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Christian Cassagnol
District Manager

The meeting was streamed live.

March 12, 2019

COMMUNITYBOARD ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Attending:

Louis Walker
Lucy Cerezo Scully
Chaio Chung Chen
Lynda Coral
Judith D'Andrea
Marialena Giampino
Jennifer Gutierrez
Matthew McElroy
Rovenia McGowan
Ruby Muhammad
Sandra Munoz
Gurdip Singh Narula
Alexandra Owens
Ashley Reed

Oscar Rios
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Gigi Salvador
Lucy Schilero
A. Redd Sevilla
Malikah Shabazz
Alton Derrick Smith
Gregory Spock
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Tarek
Damian Vargas
Rosa Wong
Minwen Yang

Board Members Absent:

Karin Abreu
Priscilla Carrow
Erica Cruz
Kristen Gonzalez
James Lisa
Salvatore Lombardo

Patricia Martin
Edgar Moya
Gurdip Singh Narula
Alexandra Owens
Neil Roman

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, District Manager CB4
Christina Long, Community Assistant CB 4
Council Member Francisco Moya
Phireline Solano, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Kelly Wu, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office
Zuleyma Pena, Senator Jessica Ramos' Office
Nishat Tabassum, Senator Jessica Ramos' Office
Avigail Aviles, Queens Neighborhood United
Naureen Akhter, Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez's Office
Aniqa Chowdhury, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Maria Papish, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Jennifer Dias, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz
Joe Nocerino, Queens Borough President's Office
John Perricone, Queens Borough President's Office
David Saponieri, 110 Police Precinct
Lt. Leoni, 110 Police Precinct
John Albert, USTA
David Burgoa, NHSQ
Ernestine McKayle
Vincent Laucella
Michelle Dunston, Lefrak City Tenants Association
Daisy Walker, Planned Parenthood of New York City
Emilio Escobar
Veronica Ramirez, Mujeres en Movimiento
Mike Liquori, VFW Post #150
Juliane Williams
Christopher Espinal
James Mongeluzo, Queens Distance Runners

Public Speaker's List

David Burgoa, Neighborhood Housing Services
James Mongeluzo, Queens Distance Runners
Juliane Williams
Abigail Aviles, Queens Neighborhood United

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: VFW POST #150
51-11 108 STREET
CORONA, N.Y.

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Subsequently, a moment of silence was observed for former longtime Board Member Nick Pennachio who passed away recently.

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

IV. **VOTE: Minutes February 12, 2019**

Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula, to **approve** the minutes.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 28 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Louis Walker apologized for his lateness which was a result of no parking in the area. He had arrived at 6:55 p.m. to find parking on 108 Street, which he could not. As a result, he had to return home, park his vehicle, and walk back to the VFW Post #150.

VI. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported CC Moore Park was planned for construction for March 18. Working with the NYPD, it is unclear how much of the Park would be closed off.

Next, he reported on a conflict of the meeting date for this month's District Cabinet meeting. Community Board 4's District Cabinet meeting usually held the third Wednesday, March 20, has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 21.

Next, he reported on the naming of P. S. 19's annex named in honor of former Board Member Alirio Orduna who had passed away and had directed the Cadet Corp. at P. S. 19 for several years. A meeting is scheduled with the principal of P. S. 19, the Parent Coordinator, and, eventually, the PTA sometime in the coming weeks. The process involves the Board, the Principal of the school, and the Chancellor. Alirio Orduna's son will accompany the District Manager to the upcoming meeting.

Next, he reported on Community Board 4's budget. He spoke about the stipend from the City Council that the Board had received, which was approximately \$42,000. The City Council was thanked for the stipend. He mentioned the purchases bought from the stipend: furniture, new computers, uniforms, polo shirts for CB4 Board Members, business cards for the Committee Chairs, paint for the 110 Precinct for graffiti cleanups, supplies for the 2018 Youth Fair, and countless numbers of printing materials such as brochures, pens, canvass bags and zoning books.

District Manager Cassagnol also mentioned he is looking into the cost for digitalizing the office files to be as paper-free as possible. In this way, electronic records would be kept instead of paper files.

Next, he announced upcoming Board events:

Partnering with Council Member Daniel Dromm and the NYC Dept. of Health, a rabies/vaccination for dogs and cats will held on April 7, 2019 at Veterans Grove. The previous event held in Flushing Meadows-Corona Parks was highly successful and the Dept. of Health has already signed 100 people to attend. More details on the event will be presented by Parks Committee Chair Gregory Spock. A Special Thank You was extended to Council Member Daniel Dromm's office for their untiring support.

Next, he announced an upcoming Non-Alcoholic Autism Sip & Paint Event, which is planned for April 27, 2019 in celebration of April being Autism Awareness Month. The Youth Committee is partnering with Autism Speaks for this event. People come and paint a canvas. An artist will be on site and snacks will be served. 100% of the proceeds will be given to Autism Speaks. The event will be held at Italian Charities of America, Elmhurst, NY (venue courtesy of Board Member Marialena Giampino). More details will follow.

At this point, he reported on the passing of longtime Board Member and supporter Nick Pennachio. In lieu of flowers, the family requested a donation be sent to the ASPCA, which was done today on behalf of the Board.

Also, a donation on behalf of the Board was sent today to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NYC in memory of Senator Jose Peralta. Senator Peralta served as a Big Brother.

Subsequently, District Manager Cassagnol read the statement from John Wang, Queens Night Market, who could not attend tonight's Board meeting.

"I am sorry I could not attend tonight's meeting. While I am very busy preparing for this year's Queens Night Market, I am also planning for my wedding next week out in California!"

I just wanted to let you know that tickets for our Sneak Previews on April 20 and 27 went on sale today. (If interested, you can find links on our website). We are pledging at least 20% of the tickets proceed to the New York Immigration Commission and City Harvest.

We chose these charities based on the feedback we got from the fans, followers, and volunteers.

I'll be sure to make next month's CB4 meeting to give you all an update on our upcoming season. Thank You!"

Completing the funeral details for long time Board Member Nick Pennachio, the wake will be held:

- Friday, March 15, at Hess-Miller Funeral Home, 64-19 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, NY,
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Mass - Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m., at St. Stanislaus, 57-15 61 Street, Maspeth, NY.

Next, he spoke about another upcoming community event with the Board's Environmental Committee. In our area, there are two very active community gardens—the Corona Taxpayers on 102 Street and 52 Avenue, and other is Sparrows Nest Community Garden, which the Board helped to re-establish. In celebration of Earth Day, the gardens are opened (they already are open all year round), but we do a community event: such as arts & crafts for the children, handout compost and partner with the Parks Dept. and the Queens Botanical Gardens. The event is planned for Saturday, April 20.

Before concluding, he announced flyers for upcoming events were on the back table.

At this point, Police Office David Saponieri introduced Lt. Leoni, who is the Special Operations Lieutenant. Lt. Leoni was assigned to the 110 Precinct eight months ago and about two weeks ago was assigned as Special Operation Lieutenant. He has been with the NYPD for ten years and has worked in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, and has returned to Queens. Also, he provided background details about himself.

For the 28 day Period & For the Year:

For the year, down in all crimes

For the 28 day period, only crime up is GLA's, which is stolen vehicles: 5 vs. 3 last year. In those vehicles, keys were left in the car. He urged all not to do this; it makes it easy for someone to jump in your car and drive away. He further explained if someone or your child is left in the car, it creates a big problem.

No murders in the 110 Precinct this year.

Rapes are down. 2 in the 28 day period; 6 for the year.

Robberies down. 15 in the 28 day period; 29 year to date.

Percentages down – over 30% in all categories

Felony Assaults 12 for the 28 day period; 39 year to date

Burglaries – 7 in the 28 day period; 17 year to date

Grand Larcenies 39 for the 28 day period in 2018 and 103 year to date

Following this further, he reported on phone call scams the 110 Precinct received about you are wanted in another country or your family is held hostage and to pay money with iTunes or green dot cards. The fraudster informs you to take a photo of this gift card and then they will release your family. This is a scam. Don't fall for it. Call your family and see they are okay.

Another phone scam is that fraudsters pose as IRS employees to solicit payments through gift cards. Do not fall for it and hang up. IRS employees do not call anyone.

Next, he spoke about the incident at Queens Center Mall. The incident started because a rapper from the Bronx was to do a Meet and Greet. It was a ticketed event and it was planned he would arrive at 5:30 p.m. However, the youths arrived earlier because it was half a school day and the event was posted on social media. It was disregarded as a ticketed event. The idea behind the event was to spend a certain amount of money inside the store and you would receive a ticket to see the rapper and only 50 tickets were available. Multiple calls came in it was an active shooter situation. It was not and there were no firearms discharged or observed. However, Police did shut down the Mall. Issues on every floor including the food court.

Although fights broke out, they were very isolated. For the majority of the incident, Police were on every floor as well as outside. Further details were given. In the end, the event was cancelled and the rapper never appeared.

VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Board Treasurer Lucy Schilero thanked the Board Members for their donations to the Sunshine Fund. She reported a \$100 donation was sent from the Board to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC in memory of Senator Jose Peralta and a \$100 donation was sent to the ASPCA in memory of former Board Member Nick Pennachio who passed away. Board Treasurer Lucy Schilero reported people suggested to send out get well cards if a Board member is sick and also to give a receipt for the \$15.00 donation. She thanked all for their support.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen expressed his personal opinion regarding the postal service.

First, the Broadway post office needs a manager. There was one in the past, however, now no one is in charge. Also, he spoke about a piece of mail that was sent out January 2 and arrived January 28. He asked postal staff about the delay and no one could answer. To find out more information, he had logged on to the USPS website but could not gain any details. He reported he had spent \$11 for registration plus money for other fees totaling \$13.00 and spoke about the time and difficulties encountered tracking his mail.

Next, David Burgoa, NHS of Queens and the LaGuardia Career Center, flyers were in the back to remind all if you know of you/anyone seeking a job, please visit Elmcors at 108 Street & Northern Blvd. Over 600 people had attended last week's job fair. Most were Queens's residents which was the main goal of the project. Elmcors will be hosting more job fairs throughout the year and a grand opening of the office will be held sometime April/May. Since the office phone is not working, have job seekers gather their required documents and go in person.

Before concluding, he listed the jobs available.

Next, James Mongeluzo, Queens Distance Runners, spoke about their main event the Queens Distance Runners are presenting, the Queens Marathon, which is the fourth annual Queens marathon. It is planned for April 21. All were invited to join in. It was designated as the official marathon of New York State by the statewide Roadrunners Association and it is also a qualifier for the Boston Marathon, which is one of the five or six prestigious marathons in the world. Last year about 15% of participants reached the qualifying time that would allow them to gain access to the Boston Marathon. This year they are hoping to get that percentage up. The Marathon is one of the flattest qualifiers around, therefore, there is very small inclines on the course. It is very easy to achieve a personal record on this course. If you or anyone you know is interested in running marathons or a qualifying for the Boston Marathon this is the best race. Volunteers are needed to come early and distribute race materials and the numbers people have to wear to be identified on the course. Also volunteers are needed to guide people where to go, stand, and run because it is a looped course in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. For more information, flyers were on the back table. Upcoming events were also mentioned.

Next, Juliane Williams mother of the 21 year old college student who was tragically killed on the sidewalk at the intersection of Junction Blvd. and the Horace Harding Expressway. The Board unanimously voted for the street co-naming in honor of her daughter. She thanked District Manager Cassagnol and the Board for its cooperation. The last time she requested two letters from District Manager Cassagnol to be sent to Council Members Daniel Dromm and Francisco Moya because she was not getting cooperation from representatives who should be proceeding with the street co-naming.

However, Council Member Dromm's office informed Ms. Williams that where she had requested the signage is Council Member Moya's district. Subsequently, she had met with a representative from Council Member Moya's office and representatives from the Department of Transportation and received 100% support. But up until now, nothing has been done. The Lefrak City Tenants Association representative spoke to Council Member Moya yesterday and he said it is not his district.

Ms. Williams is asking the Board for its assistance in determining which one of the representatives should be responsible for the street co-naming in memory of her daughter who deserves for her name to be placed at the location where she last stood before her life was taken.

Next, Board Member Lucy Cerezo-Scully, a teacher at I. S. 61, who teaches theater to a group of wonderful, beautiful talented students who are putting on Hairspray Jr. as its spring show. The show is planned for May 28 during the school day. It is unclear how many people can be accommodated for the day performance, but an evening showing is also scheduled on May 30, about 5p.m. /6 p.m. More details to follow once the flyer is done. All were urged to attend.

Next, Abigail, Queens Neighborhood United, provided the Board with an update from QNU. The Board of Standards and Appeals hearing was held last week and the Board decided it wanted to hear more public testimony from the community so if you have not submitted your testimony, please do so. Please see her in the back for more information. This was a hearing to prevent Target from entering Jackson Heights, NY. They are seeking to oust Target the same way Amazon was kept out. A film is in progress for young people for youth in the area in regard to Amazon. If you have a young person in your life (child, grandson, niece, and nephew) who is interested in filming, please let her know. A flyer is available and the film is free. It will be hosted at Centro Corona, a community center at 104-05 47 Avenue. Centro Corona prioritizes the involvement, the time and resources put into young people from Corona. If you are interested, a fundraiser will be held on March 30.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea inquired how much community input was given at the BSA hearing.

Abigail responded they showed up with 60 community members. More information was needed from different organizations such as small business owners. May 21 is the last hearing on the case.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol informed the Board Members about NYC Community Board Training. The Department of City Planning invites all Community Board Members who were unable to make the previous trainings to attend a make-up session on Monday, March 20 correction: flyer should read Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

VIII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Chair Louis Walker called on representative's from:

Senate

Charles Schumer

No Report. No representatives present.

Kristen Gillibrand

No Report. No representatives present.

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

Board Member Cristian Romero did not present a report, but addressed Mr. Chen concerns presented at the Public Forum. He said he would look into the issues with the post office.

Alexandria Ocasio Cortez

Naureen Akhter reported the district office is now opened in Jackson Heights and a grand opening is planned next Wednesday. All were invited to attend. Meet the team servicing constituents in the district and say hello to the Congresswoman.

The Congresswoman is serving on two committees on financial services and the oversight committees working hard to make sure the most powerful are being held accountable, from those who are keeping children locked up in cages to those who are responsible for the Dakota access pipeline leaks. The Congresswoman is asking the tough questions and getting the answers that our community deserves in addition to meeting with constituents regarding their individual cases. Also, they are meeting with community activists and advocates from the Air Train to Amazon. Whatever your issues are, come by because they want to hear from you.

Next, she spoke about a follow-up with the USPS regarding the retrofitting of the mailboxes. It was impressed upon the USPS the need to aggressively do the retrofitting. Twenty mailboxes per week have been targeted. If there are any further issues, please let them know.

In the coming days, the congressional art competition will be announced. More information will be posted on the event on their Facebook page. If you are not following them, their Facebook pages are entitled office of AOC.

NYS Assembly

Brian Barnwell

Aniqa Chowdhury announced the following upcoming events:

Wednesday March 13, 2019 – Women’s Empowerment in Full Session
Woodside Library
12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M.

Friday, March 22, 2019 Women’s Her Story Month Celebration
WeWork Studio
Astoria, New York
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Partnering with Assembly Member Cathy Nolan, an Irish Heritage Celebration will be held April 25, at the New York Irish Center.

Lastly, the Third Annual Independence Day Celebration will be held July 2, at the Maspeth Federal Bank Plaza

Michael DenDekker.

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Jeffrion Aubry

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Catalina Cruz

Jennifer Diaz announced the following upcoming events:

Your Right to Repairs Workshop In Partnership with Queens Legal Services, March 20, 6:00 p.m., 72-24 Broadway, 4th Fl., Jackson Heights, NY.

Next, Mammography van in partnership with Mt. Sinai, March 31, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., outside the Corona Library, free mammography services offered.

She announced SNAP benefit assistance in their district office in partnership with Hunger Free America, occurring every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. An upcoming event for the Festival of Colors Holi was announced. More details to follow.

NYS SENATE

Michael Gianaris

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Jessica Ramos

Zuleyma Pena reported on the following updates:

March 22 – Senator Ramos will be holding a community hall event where about all she is doing in Albany from the Bills to the budget. If you have any questions or concerns, please attend the upcoming meeting to be held at Beacon PS 149.

Also she announced a mammography mobile van, also partnering with Mt. Sinai, Wednesday, March 20, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Booklets were on hand with more information.

Furthermore, she reported on a showcase for artwork and had a very successful one for the office opening. This showcase will focus on Women’s History Month and will be exhibiting in April.

Before concluding, she introduced her colleague Nishat Tabassum. Ms. Tabassum reported on other services available at their district office.

- March 23 – Business Forum focusing on challenges business owners are facing.
- Free tax preparation is also available at their office on Thursday and Fridays continuing until April 5.
- Attorneys for housing and immigration issues are available on Thursdays and Fridays.

Toby Ann Stavisky

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Council

Francisco Moya

Council Member Francisco Moya reported about local groups who had participated in some of the trainings for applying for discretionary funds through the Council Member’s office. Over \$700,000 has been allocated to about fifty local groups who had applied. He spoke about the Helen Keller Foundation and how they receive funding for free eye exams and eyeglasses for children. Many of the children in the district do not have health insurance. Council Member Moya funded this organization that has distributed over 4,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the local schools.

If the glasses are broken or lost, they are either repaired or issued new glasses. This year he will expand the program to include as many as the schools in the district as possible.

Also, Council Member Moya spoke about the 2019 Annual Prom Drive. He has partnered with the 110 Precinct to donate new/lightly used prom dresses and suits for our local High Schools. Donations accepted until April 5. Drop off location at his office 106-01 Corona Avenue, Corona, NY. It will make a difference to the young people in our community.

Next, Council Member Moya brought up the libraries where he serves on the local committees. He spoke about the budget for the libraries and how he is advocating for seven day operation. It is critical for the community to have libraries open seven days not just for the children but also for adults and seniors. It is essential to have access to computers and the internet. In our community, when children go home from school they do not have access to the internet. Libraries are the only places they can gain access. He spoke about the pilot program he had implemented in the Jackson Heights Library years ago and gave more details.

The Libraries also serve as an important haven for parents to learn English. Usually, children are the translators for their parents. Council Member Moya believes it is vital to ensure that parents and immigrants can go to the Libraries for basic services, which are needed to be readily available to them.

Following this further, he reported on allocating a couple of million dollars has been requested to acquire property and spoke about capital funds for construction. If there is funding allocated for Queens, two designated sites have been identified as a possibility for construction of a new Corona Heights library. \$25 million was allocated for the expansion of Corona Library - construction to begin within the next year. Space is an issue and that library is bursting at the seams, he commented.

With Lefrak City, a request was initiated by Friends of the Library and submitted.

Free Tax Preparation is available every Tuesdays and Thursdays at his office. Also, those services will be offered in the Lefrak City Library.

At this point, Council Member Moya took questions from the Board members.

Before concluding, Ms. Williams inquired about the street co-naming for her daughter. Clarity is needed on the street co-naming.

Agreeing the loss of her daughter was a tragedy and was also in agreement her daughter's name should be honored; Council Member Moya reiterated the location requested is not in the district he represents. It is in Council Member Daniel Dromm's district. Also, there is a criteria which the City of New York adheres to regarding a street co-naming. Certain guidelines must be met, and that portion was denied last year. However, Council Member Moya is still supporting the street co-naming and will re-introduce the request once again. The problem is the location. Talks were in progress with Council Member Dromm's office, but they must sign off on the request as well. Also, it has been difficult because the request did not meet the criteria that the City of New York requires for a street co-naming.

Discussion ensued about the council manic district the requested location is in.

Pursuing this further, Ms. Williams requested a meeting with Council Member Moya and her family and others.

Council Member Moya agreed to meet and also will continue to support the street co-naming. Also, he would provide the reasoning why the request was not accepted by the City of New York. This year, however, he will resubmit the request once again. He added this is much work to do as this is not the first time a street co-naming has not been accepted by the City. Perhaps, Ms. Williams can speak to the City of New York directly and he will provide her with the letter of support which was sent in previously.

NYC Council (cont'd)

Daniel Dromm

Kelly Wu announced two upcoming events:

Homeowners and Tenants Event

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

St. James Church

84-07 Broadway

Elmhurst, NY

Please feel free to attend if you need help filing for property tax benefits.

Irish Heritage and Culture Event

Council Chambers City Hall

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Celebration starts at 6:00 p.m.

All welcome to join.

Legislative Update:

One item to be introduced at a meeting tomorrow is Local law to amend administrative code of City of New York in relation of requiring the Department of Education to report on human animal treatment introduction.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz

John Perricone announced the Internship Program the Borough President has annually/seasonably. The Borough President's office is accepting applications for the summer session. If anyone has any college age students who are looking for credit or experience, email applications and resumes to:

jnocerino@queensbp.org

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

IX. Speaker: **Kathleen Cassino, Manager**

Community Relations & Events

USTA

Update on USTA Programs and Initiatives

Chair Louis Walker reported there are some technical problems and we will not be able to have any slides. The Board was asked would you prefer the guest speaker to come back with the slides or to speak at the moment.

Before a decision was made, the guest speaker explained the slides were necessary. Therefore, this presentation will be rescheduled for a later date. No screens were on hand and there were no flat areas to project the slides. As a result, this guest will be rescheduled.

IX. **Report And Vote: Public Safety Committee**

SLA Applications

Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Committee met March 5 and a quorum was present.

She stressed the importance of participating in the census count so that upgrades can be made to the NYPD, fire departments, and schools. She would like to see more police officers in our community as well as newer, updated equipment for the agencies.

Next, she reported on the graffiti initiative. A date has been selected where the 110 Precinct, Economic Development Corp., and the Mayor's Office have partnered together on Sunday, May 12, where three large, major spray trucks will be in the Elmhurst and Corona areas. If you have a location, call your NCO office/officer at 718-476-6725 or Community Affairs at 718-476-9310. Time and location will follow next month. It will be an all-day event. She was optimistic this event will continue again in the spring and fall.

For the next meeting, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero is planning to have a representative from Transit not only to talk about MS-13 but also to talk about other issues in the transit such as the homeless, the trains, and the kids that are approached by the gangs.

Also, she had attended Council Member Francisco Moya's Town Hall meeting where he had discussed policing on the trains. Not only is he planning to keep an eye out for the gangs approaching our young people, but also he wants to do outreach to the community. Community members can reach out to the police through the 110 Precinct's Community Affairs office and also the Council Member's office about how not to be a part of these gangs.

Next, she reported on a group called Breaking Ground, which received very high praise by both the 110 and 115 Police Precincts. They have been working in our area. To contact Breaking Ground, call 929-218-7369. They work in Brooklyn and Queens and do a phenomenal job helping the homeless. They are hoping to get more funds as it is a not for profit organization and they are definitely getting support from Council Member Moya's office as well as other legislators. We are starting to see some results of those efforts.

Next, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero reported on a major fire at 94-02 42 Avenue, February 24, which was three-story family building where a nursery was housed. There were 15 emergency vehicles from all the area fire companies. Marshal's Fire Department, American Red Cross, DEP, National Grid, Con Edison and CERT were on standby. She praised the group of people who had helped the people from this fire. Unfortunately, the house was totaled; the fire had started in the kitchen. She also asked about the carbon monoxide detectors. However, the Fire Marshal had not finished his preliminary report. All were urged to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Moving on, she reported a broken fire hydrant which was given to District Manager Cassagnol and the NYC Fire Department Engine Co. 289. On Junction Blvd. there is a new, updated fire hydrant. All were asked to keep an eye out for broken and leaky fire hydrants and report them.

No update on the cast iron fire alarm boxes.

At this point, Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on the liquor licenses:

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES – March 2019

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Luna's Food Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	77-02 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Dong Kee Restaurant Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	75-32 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Nevada Diner Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	80-26 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
P&N Pub Corp. dba Paddy G's Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	86-34 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Italian Charities of America Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	83-20 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Queens Seafood Restaurant Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	82-22 45 Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Page II Corp. dba Parkside Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	107-01 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
La Fusta Restaurant Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	80-32 Baxter Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved

Cositas Ricas Ecuatorianas Corp. 86-10 Roosevelt Avenue #4 (Denial For Now)
Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Jackson Heights, NY

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero felt the restaurant did not receive the notice. As a result, they will be asked to return. She will see if the mail is part of the issue. It is seen a lot in the reports.

5/13/18 – Forcible touching. Female was inappropriately touched in the bathroom of location.

9/17/18 – Grand Larceny. Female victim did leave her wallet unattended and when she returned it was gone.

At this point, Board Member Judy D'Andrea made a motion seconded by Board Member Lynda Coral, to **approve** the Committee's report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Before moving on to the next agenda item--Committee Reports, Chair Louis Walker noted the Board Members had received the bylaws with the final corrections.

X. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Environmental

Committee Chair Oscar Rios reported a committee meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 20, where the Committee will discuss an event for Earth Day April 20, to be held at Sparrows Nest.

Following the committee report, Board Member Judy D'Andrea asked the Environmental Chair if it is possible to get the Curb Your Dog signs back. They have disappeared, and the dog excrement is more visible.

District Manager Cassagnol responded the signs are not made any more. The reason they don't make them is because the price that it costs was more than the price of the enforcement. However, you are allowed as a homeowner to place a curb your dog sign on your property, but the City does not make signs any more. It's almost impossible to enforce the law. Although if you see it happening, call it in. He noted there is a unit at DEP that handles canine waste.

Next, she said when DEP replaces fire hydrants they crack the sidewalks and don't repair them. There is a fire hydrant on 49th Avenue that has been an open pit for over three years. No one is repairing it. Staff Member Christina Long has been working to resolve this problem. Mrs. D'Andrea said her sidewalk was cracked and she had to repair it at a cost of \$3,000. The City demolishes a piece of sidewalk and its left filled with asphalt for three years, which is not acceptable.

Staff Member Christina Long responded a work order was filed to replace the cement about two years ago; however, the contractor has not gotten to it as yet.

Health

Committee Chair Ashley Reed reported on notices affecting multi-dwelling properties which discloses bed bug infestation history in the building for the past year. If you do not see it, it should be available online on the HPD website where you can review the bedbug history in your building.

Parks

Committee Chair Gregory Spock reported the Parks Committee has been very hard at work planning its first event. Officially, a flyer has been printed in English, Chinese and Spanish.

Sunday, April 7, the Parks Committee has partnered with the ASPCA, to have free vaccines for dogs and cats as well as licensing. An RSVP is needed at the link on the flyer.

Also, the Parks Committee is meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Board office. Discussion will be on outreach for the upcoming event. If you want to get involved volunteering or just spreading the word. At the last conversation with the ASPCA and partners, one hundred are pre-registered.

Following he spoke about the Summer Stage event which was a co-naming notification. The Community Board should have received 40 days' notice. He and the District Manager attended the hearing yesterday. The Parks Department does not come to Queens. Although, we did invite the Parks Department handling the event from Summer Stage. Borough President Katz had supported the Board. Her chief counsel spoke on the Board's behalf testifying that is was unacceptable and that we do deserve the advanced notice. A strongly worded letter was written from the Board.

All were urged to attend tomorrow night's Parks Committee meeting.

Transportation

Under this Committee's report, Board Member Judy D'Andrea brought up several years ago Board Member James made the recommendation the Q38 bus route along Corona Avenue to give people this side of Corona access to the bus, which would make it easier to travel from here to Lefrak City and by vice versa. Whatever happened to that suggestion?

Directing his recommendation to Transportation Chair Lynda Coral, District Manager said perhaps Transit can be a guest speaker at a future Transportation Committee meeting.

ULURP& Zoning

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported no meeting, but there may be a pending ULURP application and an April meeting planned.

Youth

In the absence of the Youth Committee Chair, Youth Committee member Cristian Romero read the text message from Chair Alexa Ponce who apologized for her absence. The Youth Committee is excited about a very special event. The Youth Committee will be hosting *Paint for Awareness*, on April 27 a fundraiser which all proceeds will go directly to Autism Speaks. Information will be provided to increase awareness of autism, early detection, and resources available. More information and details on how to join us will soon come. We are working on a flyer. An artist is needed who will lead the Sip and Paint.

District Manager Cassagnol explained there was a small conflict as the event began with the idea of an artist, however, the artist was not available on the chosen day. Therefore, we are looking for any artists, which is strictly on a volunteer basis. The session is expected to take anywhere from 2 ½ to three hours. The artist would be on hand for about 1 hour to 1½ hour to help the audience paint on small canvas.

He will personally work on the flyer and once it is done it will be posted on Facebook. Also, it will be shared in several art outlets such as Michaels etc.

Before adjourning, Board Member Jennifer Gutierrez brought up meeting at other locations. Since she was not in attendance last month, she was inquiring about an update on this request.

District Manager Cassagnol responded the biggest issue we had at Elmhurst Hospital was that when we met at Elmhurst Hospital we had less of a quorum than when we met at the present location. He noted the majority of the absent Board Members were from Elmhurst. Specifically, the biggest issue people complain about is parking.

He added Board Member Lucy Schilero was able to get free parking for the Board Members. Once we have the confirmation on parking, we are ready to meet at Elmhurst. He concurred our present meeting space is tight.

Board Member Lucy Schilero spoke about the parking at Elmhurst Hospital and said the representative there needs a date even if it is tentative and a list of names of people who have cars to compare the name with the license plate to ensure free parking. She also reported on the Board being able to park once or twice a year. The CERT team would be willing to give up one of its days to the Board that does much work for the community. Using CERT, she would like to test accommodations first and approximated 30-35 cars from the Board using the free parking.

District Manager Cassagnol added if the Board knows of a meeting location with parking included and handicapped accessible, let him know.

More discussion ensued.

Since there was no further business, Board Member Lucy Cerezo-Scully made a motion, seconded by Board Member Ruby Muhammad, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.