

Community Board 1
June 16, 2015

Mr. Vinicio Donato, Chairperson of Community Board 1, commenced the meeting at 7:00 pm by introducing Mr. John Carusone, Chair of Zoning and Variance who read public hearing item from the Department of City Planning (DCP) Cal. #N150044 ECQ (DCA# 0987452) – Premises 31-02 36th Avenue (Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins). An application to renew the license to operate an Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 7 tables and 14 seats. Mr. Prabir Mitra, owner, stated that he owns the Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins at 31-02 36th Avenue. There have been no problems since the last renewal. Mr. Carusone asked if there were any changes in the number of tables and seats or hours of operation. Mr. Mitra stated that there are no changes to the application. Mr. Carusone asked if there are any type of violations. Mr. Mitra replied “No”. Mr. Donato stated that the Board and public know that the applicant is a Board member and he is appearing before the Board as an establishment owner. Mr. Donato asked if there were any Board members who had a question for the applicant. There was no one. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. Seeing no one; no further discussion. Item closed.

The next item Cal. #N130185ECQ (DCA#1454223) -- Premises 36-21 Ditmars Blvd. (Martha’s Bakery). An application to renew the license to operate an Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 12 tables and 23 seats. Mr. George Stertsios, owner, came up on behalf of the application. Mr. Carusone asked if the application was a renewal. Mr. Stertsios replied “Yes”. Mr. Carusone asked if there were any changes in the last application, occupancy, changes in hours, or change in ownership since the last approval. Mr. Stertsios stated that everything is the same. Mr. Donato asked if there was any Board members who had a question for the applicant. Ms. Hantzopoulos asked if he received any complaints from neighbors about the café and/or the truck parked in the alleyway. Mr. Stertsios asked if she was asking about their truck or delivery trucks. Ms. Hantzopoulos stated their truck. Mr. Stertsios stated that there was a complaint 2 years ago. Ms. Hantzopoulos asked if they are still parking the truck in the alleyway. Mr. Stertsios replied “Yes”. He added that that there have not been any further complaints about the truck being parked in the alleyway. He was told that the space belongs to the owner of the building and the space is rented to him. Ms. Hantzopoulos asked if it provides access to the back driveways. Mr. Stertsios stated that there is room for the other cars to get through. If there was a problem he would move the truck. Ms. Erion asked about the temporary situation with the upcoming street fair. Did he have some kind of arrangement with the group since there doesn’t seem to be clearance. Mr. Stertsios stated that he has nothing to do with that issue. Ms. Erion stated that she spoke with Ms. Hartmann about the issue. Ms. Hartmann stated that she will reach out again. No further discussion. Item closed.

Mr. Joseph Risi, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee, read the public hearing item from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) #7378-2015-ASWC – Premises 41-15 34th Avenue (Brousko). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 45 tables and 90 seats. Mr. Peter Menikou stated that their restaurant is on 34th Avenue and 42nd Street and are applying for a sidewalk café. Mr. Risi asked what the exact address of the restaurant. Mr. Menikou stated that the address was 41-15 34th Avenue. Mr. Risi asked if they expanded the restaurant. Mr. Menikou stated that there are two addresses but it is one place, the other address is 41-23 34th Avenue. Mr. Risi asked if they have the corner and is it part of the restaurant. Mr. Menikou stated they have the corner and it is part of the restaurant. Mr. Risi asked how long the restaurant has been in operation. Mr. Menikou stated that it has been open since July 1, 2014 when he took over. Mr. Risi asked what the hours of operation were. Mr. Menikou stated 11am to 10pm. Mr. Risi asked what hours they proposed for the unenclosed sidewalk café. Mr. Menikou replied “11am to 11pm”. Mr. Risi stated that the only problem that he could see was that there is a second row of tables and seats on 34th Avenue with 13 tables and 26 seats. Mr. Menikou replied “Yes”. Mr. Risi asked if they were willing to amend their application to remove the outside row of tables and seats. Mr. Menikou replied “He will”. Mr. Risi stated that it would be reducing your application to 32 tables and 64 seats. Mr. Menikou asked if he could move the tables to the other side for the no smoking area on 34th Street, there is a little space on the other side. Mr. Risi asked if he meant on 42nd Street. Mr. Menikou replied “Yes”. Mr. Risi asked if there was enough clearance on 42nd Street. Mr. Menikou replied “Yes”. Mr. Risi stated that they do have enough clearance for the tables and it is a very big unenclosed sidewalk café. Mr. Menikou stated that on 42nd Street the sidewalk is narrow and he will put a couple of tables just for the no smoking section. Mr. Risi asked if the tables on 34th Avenue will be smoking. Mr. Menikou stated that he will have a smoking section on 42nd Street. Mr. Risi asked if he knew the requirements for how much of the outdoor sidewalk café can be dedicated to outdoor smoking. Mr. Menikou replied “Yes”. Mr. Risi asked how many tables/seats on 42nd Street. Mr. Menikou stated 6 tables and 12 seats. Mr. Risi asked if there were apartments above the restaurant. Mr. Menikou replied “No”. Mr. Risi asked what is adjacent to the restaurant. Mr. Menikou stated it is a small apartment building. Mr. Risi asked if the tables and seats are right outside the apartment building. Mr. Menikou replied “No”. Ms. Nancy Silverman stated that the restaurant is not adjacent to the apartment building, there is a small property in between that they put their garbage pails and then the building begins. Mr. Risi clarified that the applicant will place 6 tables with 12 seats on 42nd Street. Mr. Menikou replied “Yes”. Mr. Risi asked if he had a liquor license. Mr. Menikou replied “Yes”. Mr. Risi asked if he will be serving liquor and food in the outdoor café. Mr. Menikou replied “Yes”. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone on the Board who had a question for the applicant. Ms. Nancy Silverman asked if they ever

removed a tree to plant flowers. Mr. Menikou stated that there wasn't a tree, they planted flowers and left a space for the tree. Ms. Silverman asked if they had a party at the restaurant the past weekend and the streets were blocked by his customers' vehicles were even on the sidewalk. How comfortable could she be that they will follow the rules that are required for an unenclosed sidewalk café. She asked how they will follow up on whatever rules are required for the unenclosed outdoor café. Mr. Menikou stated that they had a party and it doesn't happen often. Mr. Daniel Aliberti stated that they stated that the restaurant will be open from 10am to 10pm and the outdoor café will be open later. Mr. Menikou stated that the hours are from 11am to 10pm, but with the summer they will be open from 11am to 11pm inside and outside. Ms. Frances McDonald stated that the issues with the parking should not happen at all and how could the Board trust him if he does not abide by the rules. Mr. Menikou clarified if Ms. McDonald was speaking about the party and the parking. Ms. McDonald replied "Yes". Mr. Menikou stated that there is parking lot next door where they can park. Ms. McDonald stated that he did nothing to prevent the blocking of the streets with cars even with valet parking. There was further discussion of the parking issue. Mr. Menikou stated that he would insure that will never happen again. Ms. McDonald asked how many tables and seat they have inside the restaurant. Mr. Menikou stated that there are 250 seats inside. Ms. McDonald stated that he is looking for 30 additional seats. Mr. Menikou replied "Yes". Ms. McDonald stated that she had previously called to see if there was valet parking and was informed that they had valet parking. When she arrived there was no valet parking and she had to enter the restaurant and complained that she was informed that there was no valet parking. Mr. Menikou stated that he remembers. Ms. McDonald stated that he needs to work on the parking situation. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. There was no one. No further discussion. Item closed.

The next item #7033-2015-ASWC – Premises 31-05 33 Street (Madame Sousou). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 5 tables and 10 seats. Ms. Tsatsaronis stated that they opened about a year ago a French café which sell pastries and coffee. They felt that having a sidewalk café will add to their business. Mr. Risi asked if they had a liquor license. Ms. Tsatsaronis replied "No". Mr. Risi asked if they will be serving coffee and pastries outside. Ms. Tsatsaronis stated yes, also some ice cream. Mr. Risi asked if there were any apartments above the establishment. Ms. Tsatsaronis replied "Yes". Mr. Risi asked if she was aware of the responsibility prohibiting smoking. Ms. Tsatsaronis stated that they do not allow smoking and they are open from 6am to 9pm. Ms. Erion asked what was the store next to their establishment. Ms. Tsatsaronis stated that there is an office next to her. Ms. Evie Hantzopoulos asked if the tables are going to go between their establishment and the grocery or directly in front of their establishment. Ms. Tsatsaronis stated that they will be going directly in front of the establishment. Ms. Silverman stated that there is an entrance to the cellar with two tables over it. What safety measures will be taken and will it be covered. The owner stated that the cellar entrance does not belong to them; it belongs to the building. During the day it is locked and at 12am it is used to take the garbage out. Ms. Tsatsaronis added that the DCA allowed them to place tables there if they were not going to be using the cellar. Ms. Silverman asked if they are going to put something over it. Ms. Tsatsaronis stated that they will place something over the cellar doors as a safety measure. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. There was no one. No further discussion. Item closed.

The next item #7390-2015-ASWC – Premises 33-20 31st Avenue (Enthaice Thai Kitchen). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 21 tables and 42 seats. Mr. Robert Callaghan, Expediter, came up on behalf of the application. He stated that they are changing the application for the amount of tables and seats on the recommendation on the 34th Street side and they are going to remove that. The application is now requesting 18 tables and 36 seats. This is a Thai restaurant located on the corner 31st Avenue and 34th Street. The hours of operation are from 11:30am to 11pm 7 days a week. They have a full liquor license and will be serving food and alcohol in the outdoor café. Inside the restaurant seats 40. There is background music inside the restaurant on a cd player. As far as the sidewalk café is concerned; they will have 14 tables and 28 seats on the 34th Street side. The sidewalk is 15' wide they will be using 72' of the sidewalk leaving 108' for pedestrians. On the side between 3rd and 1st Avenue will have 4 tables and 8 seats and the sidewalk is 20' wide. They will be using 7' leaving 13' for pedestrian use. There are residences above the restaurant, 4 apartments. They have a retractable awning when the café is out. Mr. Risi asked how long have they been in operation. Mr. Callaghan replied "3 Years". Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone on the Board who had a question for the applicant. There was no one. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. Seeing no one. Item closed.

Mr. Donato introduced Captain Peter Fortune from the 114th Pct. Captain Fortune greeted everyone and introduced himself as the new Commanding Officer at the 114th Pct. He is very excited to be here and he has met a few Board members already. He has been working at the 114th Pct. For the last 6 weeks and came from Public Housing. He is looking forward to working with CB1. He said he will be available for anyone who would like to introduce themselves or talk about any issues or problems, stop by and say hello. Mr. Donato welcomed him and asked how long will he be with the 114th Pct.

VOTING:

Mr. Carusone reiterated public hearing item from DCP Cal. #N150044 ECQ (DCA# 0987452) – Premises 31-02 36 Ave. (Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins). An application to renew the license to operate an

Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 7 tables and 14 seats. He stated that the committee met and recommended approval of the application, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. There was no further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried unanimously with 1 Abstention for Cause.

The next item Cal. #N130185ECQ (DCA#1454223) -- Premises 36-21 Ditmars Blvd. (Martha's Bakery). An application to renew the license to operate an Enclosed Sidewalk Café with 12 tables and 23 seats. He stated the committee met and recommended approval of the application, seconded by Ms. D'Alleva. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. There was no further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried unanimously.

Mr. George Stamatiades introduced City Councilmember Jimmy Van Bramer and Costa Constantinides. Councilmember Van Bramer stated that they wanted come by to give tribute to Vinicio Donato and Lucille Hartmann on their last Board meeting. Mr. Donato gave 30 plus years, first as a UFT member and then as the head of Community Board 1. He has done amazing things for this community. They are very grateful for his service and thanked him for everything and he has made it a better place. Ms. Hartmann through SHAREing and CAREing, UCCA, and the last eight years he has worked with the Board. He will miss Ms. Hartmann, for every time that he has called the office and he thanked her for her service to the community as well. He then introduced Councilmember Constantinides, who stated that it was great to be present at tonight's meeting. As many people know they represent portions of Astoria and together they represent all of Astoria, all of Queens, and all of New York City in thanking Mr. Donato and Ms. Hartmann for their extraordinary public service. He asked everyone to give them a round of applause. Councilmember Constantinides stated that Mr. Donato's 43 years as a member of the Board and nearly 40 years as the Chair of CB1. It is an amazing accomplishment. Dare he say; is not likely to be repeated in the history of CB1. It needs a great deal of patience on the part of the residences of CB1. He added, Ms. Hartmann is an amazing spirit and an amazing force for good. She is one of the kindest people you ever want to meet. She is so dedicate. She always has a kind word and supports the work of all of us including all of the elected office. He thanked her for all she has done and wished her well. People like Mr. Donato and Ms. Hartmann do not get thanked often enough for all that they do. People in Astoria and Community Board 1 are better off because they chose to serve on CB1. Councilmembers Van Bramer and Constantinides office presented Proclamations on behalf of the City of New York thanking them for their years of service to Mr. Donato and Ms. Hartmann. They are tokens of appreciation for their service.

Mr. Ed Babor, representing Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, stated that this is a very special evening, we have been very fortunate all these years to have the leadership that Mr. Donato has shown us and to have Ms. Hartmann backing us up day after day in the office with her staff. As the Queens representative on behalf of Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, it is his honor and pleasure to present these certificates of Special Congressional Recognition to Mr. Vinicio Donato and Ms. Lucille Hartmann.

Mr. Risi reiterated public hearing item from DCA #7378-2015-ASWC – Premises 41-15 34 Ave. (Brousko). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 45 tables and 90 seats. He stated that the Committee met and the applicant has consented to reduce the amount of tables and seats to 38 tables and 76 seats; part of the stipulation to do so is to remove the outside row of tables on 34th Avenue and is being permitted or recommending 6 tables and 12 seats on 42nd Street Mr. Risi stated that the committee recommended approval of the application subject to the stipulation, seconded by Mr. Prentzas. Mr. Donato asked if anyone had a question. Mr. Daniel Aliberti asked if the tables on the side will be smoking tables. Mr. Risi stated that they allowed 25% of the tables to be dedicated for permitted smoking in an outdoor café. Whether or not he chooses 42nd Street for smoking he did not know. There was no further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried with 4 Against.

The next item #7033-2015-ASWC – Premises 31-05 33 St. (Madame Sousou). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 5 tables and 10 seats. The Committee met and recommended approval of the application, seconded by Mr. Babor. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. No further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried unanimously.

The next item #7390-2015-ASWC – Premises 33-20 31 Ave. (Enthaice Thai Kitchen). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 21 tables and 42 seats. The Committee met and the applicant has agreed to reduce the amount of tables to 18 tables and 36 seats and has further agreed to eliminate the outside on 31st Avenue. The committee recommended approval of the application subject to the amendment, seconded by Ms. Alafogiannis.. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. No further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried unanimously.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Ms. Jeanine Colgen, resident, stated that she has lived in Astoria and has a problem with her home. Mr. Donato asked if it was something that could have been called into the Board office. Ms. Colgen stated that she has called the Board office once and has been doing all she could be doing. She has gone down to the Department of Buildings (DOB) on homeowner's night and has called a few offices and has not been able to get an answer to her question. She thought she may be able to get some information at the Board meeting. She stated that she would be willing to come into the Board office since her situation is a little complicated. Ms. Hartmann asked her to refresh her memory. Ms. Colgen stated that the person who

purchased the home next to hers was separated by a 3' alleyway. The owner of the home next door demolished the house and informed the DOB that he was going to build on the existing foundation. He proceeded to knock the wall down 3' from her home and built the foundation next to her home. Ms. Colgen stated that her home's foundation and wall have been damaged and no one is stopping him. She has been trying to find out if he is in violation of the zoning laws and what are her rights as a land owner to not let him do that. Her home is being destroyed and has water in her basement. He is not supposed to have built so close to her home which she has lived in all of her life. Ms. Hartmann stated that there is a stop-work order on it. Ms. Colgen stated that the DOB passed it and they audited his job and passed it. Ms. Colgen asked what was done to rectify it so it could pass and DOB would not tell her. Ms. Hartmann stated that the last time she spoke with Ms. Colgen there was a stop-work order. As for the damage to her property, as many people know, it becomes a civil matter. Unfortunately, that is the reality of it. Ms. Hartmann asked Ms. Colgen to call the Board office and she will speak with the Buildings Department. Ms. Colgen stated that she is trying to get a straight answer on the zoning and has not been able to get the answer. As far as she knows her neighbor was supposed to build on the existing foundation, and the existing wall was not supposed to be taken down. Mr. Donato asked Ms. Colgen to speak or see Ms. Hartmann.

Mr. Phil Konigsberg, member of CB7Q, he started by congratulating Mr. Donato and Ms. Hartmann on their years of dedicated service to the community. He then went on to say that he is here on behalf of the Smoke-Free Multiple Housing Resolution and at this point they have had 8 Boards pass the resolution. The rest are in review. U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be announcing shortly that all public housing authorities in the country will become smoke free buildings/apartments in early 2017. The announcement should be coming in the next few months. He appreciates the Boards support when the resolution comes up. If any questions come up he would be happy to answer.

Mr. Steve Scofield, Transportation Alternatives Queens Committee, stated that the wanted to ask for the Boards support for the proposed slow zone for 20 miles per hour which was put forth by the Transportation Committee a few weeks ago. This would be a great help to the neighborhood. Slowing traffic down saves lives/pedestrian lives. In particular, there is one street, 33rd Street, that is a speedway and he thinks slowing traffic there would be great help to the community. If there are any other areas that the need slow zones Transportation Alternatives will be able to work with you.

Mr. Danny Townsend, Associate Director of DOEFUND, thanked Mr. Jose Batista for inviting him to come. Many people may have already seen our logo on shirts or jackets on the people who are helping clean up our streets. Those individuals are in a 9 to 12 month training program called Ready, Willing, and Able. The objective of their program is to train and place New Yorkers in full time positions with employer partners in the City. In 2014, they placed 1400 New Yorkers. Those who complete the training receive a CDL driver's licenses, certificates, OSHA cards, and various other recognized licenses. As account managers, he and his colleagues work directly with local businesses to make sure that one that their staffing needs are met and two that they are getting top quality candidates to do that. The training has a pre-screening process based on what the businesses require. Instead of businesses receiving 100 resumes they will receive a handful from the DOEFUND. He came to extend their services to the Board. If the Board or anyone who does hiring in the sectors that they provide training they should speak with them. They would be happy to tell more about their program and how they can help.

Deepak from the Mayor's Office Community Affairs came to speak about the IDNYC Program. It is a municipal ID for anyone ages 14 and up which gives access to 30 cultural institutions within New York City, including PS1 in Astoria. Additional benefits include access to services and programs offered by the City and businesses such as \$8 movies tickets and financial services. He will available after the meeting to speak with anyone who would like to know how to obtain a municipal ID.

Ms. Yoselin Genao-Estrella, Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services of Northern Queens, stated that although she is new the Neighborhood Housing Services of Northern Queens has been servicing the residents for over 30 years in Community Boards 1, 2, 3, and 4. They are a non-profit organization housing specialist. They help people with decisions from financial literacy to home maintenance to people who want to choose a home. They also offer a first home buyer grant. Their goal is to help stabilize neighborhoods and making sure that people are ready and are able to maintain their homes and apartments. The non-profit offers emergency home repairs, you never know when you may need help, and for those facing foreclosure. One program that they have is the home maintenance class and there are classes coming up. Her colleague Sandra Vega has been spearheading the program. She herself has taken the class and recommends that everyone should take the class so you can understand your home. She brought flyers for anyone who wanted more information.

Ms. Elaine Fan, Community Liaison for the NYC Comptroller's Office, stated that the Comptroller Scott Stringer wanted to commend District Manager Ms. Lucille Hartmann and Chairman Mr. Vinicio Donato for their distinguished leadership, commitment and dedication for more than 40 years. She is proud to present them with Commendations.

Ms. Yawne Robinson stated that she passed out flyers of the Reading 4 Smiles, Inc. 5 year Anniversary Gala on July 24th. She hopes that everyone will be able to join them and participate in the celebration. Reading 4 Smiles, Inc. is a non-profit organization that teaches children reading, writing, and vocabulary in

Long Island City, Astoria, Jackson Heights and Corona. During the summer they teach the children financial literacy and different countries and cultures. Their organization has partnered with many of the businesses in the area who have provided food. She asked Board members who have businesses to allow students to interview them for a project they are doing this summer. If anyone would be interested in being part of the project, please reach out to her.

Mr. Stamatiades introduced Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. Ms. Katz greeted everyone and stated that she knows it has been a long evening. She knows that everyone is a little excited to get to some partying, but wanted to come by and say hi to some of the people that she runs into at various events. So many of you are Civic Leaders and in other way. Many came to the World's Fair Anniversary Celebration, everyone had an awesome time. She asked how many people attended the World's Fair in 1939 and 1964. She asked for a round of applause for those who attended the fairs. She went on to say that everyone is having great times in the Borough communities and it is a great place to be. At some point she would like to come back and give an update on the Borough of Queens. People want to come, build, develop, and earn a living here in Queens. This is a good thing. We want people to come and see the wonders of our great Borough and to know we are the only Borough in the City of New York that says I am from Forest Hills, NY, I am from Bayside, NY, I am from Astoria NY. We are proud of our neighborhoods, communities, and our jobs. Part of the Community Board's job, that is done so well, is creating balance. Ms. Katz personally thanked the Board for all their work over the last year and half with her and with so many Borough Presidents before her. Tonight, we are celebrating the career of Mr. Vinicio Donato and Ms. Lucille Hartmann. The Borough President presented Mr. Donato and Ms. Hartmann with Citations. To Mr. Donato for his great leadership with the Community Board that is known to be most active in the City of New York. Also for all the different organizations that he played such a great leadership role in them. Ms. Katz gave a brief list of all the Boards and organizations that he was part of. It is not easy to be a Chairman. It is not easy to take the different views of every single one of your Board members, to be able to hear the debate, to be able to have the debate, and this Board can, and reach a consensus. Ms. Katz credits it to the Chairmanship of Mr. Donato. The Borough President then presented Mr. Donato with the Proclamation for his service to the community and proclaimed that June 16, 2015 as Vinnie Donato Day in the Borough of Queens. To Ms. Lucille Hartmann, District Manager, for all that she has done for so many years and she has done it with grace and distinction. It is a hard job to be a District Manager and you need to be able to make everyone happy while valuing and honoring the leadership of your Chair. The Borough President then presented Ms. Hartmann with the Proclamation for her service to the community and proclaimed that June 16, 2015 as Lucille Hartmann Day in the Borough of Queens. Ms. Katz thanked the Board for allowing her to interrupt the Board's meeting and wished everyone a great night.

Mr. Theodore Kasapis, Representative for Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas, and Mr. Edward Cadiz, Representative for Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, stated that the Assemblywomen are working on the legislative agenda in Albany, On behalf of Assemblywoman Simotas, Mr. Kasapis has attended this evening to present proclamations to Mr. Donato and Ms. Hartmann. Mr. Kasapis stated that he has worked with the District Manager for many years and grew up around Mr. Donato. Mr. Cadiz read a poem to Ms. Hartmann. They then presented their Proclamations to Mr. Donato and Ms. Hartmann.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Mr. Donato motioned to accept the minutes of April's Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Babor. Motion called and carried unanimously

Mr. Donato stated that he fortunately had Lucille Hartmann in the office and before that he had George Delis. They had two different personalities George was a livewire and Lucille was calm and does her job well. She is a calming force in the office. He is on the phone with her at all the time. He thanked Ms. Hartmann personally for being there for him and the Board members. He wished her a good life.

Ms. Lucille Hartmann, District Manager, reported that there are two items in the Boards folders. One is the schedule for the free Shakespeare in the park event and the Central Astoria LDC summer events brochure. It starts with the Fourth of July Celebration on June 30th with the West Point Band and Firework. She went on to say, that she appreciates all the accolades that were bestowed to her. No man is an island and she wanted to thank everyone and the office staff, Mr. Donato, and George for making this a blessed time. This is not a one man show and it could not have been done without everyone and thanked everyone. Mr. Donato stated that many people on the Board are chairs of other Boards and play a major role in the community. Mr. Donato thanked them personally for taking care of their work.

Ms. Judy Trilivas, Chair of Health Hospital & Social/Senior Services Committee, reported that the committee unanimously agreed to the proposal with the changes recommended by the Committee. She asked the Board to look at the changes being recommended by the committee in the last paragraph in the Board's folders. Mr. Donato asked her to read the recommendations. Ms. Trilivas read the recommendations, therefore be it resolved that Queens CB1 strongly urges owners and landlords of future multiple developments create smoke-free housing units; and, establish a smoke-free environment in their developments wherever possible; and to require owners of multiple unit housing including rentals, condos and co-ops to disclose building smoking policy to current and prospective tenants which was seconded by Ms. Norma Nieves-Blas. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried with 5 Against and 1 Abstention for Cause.

Ms. Mary O'Hara, Chair of Housing Committee, reported that the New York Senate adjourned without suspending the rent regulation affecting the rent stabilization and rent control for apartments in the city. They are saying that it will be taken care of and passed in some form by the end of this week or early next week. For updates on the rent regulation keep an eye on the New York State decisions.

Mr. Richard Khuzami, Chair of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services Committee, reported that it has been the best experience of his life to have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Hartmann and Mr. Donato for the last 15 years. He then went on to his report stating that the construction will start on June 29th on the Paul Raimondo Playground and the plans are wonderful. On June 4th there was a Town Hall meeting regarding the ferry coming into Hallet's Point on the south side of the peninsula. For those who would like more information he has a copy of the Powerpoint presentation he can share. Through the Old Astoria Neighborhood Association (ONNA) there have been a lot of issues in the parks. He read the ONNA resolution to the Board, copies of the resolution were in the Board's folders. He added that there were new trash cans being put in the park. In a conversation, one of the supervisors stated that he could not give a ticket to persons putting household trash into the bins. Mr. Khuzami motioned that the resolution be accepted by the Board, seconded by Mr. Stamatiades. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. Mr. Kasapis stated that he knows that on Randall's Island they give tickets out. Mr. Khuzami stated that they are not given out in Astoria parks. Ms. Silverman asked if he was asking about all parks in general or a specific park. Mr. Khuzami stated that he is referring to the parks in the CB1 district. There was no further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried. Motion called and carried with 2 Against.

Mr. Robert Piazza, Chair of Transportation Committee, reported that in the Board's folders is a proposal from the DOT for the Slow Zone in the Boundaries of Astoria Blvd, 21st Street, 30th Avenue, and Steinway Street. When you looking at the proposal, the boundaries are not included in the Slow Zone proposal. The committee reviewed the proposal and are recommending the proposal to the Board, seconded by Norma Nieves-Blas. Mr. Donato asked if anyone on the Board had a question. There was no one. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried with 1 Abstention for Cause.

Mr. Jose Batista, Chair of the Youth Committee, reported that the Department Youth Summer Program kicked off with kids that were interviewed and will be starting their summer jobs on July 7th. There are a lot more youths that applied that did not get positions. If you are an employer or know of an employer please think of the possibility of providing employment to a youth in the community for the summer.

Mr. Donato stated that the Board is in the process of choosing a new District Manager and are down to 3 candidates and he will be calling for a meeting on June 29th. You are welcome to come and ask questions of the candidates and there will be a paper vote conducted which only the Chair will see. The candidates are Florence Koulouris, Jose Batista, and Edward Rosenbaum.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Ann Bruno, President of the 114th Pct. Council, stated that there will be a meeting at Riccardo's on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7pm. The new Captain of the 114th Pct. will be there.

There was no further business before the Board Ms. Bruno motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McDonald. Motion called and carried unanimously.