen asked how many entrances to the Park.

Mr. Mituzas responded six—two entrances on each street.

Board Member Jaime Cho asked if the bottle filler and drinking fountains could be located outside the fence area to access after-hours.

Mr. Mituzas answered it is not typically done because the equipment should be secured in the Park to avoid vandalism and was not recommended.

At this point, Environmental Committee Chair Carol Machulski made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lara Gregory, to **approve** the design for William F. Moore Park

Before the vote, Board Member Lara Gregory stated she votes yes subject to the additional signage and other options mentioned for the Park when it is closed for construction.

Since there were no Board members opposed or abstentions, the motion passed.

IX. Vote on Minutes from May 10, 2022

Health Committee Chair Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Parliamentarian Louis Walker to **approve** the minutes. Since there were none opposed or abstentions, motion passed.

X. Report & Vote: Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee --State Liquor Authority Applications

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

JUNE 2022

NEW/TEMPORARY PERMIT APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>NEW/TEMP</u>
Yummy Café Inc. <i>Don Goyo</i>	43-35 91 Place Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.
Roger & Ana Corp. <i>Los Arrieros Restaurant</i>	76-012 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.
PCR Food Inc. <i>Chicken Festival</i>	89-56 Elmhurst Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.
Sumak Restaurant Inc. <i>Bravazo</i>	97-15 57 Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	New & Temp.

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>
Yingyong NYC Food Corp. <i>Playground</i>	71-30 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Sabay LLC	75-19 Broadway, 1 st Floor Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
81-22 Baxter Avenue Lounge Inc., <i>Ilda's Place</i>	81-22 Baxter Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
La Mexican Inc. <i>El Gallo Negro</i>	111-12 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Malee & Santi Corp. <i>8 Paet Rio</i>	81-10 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Mi Otra Casa Rest. Bar Corp.	91-06 43 Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Jackson 79 Corp. <i>Riko</i>	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

METHOD OF OPERATION CHANGE

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>
Brothers Bar Corp. <i>Duo Gastropub</i>	40-37 75 Street Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

CORPORATE CHANGE

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>
Asadero La Fogata Corp.	108-40 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Julio Roman Arevalo Cobos <i>Soneros Bar Restaurant</i>	92-02 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

CB4 Staff Member Christina Long reported the Public Safety Committee met Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Denials:

New Applicants

#3 PCR Food Inc. dba Chicken Festival

Representative who attended committee meeting did not have any information about the business. He was asked to return with someone who can speak on the operation of the business.

#4 – Sumak Restaurant dba Bravazo

No show. A letter will be written asking them to attend the Public Safety Committee's next meeting.

Renewals:

#4 - La Mexican Inc. dba El Gallo Negro

No show. Also had issues on their police report. They will be asked to attend next meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

#6 – Mi Otra Casa Rest. Bar Corp.

Some issues on the police report. They will be asked to attend next meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Method of Operation Change:

#1 – Brothers Bar Corp. – dba Dupo Gastropub

Many noise complaints. They wanted to add karaoke and third-party promoters. Public Safety Committee was not comfortable with the request and voted to deny.

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

Board Chair Marialena Giampino called out if there were any opposed or abstentions. Since there were none, motion passed.

XI. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

Committee Chair Michelle Dunston reported the Committee did not meet but a meeting is planned for September.

Environmental

Before Committee Chair Carol Machulski began her report, she noted workers were servicing the rain gardens on 51 Avenue near 90 Street.

No Committee meeting was held for May. QSWAB was involved in legislative activities. Two Bills on the agenda for discussion were put on hold because of electronic voting, however, there is no amendment in the bylaws to allow it. Therefore, it was decided to table the two discussions on legislation of Assembly Bill 4308 and Senate Bill 1278 both of which are related to tobacco waste reduction and prohibits the sale or offering for sale of cigarette utilizing single-use filters in single use electronic cigarettes. Both Bills are still in committee. The electronic voting problem will be looked into for the next month and to see if a change in the bylaws can be implemented. In the meantime, a letter will be sent to recommend that the Bills be supported.

The May 25 speaker for the QSWAB meeting was Kat Brezler, Queens's Borough President Office, and the topic was Operation Urban Sustainability to form a group to compile a report on waste topics and involve other agencies. Community Boards would have input to assist this group collect information about different waste topics. It was voted and approved QSWAB would be involved by extension as well as the Community Boards. Another QSWAB meeting is planned for June 22.

Health & Human Services

Committee Chair Clara Salas reported a committee meeting is planned for June 27 at 7:00 p.m. which will be very informational and educational hosted by the Elmhurst Health and Hospital Corporation and a speaker from CDC. All were urged to attend.

Transportation

Committee Chair Matthew McElroy reported the committee met twice since the last meeting and received from John O'Neill, Representative from Queens Department of Transportation, a list of new approvals of all-way stop signs for some intersections: Gleane Street and Elmhurst Avenue, 98 Street and Christie Avenue, 55 Avenue and Seabury Street, 78 Street and Woodside Avenue, 80 Street and 41 Avenue.

For 80 Street/41 Avenue, the Transportation Committee had been working on to slow down traffic on the north side of the hospital. Also, he mentioned John O'Neill complimented District Manager Christian Cassagnol for the follow up on transportation issues in the district.

Regarding Junction Boulevard and 57 Avenue, DOT is looking at it and has scheduled improvements to the curb cut for contract for winter '22, however, there are technical issues that must be worked through to ensure it.

A special meeting was held a few weeks ago with the MTA. Plans are set to reconstruct several stations on the #7 Train above Roosevelt Avenue: some stations are in Woodside but three are in Community Board 4.

A minor part of the contract is that the existing escalator at the west end of 74 Street/Roosevelt Avenue Mezzanine will be replaced, which will be part of the reconstruction.

Mostly related to 82 Street, 103 Street/Corona Plaza, and 111 Street where significant improvement is being done: new stairs, refurbished platforms, and new windscreen. As yet, detailed designs have not been released, however, when the job is bid out plans would be released. It will be phased in that any closures are never on both sides of the same station. 82 Street and 111 Street will be paired so that there will be times when the Manhattan-bound platforms at 82 Street and 111 Street will be closed at the same time and later on the Flushing bound. 103 Street/Corona Plaza is separate phase so that no one will have to go one extra station while the job is progressing. Anticipation is that closures will be five/six months at the different stations. More details coming in the fall.

Board Member Georgina Oliver inquired about the renovation of some of the subway stations such as Grand and Elmhurst Avenues, for the M & R trains, if there were any ideas for those stations.

Currently, there is not a project for those stations. For Woodhaven Boulevard there are imminent plans for the construction of an elevator subsequently ADA access, but not for a total station rehab. Also, an elevator is planned for 65 Street Station on the M and R. In the Board's budget request, station rehabs were asked for Elmhurst Avenue and Broadway, and Grand Avenue. It is unclear when those stations will be done. No information was available.

Board Member Michelle Calderon asked if there was any more follow-up about the MTA bus redesign and will any more meetings be forthcoming.

Transportation Committee Chair Matthew McElroy said he did not think any more meetings were planned. The MTA is waiting for comments based on the first round of meetings. Another round of comments is planned after their plan is revised and was unclear about the timeframe. More information will be forthcoming after the changes to the plan but not currently.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino commented all are encouraged to write comments to the current plan. Use the link on the email included on the agenda for tonight's meeting to comment

Transportation Chair Matthew McElroy said in the document released by the MTA (page 45) there is a link to a micro site that has an interactive map where you can click on the map's location and make comments such as thank you for putting a bus stop here or please put a bus stop here or do not remove this bus stop etc.

It was brought up there is an upcoming presentation and feedback by the Queens Borough President's Office with the Queens Civic Engagement Committee reaching out to new Board members and anyone can sign up. June 16 at 5:30 p.m. the Queens Civic Engagement Committee will host a meeting attended by the Borough President for people to give feedback and see a presentation from the MTA on the Bus redesign.

ULURP/Zoning

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported an application is pending for Food Bazaar on 57th Avenue. The application was certified. The timeframe for the Board is June 15 to September 12 to review the application and hold a public hearing. Tuesday, June 21, the ULURP/Zoning Committee will meet for a discussion.

Youth

Committee Chair Sylvia Martin reported a meeting was not held in May, however, a meeting is planned for September.

At this point, Board Chair Marialena Giampino called on Parks Committee Chair Ashley Reed for additional comments. She reported the Committee met with John Wang – Queens Night Market, who was present at the Parks Committee meeting, who reported there may be a conflict in the Park since there are other activities going on there this summer, such as a concert and the Hall of Science parking lot reconstruction. Mr. Wang requested a letter of support from the Board if he needed to relocate.

In addition, Parks Committee Chair Ashley Reed said a Hoffman Park Reconstruction community input meeting is planned for June 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom. Share your ideas!

XII. Open Session #2

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen inquired about the absence of ex-Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula.

District Manager Cassagnol replied his application was not submitted on time. The decision was made by the Borough President's Office and elected officials. Also, his application was incomplete. As a result, he is no longer a member of the Board.

Board Member Lara Gregory urged all to attend Public Safety Committee meetings. This committee does meet during the summer months and participation is needed.

Staff Member Christina Long reported virtual meetings were extended earlier today. The new deadline is July 14, therefore, the July 12 Public Safety meeting will be virtual.

At this point, District Manager Christian Cassagnol thanked Board Chair Marialena Giampino, Committee Chairs, and Staff for their support during these challenging times.

Thanks were also extended to the Board membership for their participation and contributions.

Since there were no further issues, Environmental Committee Chair Carol Machulski made a motion, seconded by Board Member Edgar Moya, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.