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The meeting was streamed live.

February 12, 2019

COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Attending:

Louis Walker
Lucy Cerezo Scully
Chaio-Chung Chen
Lynda Coral
Judith D'Andrea
Marialena Giampino
Kristin Gonzalez
Salvatore Lombardo
Matthew McElroy
Rovenia McGowan
Edgar Moya
Ruby Muhammad
Gurdip Singh Narula
Georgina Oliver

Alexandra Owens
Alexa Ponce
Ashley Reed
Neil Roman
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Gigi Salvador
Lucy Schilero
A. Redd Sevilla
Malikah Shabazz
Gregory Spock
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa

Board Members Absent:

Karin Abreau
Priscilla Carrow
Giancarlo Castano
Erica Cruz
Jennifer Gutierrez
James Lisa
Sandra Munoz

Patricia Martin
Oscar Rios
Alton Derrick Smith
Damian Vargas
Rosa Wong
Minwen Yang

ATTENDING

Christina Long, Community Assistant CB4
Council Member Francisco Moya
Zuleyma Pena, Senator Jessica Ramos Office
Naureen Akhter, Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez's Office
Phireline Solano, District Director, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Jennifer Diaz, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Steven Tauri, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Joe Nocerino, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office
Capt. Nicola Ventre, 110 Police Precinct
David Cheng, Elm Church
Marilyn Mendoza
David Burgoa, Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens
Michelle Dunston, Lefrak Tenants Assoc.
Mike Liquori, Commander, VFW Post #150

Public Speaker's List

Nina Malik
John Wang, Queens Night Market
Carina Kauffman, Queens Neighborhood United
Avigail Aviles, Queens Neighborhood United
David Burgoa, Neighborhood Housing Services

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 2019

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Subsequently, he announced District Manager Christian Cassagnol was not present because he was not feeling well.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. Executive Secretary Cristian Romero took the roll call. A quorum was present.

IV. VOTE: Minutes January 8, 2019

Before the vote was taken, a correction was made to the minutes. Page 11- - It was Board Member Jennifer Gutierrez who suggested moving the Board meetings to a different location every month, not Board Member Alexa Ponce.

Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Board Member Ruby Muhammad, to **approve** the minutes with the noted correction.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair Louis Walker did not make a report, rather deciding to make a Transportation Committee report later in the meeting.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

No Report.

At this point, Chair Louis Walker introduced Capt. Nicola Ventre, 110 Police Precinct, to address the Board.

Capt. Ventre presented the crime numbers for the last four weeks:

The 110 Precinct has seen a downward trend 84 vs. 102 for the last year.

- Rapes decreased by 2: 3 vs. 5.
- Robberies decreased by 8 10 vs. 18.
- Felony assaults increased 19 vs. 14.
- Domestic violence increased
- Burglaries decreased 5 vs. 11.
- Grand larcenies increased by 1 – 44 vs. 43.
- GLA's 3 vs. 11.

In the Grand Larcenies category, there was a big uptick in packages removed from homes. If you are expecting a package, try to make the delivery time when you are home. Count on a neighbor to remove your package from outside view. Make sure your bicycles placed outside are locked. Cars break-ins have also been reported. Property should not be visible in your vehicle. Put belongings in the trunk or glove box or bring them inside. Make sure your house doors are locked.

Next, Capt. Ventre spoke about rent scams. Renters looking for apartments are going to illegitimate places such as reading signs on poles or calling phone numbers. Someone poses as a real estate agent who will have an apartment to look at and will request a deposit as much as \$1,000 or more to secure the apartment. Many unsuspecting residents have given away thousands of dollars, which is lost. If you know of someone who needs a rental apartment, advise them to contact a legitimate real estate office.

Next, complaints have been received about extortion. Perps. posing as representatives from Con Edison, the FBI, and outside the country call unsuspecting persons claiming they or family members are in trouble or there is an outstanding arrest warrant, and to send money. Unsuspicious victims do send money. This is a scam. Let your family, friends and neighbors, especially senior citizens, know this is occurring and to report it to the Police.

Next, Capt. Ventre spoke about the homicide on Roosevelt Avenue. It was between two gang members, noting the victim was also a gang member. The perpetrator was MS13. As far as the 110 Precinct is concerned, there are no known MS13 gang members living within its confines. Although, the Precinct has seen some MS 13 tags in the last year, two perps. were caught, however, one person is still outstanding. The Precinct is doing all possible to prevent retaliation from occurring because one gang will not permit a homicide by another gang and get away with it. The 110 Precinct is working with the 115 Precinct, Narcotics, field enforcement, and other law enforcement agencies to try to prevent a reoccurring act.

At this point, Board Member Judy D'Andrea brought up the issue of vagrants congregating in the William F. Moore Park as well as in the 7-11. Moreover, vagrants are seen drinking in the Park. She noted they are also sleeping in the 7-11. It is frightening to see those men sleeping on the floor of the store when you enter the 7-11.

She spoke to the store manager who responded they come in all the time. He wakes them up, and sometimes they leave and sometimes they don't. The store manager has reported the situation to the Police.

Continuing about the William F. Moore Park, Board Member Judy D'Andrea also noted vagrants are urinating and washing their clothes in the Park.

Capt. Ventre replied police do visit the Park quite often. If vagrants are sitting in the Park, it is not breaking the law. However, drinking and urinating is against the law. Capt. Ventre would check to see if officers have responded to the 7-11 complaints. Police would not leave vagrants in the store he said.

Board Member Clara Salas recommended calling Breaking Ground, an organization that deals with the homeless population.

Capt. Ventre responded the Precinct does know of this organization and works with them.

Board Member Clara Salas provided more information on this valuable resource that focus on the homeless and can suffer from medical and mental health conditions.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen addressed the Board based on his personal opinion Community Board 4 should participate in more celebrations such as on Council Member Daniel Dromm's Lunar New Year Celebration, February 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Board should work more closely with legislators and other groups and organizations.

Mr. Chen added community residents do not know of the Community Board so the Board must take the initiative.

Next, Mina Malik who is running for Queens District Attorney addressed the Board. She grew up near St. Leo's School in a basement apartment.

Ms. Malik reported she has spent her entire life in the criminal justice system and all she has done has prepared her to be Queens District Attorney. Ms. Malik has worked for indigent people at the DC Public Defender Service investigating crimes, while in Washington DC. Also, she worked at the Queens District Attorney's office where she worked on the most heinous crimes such as sex crimes against women, child abuse, and crimes against the elderly.

Additionally, Ms. Malik had worked for Brooklyn District Attorney Kenneth Thompson who revolutionized the Brooklyn criminal justice system by starting a conviction review unit and a low level marijuana policy where arrests were not made for low level marijuana possession offenses.

Ms. Malik had also worked to hold police officers accountable to misconduct. She served as the Executive Director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, the nation's largest police oversight agency.

Moreover, Ms. Malik conveyed to the Board why she is the best candidate for Queens District Attorney. Not only is she all about making the Queens justice system fairer for all, but also about keeping all safe. In the last week, there were three major shootings:

- 90th Street & Elmhurst Station - #7 Train
- Gunfire at a Jamaica Deli – Bullet grazed a deli worker
- Richmond Hill – NYPD Detective Fatally Shot Tonight
A 19 Year Veteran of the NYPD and a Sergeant also shot.

Those incidents are a result of gun violence in our community, she stated.

You can get more information on her platform at minaforda.com. Her pledge is to make the Queens justice system fairer for all of us and all communities of color, but also to continue keeping us safe from the gun violence that pervades the city and other cities across the nation and to ensure that those who commit serious crimes are held accountable for their actions.

Ms. Malik stated she is hard-working, experienced in the criminal justice system, promises and knows how to investigate crimes and keep our communities safe.

Next, John Wang, Queens International Night Market, gave the 2019 season's updates. The opening date is April 20. Sneak previews will be held April 20 and April 27. A substantial portion of the ticket proceeds will be donated to charity. If you have any suggestions for a worthy cause, please feel free to contact him.

Mr. Wang named some past charities that did receive donations.

One change he noted the opening will be held at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. Working with the NYPD to barricade the beer garden and also working with their security team, people will show their identification.

Traffic flow will be improved. Follow the Queens International Night Market on social media for more information.

Also, as Chair of Community Advisory Board for Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, he announced a quarterly meeting on Wednesday, February 13. New bylaws will be adopted and new procedures for electing officers at the meeting will be presented. The meeting will be held at the Queens Museum from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. See him for more information.

Next, Carina Kauffman Gutierrez and Avigail Aviles, Queens Neighborhood United (QNU), presented an update on the Supreme Court trial on the Target campaign. Unfortunately, the judge did not rule in their favor. However, Queens Neighborhood United is appealing the decision. Most importantly, she noted almost sixty people were present which demonstrates a real showing of community power. March 7, Queens Neighborhood United will be at the Board of Standards and Appeals. This case is not just about 82 Street but about the whole city there will be for a ruling to decide whether or not large variety/department stores such as Target or Home Depot can build underground as large as they want. If the BSA does not rule in QNU's favor, it affects development around the city. All were urged to come out or to provide a letter of testimony opposing the ruling.

Also mentioned was QNU's opposition to the Amazon deal because there were no negotiations and no concessions. Two hundred community members signed a letter urging elected officials to reject the Amazon deal.

Queens Neighborhood United now has a mailing list. If you would like to be on their mailing list, please let them know.

Lastly, Immigrant Movement International located at 111 Street & Roosevelt Avenue that had done much work for the community, closed down. But, they have relocated to the corner of 104 Street and 47 Avenue. All were urged to come out at the opening party on Saturday, February 16, and show support to this amazing organization that will continue to do good work.

Next, David Burgoa, representing Neighborhood Housing Services, which focuses on first time home buyers and helps homeowners preserve their property. An upcoming orientation for first time home buyers is planned. NHS also helps with Mortgage Assistance & Foreclosure Intervention and Emergency repairs. With funding from Council Member Daniel Dromm, a homeowner whose property is in need of repair can reach out to NHS. Flyers were in the back with more information.

Second, he spoke about jobs at the LaGuardia Career Center. If you know of anyone in need of a job, please refer to the flyer in the back. The LaGuardia Career Center is located at Elmcors on the third floor. You will be assisted by an account manager who will guide you through the process. Placements are as soon as possible so that the jobs can stay in the community.

Next, Board Member Lynda Coral expressed her support for Council Member Francisco Moya. She is lifelong resident of the Corona community, raising a family and uses mass transit. Council Member Moya is incredibly committed to the community and diligent in working with city agencies.

VIII REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Chair Louis Walker called on representatives from:

Senate Offices:

Charles Schumer

No Report. No representative present.

Kristen Gillibrand

No Report. No representative present.

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

Board Member Cristian Romero, Community Liaison to Congresswoman Meng, reported on the Veteran's Affairs hours. For this month assistance to veterans is available on February 27. An appointment is required.

Board Member Lucy Schilero inquired about the new mailboxes.

Mr. Romero responded mailboxes are being retrofitted starting with those surrounding the post offices moving outward and in areas that have had high rates of phishing. You can also call Congresswoman Meng's if you know of a mailbox the community uses for retrofitting. He informed the Board during Round 1 of retrofitting; mail was still able to be removed from the mailboxes. Therefore, a Round 2 was done to eliminate the problem. The issue with the new mailboxes, large packets cannot be dropped in the mailbox because the mail slot is too small.

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen relayed a personal issue with his mail. Board Member Cristian Romero advised Mr. Chen to call the Congresswoman's office or see him after the meeting.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Naureen Akhter, Deputy District Director, updated the Board on their district office and constituent services. The office is located at 74-09 37 Avenue, Jackson Heights, New York. The office is currently under construction, but plans to be operational by March 4. In the meantime, if a community member needs assistance with any Federal services, please feel free to call the D.C. office at 202-225-3965 or visit their website, which is recommended, at ocasio-cortez.house.gov and fill out a constituent request form.

In addition, all were invited to Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's inaugural address on Saturday, February 16, at Renaissance High School, 3000 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY. Tickets are sold out, but Ms. Akhter will leave her contact information if you would like to attend.

Finally, she said in the month of May community members will be observing Ramadan. In observance of Ramadan, it was requested the Board reschedule its May meeting before the start of Ramadan, either May 1 or May 2. It would be very much appreciated.

Board Member Lucy Schilero asked for the Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's help to expedite the retrofitting of mailboxes in the Board area.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea thanked the Congresswoman for her passion, energy, and tenacity. It is very much appreciated.

At this point, other Board Members congratulated Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's on her win and invited her to come and visit the Board.

NYS Assembly

Brian Barnwell

Steven Tauri announced the following events:

Women's Empowerment Info. Session

February 20, 2019

12:00 Noon – 3:00 P.M.

Woodside Library

54-22 Skillman Avenue

Woodside, NY

Know Your Rights Session

February 22, 2019

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Woodside, NY

Mammography Bus

Corner of 50th Street & Skillman Avenue

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Call for an Appt.

718-651-3185

Or 877-628-9090

Michael DenDekker

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Jeffrion Aubry

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Catalina Cruz

Jennifer Diaz announced a Lunar New Year Celebration with Assembly Member Brian Barnwell:

Thursday, February 14, 2019

78-14 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All were urged to attend.

NYS Senate

Michael Gianaris

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Jessica Ramos

Zuleyma Pena, District Director, updated the Board on upcoming events:

- Free Tax Preparation – Thursdays - 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Fridays – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Free Legal Services & Immigration Services
- Wednesday, February 20, a community led violence prevention with Make The Road at Make The Road at 7:00 p.m.

The office is open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursdays open until 8:00 p.m.
Call 718-205-3881 for any assistance you may need.

Toby Ann Stavisky
No Report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Council

Francisco Moya

Phireline Solano, District Director, announced upcoming events:

- Wednesday, February 13, 6:00 p.m., Council Member Francisco Moya and Assembly Member Jeff Aubry are updating the community on the 114 Street and Northern Boulevard collapse. Various agencies will be in attendance.
- Friday, February 15, 2019 - Town Hall Meeting in response to gang activity in the community as well as the shooting on 90th Street. The 110 and 115 Precincts will be present as well as the gang and other units. All were urged to attend.
- Black History Month Event – Terrace on the Park, February 21, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Daniel Dromm

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

Joe Nocerino reported on an internship program. The Borough President has an ongoing internship program. Applications are being taken for the spring and the summer sessions. Go to the Borough President's website, click on the link and send your information to Joe Nocerino.

Next, he read the following statements:

From the Borough President on the census: Borough President Katz announced on January 18 the first 71 appointments to a Queens Complete Count committee. Members of the Queens CCC many of whom are also members of the Queens General Assembly and immigration task force will strategize how to make sure everyone is counted among other tasks, how we are represented in Congress and the amount of federal money our borough receives for schools, infrastructure and other sectors depends on the census. The count will be done mostly online. It may include the aforementioned citizenship question making the Queens CCC's task of ensuring everyone in Queens is counted vital. Log to the Borough President's website for more information on the census.

Next, Mr. Nocerino reported on the Borough President's position on closing Rikers Island and borough based jails. In a January 15 letter to the Mayor, Borough President Katz reiterated her strong support for closing Rikers Island calling an overhaul a moral imperative. Also, the Borough President called upon the city to start anew on the proposed Queens jail to ensure community input and to employ smart strategies to reduce the jail population. The irony, however, of unveiling a citywide plan for modern community based jails in the absence of community input is not lost on the boroughs, certainly not in Queens. The Borough President decried the lack of community input into the proposal to build a 1.9 million square foot jail facility on 82 Avenue, Kew Gardens. Any plan by the city and design of any new jails must include meaningful community engagement and input. The city needs to start anew and come up with a better plan, the Borough President concluded. There is still time and opportunity to do it the right way. Careful planning in collaboration with

affected communities who are treated as partners is not irrelevant while employing smart criminal justice strategy to reduce the jail population.

Acting NYC Public Advocate Corey Johnson
No. report. Representative not in attendance.

At this point, Chair Louis Walker announced a Special Election will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, for Public Advocate. All were urged to vote.

IX. Vote: Final Copy of CB4 Bylaws

Chair Walker expressed optimism the Board had reviewed the Bylaws. He would go around the room to answer questions on the bylaws. Each Board Member was allowed one question.

Ruby Muhammad – No question asked.

Malikah Shabazz – No question asked although she noted some Articles in the Bylaws were changed.

Chair Walker said Articles were changed and not meant to match the previous Bylaw Articles.

Lynda Coral – No question asked.

Lucy Schilero – No question asked.

Board Member Dewan Tarek brought up the change from a super majority to a simple majority. Is this citywide he inquired.

Chair Walker responded that was one of the Articles, which was done first, because there would not have been a majority vote tonight; it would have been a super majority vote. It had already been approved.

Chair Walker explained each of the 59 Community Boards has its own rules within its own bylaws. Unfortunately, there is no uniformity borough to borough or Community Board to Community Board. At one time, the Borough President's Office had endeavored to make the Boards' bylaws more uniform, but one of the problems that arose was that some Boards have term limits for its officers, other Boards do not. This was a major hurdle because the Boards that do not have term limits did not want to change and the Boards that has term limits wanted to keep it that way. As yet, this issue had not been resolved.

Gregory Spock – No question asked.

Board Member Matthew McElroy commented:

Page 1 - Article II- **MEMBERSHIP** - Section 1 – looks like a note rather than an actual text.

1. Description of Board makeup and nomination/appointment process taken from NYC Charter and Borough President's website. Actual language that reflects the NYC Charter and the Borough President's website should be written. He went on line and could not find the NYC Amendments. He said we do not have that language yet.

Page 2 – Article VI. **OFFICERS ELIGIBILITY**

After the word candidates, insert for Officers/Directors positions.

Chair Walker responded there is no such position as Officer Positions. At Large Directors are nominated and voted on. In fact, At Large Directors are considered Officers.

At this point, Board Member Matthew McElroy brought up suggestions for changes to the Bylaws.

Those editing changes included:

Pages 4 & 5 - Article VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section (b) The 1st Vice Chairperson
- Section (c) The 2nd Vice Chairperson
- Section (d) The Secretary
- Section (e) The Treasurer

To keep uniformity in the Bylaws, insert the word **Shall** before the duty of each of those Officers and remove To assist.

Next, Board Member Matthew McElroy noted the following corrections:

Page 8 – Article X11 – VACANCIES

#1. Lines 3 correct precede with proceed to read:

The election shall **proceed** as contained in ARTICLE VI (NOMINATION AND

Page 8, Article XIII- MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

#2. Line 3 remove the word **other** to read:

Board, elected officials or their representatives and any other city agencies.

At this point, Chair Louis Walker referred to page 4 to recap the suggested changes. Instead of to assist before the Officer's duty, it should read **Shall**. Using the word **Shall** was agreed upon to keep consistency in the Board's Bylaws.

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen inquired what the specific duties of the At Large Directors are.

Page 5, Article VIII- (f) - AT LARGE DIRECTORS

Chair Louis Walker responded the At Large Directors do not have specific duties. Assignments for the At Large Directors come up as needed. A specific description for those At Large Directors is not needed because they are considered "floaters" and they can be assigned to other duties/capacity. Basically, those At Large Directors will fill positions as necessary on various committees.

Discussion ensued.

After discussion, the following addition was made:

Page 5 – ARTICLE VIII (f) - AT LARGE DIRECTORS

At Large Directors shall serve as members of the Executive Committee with full voting power. (The number will be four).

1. Shall perform various duties assigned by the Chairperson.

Subsequently, Board Member Georgina Oliver questioned the speaking time during the Public Forum. Discussion ensued on **Page 8 - MEETINGS OF THE BOARD** - Article XIII (#4) on the (3) minute speaking time. Usually, there is a two minute speaking time limit for Board Members to speak, but not at the Public Forum.

Chairperson Louis Walker clarified Board Members can speak for two minutes, however, the Public Forum speaking time will remain at three minutes.

Then, Chair Walker opened the floor for comments.

Since there were none, Chair Louis Walker called for a motion on the By-Laws of Community Board 4 Queens.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea made a motion, seconded by Board Member Ashley Reed, to **approve** the Bylaws of Community Board 4 Queens with the noted corrections.

Before the vote, Chair Walker called for any discussion.

Board Member Malik Shabazz said corrections should be made to the Bylaws before a vote is taken.

In response, Chair Walker said the motion on the floor is to approve the bylaws with the noted corrections. Board Members will receive a copy with those corrections.

Board Member Matthew McElroy brought up term limits, which was increased from two to three years. He felt it should not be done because of the election last year people in the city indicated unhappiness with lengthy terms. More importantly, is the term limits in eight or nine years for Board members. There is a tendency to stay in office for three terms. If there is a large turnover in membership, it is in our interest to get people in the rotation through the Executive officers. So that when people are term limited off, others will have had experience with the various offices and be able to step in. This will aid in avoiding disruption when large numbers of Board members are outed.

Chair Walker responded term limits is two years. After two years, you do not have to vote for that person again, which will be up to the presiding Board. The fact there was a third year added so that a person could run, if they so choose, is because it was thought two years was not long enough (In fact, it should be four years). Two two-year terms now is not a four year term.

As an example, the President of the United States serves a four year term. It was suggested the Chairperson should be four straight years and then eligible to run for another four years, which is more to the eight year time limit than this is, which is every two years.. You have the opportunity to either vote for the present Executive Committee or not vote for them.

This year, our former Chair was eligible for another two year term, but decided not to run for Chair. If someone is new to the Chair's position, more than the other positions, it may take two years to be comfortable to be a proper Chair. Then, they can stay two more years before being forced out. If they are doing a good job, they should be allowed to stay. Ultimately, it is the Board's decision.

At the last Board election, nominations came from the floor for the Chairperson's seat, but those people nominated declined. In all fairness, there were not an overwhelming number of people who wanted the position.

At this point the Board's vote was taken. By a roll call, the Board voted 23 in favor, 3 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Chair Louis Walker extended a Special Acknowledgement to the members of the Bylaw Committee who worked very hard. This was a long process that took over a year's time and many late nights were spent on the wording to the Bylaws.

Next, Council Member Francisco Moya addressed the Board. He reported on two successful meetings with not for profits in the district to teach them on how to apply for public funding. February 19 is the cutoff to apply. Call the Council Member's office for assistance in applying for the funding.

The pet vaccine event on Saturday was highly successful. Although it was one of the coldest days in the year, there were over 200 dogs and cats vaccinated. Even though doors opened at 11:00 a.m., people arrived at 6:00 a.m., the whole day was spent on pet vaccinations. The following day the Spay and Neuter van was on site. It is a free of charge program and will be held again in the spring. The response was great and he hopes to continue the event moving forward.

Next, Council Member Moya spoke about the horrific incident on 90th Street involving gang violence. The 115 Police Precinct was thanked for their quick response to apprehend the individual who committed the crime. He reported his office building on the side of the white wall was tagged with MS13. In order to give the community more information, a Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 15, at St. Leo's. The 110 and the 115 Precincts will be in attendance as well as the gang unit to answer questions. Come out and voice your concerns and hear from the NYPD what's happening in our community. Since there is no access to after school programs for our young people, the job force and workplace opportunities are not there. If those resources were provided, it would give our young people a pathway to stay out of a life of crime and involvement in gang activity.

Council Member Moya is fighting for more resources for the after school programs. With the culmination of the lack of after school programs, lack of job opportunities, funding for programs is vital. The Administration must help fund a community center which will provide for not just our youth but also seniors to come to a productive space.

In conclusion, Council Member Moya stated we must be proactive in our community and he is working very hard to make a difference. He spoke about the graffiti removal program through the 110 and 115 Precincts, which is done throughout the year.

Subsequently, Chair Louis Walker announced because of the inclement weather, the USTA guest speaker, who was traveling from New Jersey, had cancelled.

X. Report and Vote: Public Safety Committee

SLA Applications

Public Safety Committee Chair announced free parking for the Board is available at Elmhurst Hospital. The only requirements are that the Hospital is given a tentative meeting date and the names of those bringing cars in.

Next, she reported the February 6 Public Safety Committee did hold a meeting although a quorum was not present.

However, before the liquor licenses report was presented, she thanked the 110 Precinct that addressed a major problem near 40th Rd. and Junction Blvd. The restaurant was closed down.

In addition, Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on more community issues: a graffiti initiative by the Precinct, Economic Development Corp. and Council Member Moya. Notify her if you have areas to be cleaned. Volunteers are needed for this big initiative.

She also reported on the February 3 90th Street Queens subway shooting and the police coverage on the platform and in the area, including street level by the NYPD, taking in night clubs and sports bars.

Next, Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on a shooting on 57th Avenue near 97th Street (Lefrak City). The victim who was shot is critical and the assailant fled the scene. No arrests at this time. It is unclear if the shooting was gang related and is under investigation.

Furthermore, she reported on more issues such as gambling, mini bikes and scooters, jumping turnstiles, taking photos and profiting from incidents posting and making fun of the victims and price gouging by stores.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LIENSES – February 2019
NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
La Exquisita Wine, Beer & Cider	40-08 Hampton Street Elmhurst, NY	
Santa Catrina Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	40-12 83 Street Elmhurst, NY	Approved
61 Billiard & Snooker Lounge Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	40-09 77 Street, 2 nd Fl. Jackson Heights, NY	
Viva Juarez Restaurant Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	91-09 43 Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Kendo Sushi Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	82-80 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved
El Rincon Criollo Corp. Wine Beer & Cider	40-09 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	
Gemi Thai Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	85-32 Grand Avenue Elmhurst, NY	
Lao Fu Zhou Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	83-11 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Hua Rong Inc. Wine, Beer & Coder	83-23 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	
Baxter Fellows Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	82-15 Baxter Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
TBLS Ltd. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	56-09 Grand Central Pkwy. Flushing, NY	
Mexican Junction Rest. Corp. Beer & Cider	96-09 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approved

El Sardinero Inc.
Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

75-18 Roosevelt Avenue
Jackson Heights, NY

Approved

At this point, Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero presented the liquor licenses. There were 13 applicants, but only five attended the meeting. New applicants need to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting. Four applicants were in attendance: *Santa Catarina Inc.*, *Viva Juarez Restaurant Corp.*, *El Rincon Criollo Corp.*, *Lao Fu Zhou Inc.* All had very good records.

Chair Louis Walker said the Public Safety Committee did not have a quorum. One of the reasons is that a few Board members asked to join this Committee as a second committee but do not attend the meetings and will be removed. Non-attendance affects the quorum by not being present. A commitment to join a second committee must be met with attending those meetings. A Board Member will be removed if he/she does not attend the meetings of the second committee because the quorum is affected and the committee cannot function.

Board Member Ruby Muhammad brought up sometimes there is an emergency. Will you be removed?

Chair Walker responded you will be if you continually have emergencies. You cannot have emergencies every other meeting.

Board Member Malukah Shabazz said there was some confusion because normally the Public Safety Committee meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, however, this month it was held on the first Wednesday.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero responded the date had to be adjusted for the February meeting which was mentioned at the January committee meeting. Normally, meetings are held on Tuesdays.

Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula commented parking is a problem. If you cannot find parking, you go will back.

Chair Louis Walker answered we cannot create parking spaces and not to make excuses for not attending meetings.

Board Member Matthew McElroy questioned #6 on the New Applicants—El Rincon Criollo Corp. noting it has been on forever.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero responded this is a new owner. New owners must appear before the committee.

Furthermore, she reported some applicants are not receiving their mail because we have a terrible mailing system. She will discuss with District Manager Christian Cassagnol about sending out notices by other means along with the USPS.

Chair Louis Walker asked what is the general policy regarding the new applicants.

Public Safety Chair Schilero replied if they do not attend the Public Safety Committee their application is denied until they meet with the Committee. However, four of the new applicants did attend the committee meeting. Those applicants were approved. The other applicants need to come back. If the Board wishes to approve them, all of those new applicants have good records she noted.

At this point, Board Member Alexandra Owens suggested putting a calendar on the Board's website.

Meetings are posted on the Board's Facebook page, but not on its website because the website does not have the capability for that type of calendar, added staff member Christina Long. All Community Boards do not run on the same system, she added.

Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula asked if messages can be sent on the Whatsapp.

Staff Member Christina Long responded not everyone has a cellphone.

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen said can CB 4 send information to other websites because they do not post the Board's correct information. When asked what website, Mr. Chen was unclear.

At this point, Board Member Matt McElroy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula, to **approve New Applicants** #2, #4, #5 and #8.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Board Member Lucy Schilero added it does not mean the other applicants will not get their licenses. They will have to come back.

On the **Renewal Applicants**, Committee Chair Schilero said those restaurants did not present any problems. She reported #5 El Sardinero Inc. attended the meeting. Police reported small minor events on the establishment.

(Note: Under Renewals Public Safety Chair Schilero reported on #6 Lao Fu Zhou Inc., 83-11 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY 11373 (approved) which should have been listed as a New Applicant).

Board Member Judy D'Andrea questioned the address of TBLS Ltd. 56-09 Grand Central Pkwy., Flushing, NY

Staff member Christina Long responded that is the official address for Queens Theater in the Park.

At this point, Chair Louis Walker called for a motion to **approve** the Renewal liquor license for #5 El Sardinero Inc., 75-18 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Board Member Alexa Ponce made a motion, seconded by Board Member Georgina Oliver, to **approve** the committee's recommendation for a renewal application for El Sardinero Inc.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Chair Louis Walker commented those other restaurants that did not attend the committee meeting will be denied. Whether or not there was a problem with the mail, it will be determined.

Next, on the **Renewal** applications for #2 Baxter Fellows Corp. and #4 Mexican Junction Rest. Corp. was discussed. Because both restaurants had clean records, they were not invited to attend the committee meeting.

Therefore, Board Member Matthew McElroy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula, to **approve** those renewal liquor licenses.

By a voice vote the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

XI. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

Committee Chair Georgina Oliver reported the committee met on January 18, 2019 and three out of five committee members were present. A quorum was present. The only vote taken was that on the minutes from the October committee meeting.

Members were updated on the new CB4 Executive Members:

Chair – Louis Walker

1st Vice Chair – Marialena Giampino

2nd Vice Chair – Ashley Reed

Treasurer – Lucy Schilero

Executive Secretary – Cristian Romero

At Large Directors – four (4)

It was made clear JC Penny in the Queens Center Mall *will not* be closing.

Also, the Merchants Association representative spoke about neighborhood events.

Another key point mentioned is the price gouging at Food Bazaar on 57th Avenue and 97th Street. Jim Galloway the Merchants' Coordinator will make an appointment with the manager to review the complaints (this was brought up at the last meeting) and report at the March 22, 2019 meeting. If the report is blatant disrespect to the community at large the committee will ask the Board to write a letter to the management with a first warning.

It was also brought up that many products are improperly labelled which could be a big reason for price gouging if advertised items do not match up with the registers.

Also, Committee Chair Georgina Oliver added the quality of food is not up to standard.

Chair Walker recommended asking the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs if they would get involved with this matter.

Next, Committee Chair Georgina Oliver reported classified ads are to help people by facilitating communication and advertising services. However, some of the hot lines and service numbers in the classified numbers hurt the people as the numbers have charges attached to area codes such as 900, 540, 595, and 871. Consumers should be aware and question the legitimacy of vague advertisements. They could be scams with people asking the caller to send money or for some to sign a contract.

Furthermore, Michelle Dunston, the new President of Lefrak City Tenants gave an update on the many projects she is working on to enhance the area, in addition to what the Management continues with the renovation of the complex.

At this point, Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen directed his question to the Consumer Affairs Chair Georgina Oliver about the food quality in New York City.

Chair Louis Walker said the Board will not discuss the overall food quality in New York City. Community Board 4 covers matters in Corona and Elmhurst.

Following the complaints on the Food Bazaar, Board Member Lucy Schilero brought up seniors had complaints about this store. It is difficult to shop elsewhere because they do not have access to nearby stores.

Chair Louis Walker provided background information on previous stores at the site. Complaints were received through the years about all the stores and quality issues. Although it is convenient, there are other stores in the neighborhood to shop if people are dissatisfied with the Food Bazaar, mentioning the Great Wall of China Market on 99th Street.

Environmental

Under the Environmental Committee report (the Environmental Committee has oversight for the Dept. of Sanitation), Board Member Judy D'Andrea mentioned a few months ago Alternate Side Parking on 111 Street. There is a bike lane there now with Alternate Side parking, but the cars are not parked at the curb. Fridays the cars must move, not only there but also on the other side of the median (it is both sides of the street). She questioned if the cars are not parked at the curb why must they move? The sweeper can use the bike lane to pass for cleaning. Keep in mind there is no parking. It makes no sense to have cars move when they are not parked at the curb, she reiterated.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Louis Walker replied he would look into the matter.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea said she would take a photo for clarity.

Health

Committee Chair Ashley Reed reported a meeting was planned January 23 but there was no meeting because the Committee could not get a quorum.

She added she prefers to keep the meeting day as the third Wednesday.

Regarding the Health Committee, Chair Louis Walker stated because there were a few members on the Health Committee who missed three meetings, he will start a committee of people who do not attend their committee meetings and remove people. Because they are inactive, they are causing problems attaining a quorum. There is no need to serve on a committee if you cannot attend. Soon a warning letter will be sent to those members.

Board Member Ruby Muhammad brought up the Health Committee never had a meeting; meetings were cancelled.

Chair Louis Walker responded because there was no quorum meetings had to be cancelled.

Parks

Parks Committee Chair Gregory Spock mentioned Council Member Francisco Moya's dog vaccination event. Pursuing that further, on April 7, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (timing may change depending on the agency), at Elmhurst's Veterans Grove, the Environmental Committee will hold a dog licensing as well as vaccination event. All were urged to attend.

Transportation

Chair Louis Walker reported he had chaired his last Transportation Committee meeting in January. Board Member Lynda Coral is now the new Transportation Committee Chair. At the last meeting, DOT informed the Committee about the Big Jump program, which are more bike lanes. Those are shared bike lanes that will connect the bike lanes on Queens Blvd. to Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. Another location of the proposed shared bike lanes is in front of Lefrak City on 57 Avenue. Keep in mind 57th Avenue has express buses, local buses, several driveways where cars enter/exit, and pedestrians crossing the street both at and not at the corner. This is a very congested area to put a shared bike lane.

Discussion ensued on bike lanes.

Pursuing the sites for the Big Jump, Chair Louis Walker mentioned another proposed site is Corona Avenue/108 Street, another very congested area for a bike to enter. Problems will occur.

Youth

Committee Chair Alexa Ponce reported the Committee met on January 24 and is working on an event for Autism Awareness Month sometime in April. Please reach out to her if you have any suggestions or would like to help out. Flyers were handed out on paid internships programs for youth ages 16 and up.

Lastly, the Queens World Film Festival is officially opening March 21. Please log out to their website where there is many interesting topics, some family friendly and more of interest.

ULURP/Zoning

No report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Since there was no further business, Board Member Judy D'Andrea made a motion, seconded by Board Member Malikah Shabazz, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.