



COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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May 14, 2019

COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Attending:

Louis Walker
Priscilla Carrow
Chaio-Chung Chen
David Chong
Lynda Coral
Judith D'Andrea
Michelle Dunston
Aridia Espinal
Kristen Gonzalez
Jennifer Gutierrez
Vincent Laucella
Patricia Martin
Matthew McElroy
Rovenia McGowan

Edgar Moya
Sandra Munoz
Gurdip Singh Narula
Georgina Oliver
Alexa Ponce
Rupinder Raj
Neil Roman
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Lucy Schilero
A. Redd Sevilla
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa

Board Members Absent:

Karin Abreu
Lucy Cerezo-Scully
Erica Cruz
Marialena Giampino
James Lisa
Salvatore Lombardo
Sylvia Martin
Ruby Muhammad
Alexandra Owens
Ashley Reed

Oscar Rios
Fernando Ruiz
Alton Derrick Smith
Gregory Spock
Izaida Valcarcel
Damian Vargas
Rosa Wong
Min Wen Yang

ATTENDING:

Council Member Fernando Cabrera
Christina Long, Community Assistant CB4
Joe Nocerino, Queens Borough President's Office
Lissette Barcia, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Phive Solano, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Michelle Hernandez, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Office
Zuleyma Pena, Senator Jessica Ramos' Office
Jennifer Diaz, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz
Victoria, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Marta Lebreton, Community Board 3Q
David Burgoa, Neighborhood Housing Services Queens (NHS)
Blanca Goris, Queens Community House
Det. Redenawi, NYPD – PBQS
Patricia Chou, Queens Neighborhood United
Avigail Aviles – Queens Neighborhood United
John Schaffer
Jorge Rodriguez
Ernestine McKayle
Jim Galloway
Ivan Castro
Laxmi Tamang
Yangi Shempa
David Chong
Sheila Pavon
Carlos Schmidt
Miley Won, Elmhurst United
Kay Wong, Elmhurst United
Dehay Ciro, Elmhurst United
Sally Wang, Elmhurst United
Mario Matos, Maspeth High School
Juliane Williams, Faith Foundation

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA
83-20 Queens Blvd.
Elmhurst, N.Y.

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

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

After the attendance was taken, Board Chairperson Louis Walker asked the Board to observe a moment of silence for longtime Queens District Attorney Richard Brown who passed away at age 86.

IV. Vote: **Minutes April 9, 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 27 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Board Chairperson Louis Walker announced for those who wished to donate to the Paint Awareness website, log on to bit.ly/cb4paint4awareness.

Subsequently, Chair Walker reported he met with officials from the Queens Place Mall. Improvements are being done and will not close; noting Target will not be closing. All is moving in a positive direction, he stated.

Next, he reported Queens's residents will no longer have to pay a toll on the Cross Bay Bridge. A program that reimburses local residents for the cost of the Cross Bay Bridge toll will apply to all Queens's drivers starting in Spring 2020. Under the current program, Broad Channel and Far Rockaway residents pay a discounted toll with their E-Z Pass. Crossing the bridge connects Far Rockaway to the rest of the borough.

Next, Chair Walker reported the Board had sent a donation to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City in memory of Senator Jose Peralta. A letter of acknowledgement was sent to the Board from this organization thanking the Board for its donation.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Chair Louis Walker stated District Manager Christian Cassagnol was not present at tonight's meeting.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Good and Welfare of the District

Speaking on behalf of the Coalition of United Residents for a Safer Community (CURSC), Board Member Lucy Schilero reported on illegal auto repair shops on 94 Street & 43 Avenue, noting those shops have been growing in number immensely in the area. The repair shops that have closed in College Point now have flatbeds picking up cars everywhere. Motorists and emergency vehicles cannot get past the block, 35 cars are parked on the block for repair. This is illegal. Cars are summonsed but return to the area. Also, the condition exists on 44th Avenue and 95th Street and 42nd Avenue, spreading out to other blocks, and traffic is building up. For example, a cement truck was brought in that needed repair and 20 minutes had elapsed before it was brought to a repair shop, consequently the bus was late, ambulances and fire trucks could not pass and had to take a detour. She also mentioned popup shops that are doing business on weekends in the vicinity of Elmhurst Hospital to 108 Street. These are people that used to work in the Iron Triangle and do want to leave the area so they are renting out space. And leaving cars all over and taking up our space. She had brought this matter to the NYPD who had some success and NYPD officers are also monitoring cars that are being sold on Junction Blvd—43 Avenue to 45 Avenue. When the vehicles are ticketed, the perpetrators remove the license plates and the summonses. This is an ongoing issue and enforcement is necessary to ban illegal street mechanics from city streets. Enforcement is vital to this ever-growing problem.

Next, Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen brought up the vendor problem in Elmhurst, mentioning other problems on Case Street and Roosevelt Avenue and corner of Whitey Avenue. Vendors block traffic and cause pollution.

Next, Ivan Castro, New Life CDC, spoke about crime in Flushing Meadow-Corona Park and a relayed a personal matter. Mr. Castro was playing soccer at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park about three weeks ago and was robbed. There is a gang of seven or eight on motorcycles who had attacked him and his friend and said to them if you move, I will shoot you. Guns were seen. Mr. Castro spoke to Park Rangers about the incident who reported three others were attacked. He gave further details on the confrontation which happened at 7:30 p.m. The same gang was seen again on Saturday, May 4, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Park. This gang is very organized and as soon as police arrives, they escape in different directions. As soon as it gets dark, the gang is seen in the Park. Mr. Castro was concerned about the adults as well as the children who visit the Park. Enforcement is necessary.

Mr. Castro was advised to speak to the 110 Precinct where officers were present at this meeting.

Next, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla complimented the meeting location for tonight's Board meeting. He expressed gratitude to those who were responsible for holding the CB4 Board meeting in Elmhurst. Mr. Castro, who spoke before him, is a local volunteer at the New Life CDC and because the Board meeting was held just one block away, he was able to express what happened in the neighborhood. Subsequently, Mr. Sevilla complimented Parks Committee Chair Gregory Spock on the Dog & Cat Vaccination Event. He commented photos of the event were fantastic! Chair Gregory Spock relayed to Mr. Sevilla the many hours that were put in, knocking on doors, seeing businesses, and letting people know of the event. Looking at the Facebook photos, it was a very successful turnout. This reminded Mr. Sevilla of the volunteerism that makes a neighborhood thrive. Board Member A. Redd Sevilla wanted to acknowledge the tremendous efforts by all those involved that went into making this event such a huge success.

Next, David Burgoa, Neighborhood Housing Services Queens located in Woodside and serving the Queens community, reported on free upcoming orientation training classes for first time home buyers. \$15,000 in grants is available for first time home buyers. Flyers with more information on dates and times were left in the back (Spanish & English). Please call to register.

Also, he announced jobs at the airport are available. Partnering with CAO, NHSQ is promoting job opportunities at the airport.

If you know of someone who is interested in a job at the airport, please contact NHSQ. Subsequently, Mr. Burgoa relayed success stories of people who did not have a resume and with NHSQ's help were hired immediately.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea asked for more information on the \$15,000 grant.

Mr. Burgoa responded the grant is for first time homebuyers to be used for down payment and closing costs. He added NHSQ also works with banks and NHSQ will help during the whole process of buying a home.

Next, Avigail Aviles and Patricia Chou, representing Queens Neighborhood United, reported QNU is a community, grassroots organization against displacement and gentrification in the neighborhoods and to support vendors.

The last time they addressed the Board, it was reported the BSA case which was presented on 40-31 82 Street, the proposed Target site. In March, the case was presented to the BSA. A follow up to the hearing will be held on May 21. Community supporters are needed to turnout on May 21. More than ever community support is needed to show that this Target development is against the laws of our community, should not go into this space, and is known it has already driven up rents for small businesses in the area.

All were urged to attend on May 21 at 9:30 a.m. at 22 Reade Street.

Also mentioned was a community event for Jackson Heights' small businesses on May 28, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at Chhaya CDC, 37-43 77th Street.

If you are a business or shopper between 72nd and 82nd Streets, please attend.

Next, Sally Wang thanked the Board on its Elmhurst meeting location. She asked the 110 Precinct if more patrols could be assigned to this area. Many of our resources are spent on Roosevelt Avenue which is needed, but this area has many car break-ins, burglaries, and noted an incident at a subway station at 7:00 p.m. She felt this area was not safe and needed more police protection.

And, more studies are needed regarding bike lanes. They must be put in the right places. Queens Blvd. is not the right place for bike lanes. Although she rides a bike, she mentioned she would not use Queens Blvd.

At this point, Chair Louis Walker stated in regard to bike lanes whether pro or con, you have to be careful about who you elect into office considering the candidate's goals and agendas.

VIII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Chair Louis Walker called on representatives from:

Queens Borough President's Office

Joe Nocerino reported on the following two events;

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony

Veterans Memorial Garden at Queens Borough Hall

120-55 Queens Boulevard

Kew Gardens, NY

Queens Town Hall On Gun Violence
Thursday, May 30, 2019
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Helen Marshall Cultural Center
Queens Borough Hall
120-55 Queens Boulevard
Kew Gardens, NY

Mr. Nocerino read the following statement from the Borough President:

“Gun violence is both a public health and safety issue that continues to impact our communities. Join us in this open public forum to discuss prevention strategies as we head into Gun Violence Awareness Month (June)”.

Senate

Charles Schumer

No report. No representative present.

Kristen Gillibrand

No report. No representative present.

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

Board Member Cristian Romero reported no legislative updates, but he did provide the Veterans Affairs office hours for the month of May:

Tuesday, May 28, 2019
10:00 am – 4:30 pm
40-13 159 Street
Flushing, NY

Appointment required.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Michelle Hernandez reported on the Congresswoman’s April District Week where she hosted a community Town Hall at Elm-Cor Youth & Adult Activity Center. Over 150 community members were in attendance. The Congresswoman answered a series of questions and talked about foreign affairs and specific legislation.

The LaGuardia Air Train comment period is open. To place your public comment, log on to www.lgaaccesseis.com/formal-comment or send it via e-mail to comment@lgaaccesseis.com. The comment period is open until Monday, June 17.

Additionally, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Bernie Sanders are working on new legislation. The Loan Shark Prevention Act, to combat the predatory lending practices of America’s big banks and consumers who are burdened with exorbitant credit card interest rates. Credit card rates would be capped at 15%.

At the end of April, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez launched her first Newsletter. If you would like to receive the Newsletter, please log on to their website and follow them on Facebook for their district activities.

The district office is open to all Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 74-09 37 Avenue.

Or call 718- 662-5970 for assistance with constituent services: immigration, social security, passport, Embassy/Department of State issue and veteran affairs.

NYS Assembly

Brian Barnwell

Victoria, a representative from Assembly Member Barnwell's office reported on a homeowners/tenant Enrollment event in partnership with the NYC Department of Finance. If you are a homeowner interested in exemptions and lowering property taxes or if you are a tenant/seniors and people with disabilities apply for SCRIE or DRIE and keep your rent from increasing, a workshop will be held Tuesday, May 21, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at Big Six Towers Community Room, 59-15 47 Avenue, Woodside.

Partnering with a cancer organization on May 30 a mobile mammogram unit for a free mammogram will be at the Broadway branch Queens Library in Long Island City at 40-20 Broadway from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please contact her if you are interested or call the District Office.

July 2, the Third Annual Declaration of Independence event will be held at Maspeth Federal Savings. For more information, please call Assembly Member Barnwell's office at 718-651- 3185.

Lastly, she announced *Help Us Feed The Hungry* – Join Assemblyman Brian Barnwell every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to prepare peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for those in the community that need it.

At: Saint Sebastian's Roman Catholic Church Parish Center

39-60 57th Street

Woodside, NY

Call 718-651-3185 for more details.

Michael DenDekker

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Jeffrion Aubry

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Catalina Cruz

Jennifer Diaz reported the district office had officially moved to 41-40 Junction Boulevard, Corona, NY. The phone number is 718-458-5367.

At this point, Ms. Diaz presented legislative updates from Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz:

Assembly Member Catalina Cruz had co-sponsored over 300 Bills including those that addressed rent regulations and gender equality. Just last week, she passed her first Bill relating to regulations and banning the engines of school buses idling on school property. Also, she is working with advocates on legislation for driver's licenses for all. In the workings is a Bill penalizing wage theft. Assembly Member Cruz recently introduced a Bill in Albany that would put employers who steal wages in prison.

Any questions on legislation, please call the district office and ask for Robin, Chief of Staff.

Subsequently, upcoming events were announced:

Emotional Wellness Workshop - Open discussion about emotional wellness

Friday, May 17, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Bengali Session.

English Session – Saturday, May 18, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Elmhurst Hospital, 79-01 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY

Pet Adoption – Saturday, June 1, 12 Noon – 4:00 p.m., in front of the district office 41-40 Junction Boulevard.

Pride Prom – Thursday, May 30, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111 Street.

NYS Senate

Michael Gianaris

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Jessica Ramos

Zuleyma Pena reported on the following upcoming events:

Business Forum – May 18, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Club De Hermanos Unidos
37-39 103 Street, Corona, NY
Informative event focusing on the challenges facing business owners today.

The New York Historical Society offers FREE classes for permanent residents to prepare for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization exam.
Classes – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
To sign up, contact Zuleyma Pena – 718-205-3881

Tuesday, May 28, Town Hall Meeting with NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams at P. S. 13,
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 29, at 6:00 p.m. – Fire Safety training, 32-37 Junction Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY

Before concluding, Ms. Pena commented on more upcoming outreach events offering different services. If you are interested in partnering with their office, please reach out to her.

Toby Ann Stavisky

No report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Council

Francisco Moya

Phive Solano, District Director, reported on the following upcoming meetings:

June 11, 2019 – Community Town Hall Meeting – East Elmhurst, NY

July 16, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Free Civil Legal Services – mobile van in front of Council Member Moya’s office, 106-01 Corona Avenue. Everyone is eligible to receive free legal services, regardless of immigration status.

Assistance on issues such as: housing, public benefits, disability benefits, healthcare benefits, identity theft, debt management, consumer credit, immigration, domestic violence,, divorce, custody, employment, advance planning will be provided.

Daniel Dromm

No report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

No report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

No report. Representative not in attendance.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker introduced Council Member Fernando Cabrera as a guest speaker. Council Member Cabrera serves as the NYC Council Member representing the 14th District in the Bronx, and also his leadership position includes NYC Council Chair of the Governmental Operations Committee. As a former Bronx Community Board member, he is aware of the hard work community board members provide. He spoke of the low city funding for Community Boards budgets. He is working with the Mayor's Office to get baseline funding for Community Boards.

Last year, \$42,500 was allocated to the Community Boards' budgets, and he and his colleagues in the City Council were able to pass this only new budgetary initiative for the 59 Community Boards. City Council Speaker Corey Johnson and the City Council Members were thanked for their support to this initiative.

For the first time ever, Council Member Cabrera reported a phone conference was held with all Community Boards to exchange ideas. The limitation on the \$42,500 stipend is that it cannot be used for staffing.

At this point, Council Member Cabrera asked the Board to pass a resolution to be sent to the Mayor's Office requesting the \$42,500 stipend as continuing to the Community Boards budgets.

Before concluding, Council Member Cabrera thanked the Board Chair Louis Walker, Board Members, and District Manager Christian Cassagnol for its leadership.

Subsequently, Board Member Judy D'Andrea made a motion, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow, that Community Board 4 **accept** the \$42,500 as a baseline to be used at the discretion of the Board.

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

A Board Member thanked Council Member Cabrera for the stipend stating the funding was so helpful and used to hold many community events.

IX. Presentation: Blanca Goris, MSW

Queens Community House

Discussion on QCH Programs and Initiatives

Blanca Goris and colleague explained Queens Community House is a community based organization with 32 locations throughout Queens. Services and programs are provided in the neighborhoods such as senior services, ESL, Beacon and After School Enrichment Programs, and housing programs to name a few. Informational folders were given to the Board with its services.

Before concluding her report, she mentioned volunteer opportunities are also available to those who wish to get involved.

Blanca Goris reported services are provided to the seniors at St. Leo's. Services are provided to those 60 and older include: caregiver support services, senior case management/meals on wheels delivery, friendly visiting program, and senior transportation. Case managers visit the homes of the seniors to be sure they are living in a safe environment and talk to the families to inform them what services are available. Services are given to help seniors stay safely in their homes and to get all the services they need rather than living in a nursing home. Home bound services are also given to those who are older adults. Five senior centers are under the auspices of the Queens Community House, with transportation available. The case management program is to help with benefits and entitlement and all community services not offered by Queens Community House.

Locations include: Rego Park, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills, Flushing and Jackson Heights where the seniors are transported. If seniors choose to go to the senior center twice a week, they can still get meals on wheels, however, going to the senior center helps their socialization skills and participate in activities.

Furthermore, Ms. Goris explained services are funded through the New York City Department for the Aging and there is no charge for case management. More services, such as shopping and laundry, and availability once per week for free were explained to the Board.

Intake is done over the phone following a home visit by the case manager.

At this point, questions were asked on assistance for senior housing services and on disconnect notices.

Ms. Goris responded assistance or referral is provided to the senior if there are any housing issues, which includes prevention and court cases.

X. Report and Vote: Public Safety Committee

SLA Applications

As Board Treasurer, Lucy Schilero reported for those who wish to donate, checks to the Sunshine Fund cannot be accepted. Cash only please.

Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the committee met on May 7 and a quorum was present. Discussion ensued on future guest speakers. It was reported much graffiti is in the Corona community and the Long Island Railroad, not too much on the Elmhurst side. She had mentioned Council Member Moya's graffiti initiative. A guest speaker is planned for the next meeting on graffiti cleanup in the district.

Next, she spoke about residents calling 311 to make a complaint and are fearful to retaliation. A resident does not have to give out his/her name or address when making a complaint. The complaint can be made anonymously. Just make note of the reference number to check on the status of the complaint.

Following she spoke about noise complaints and the measurements used by DEP to determine a noise complaint. She is optimistic at the next meeting more will be determined.

More quality of life issues were brought up.

Unblock balconies and exits and entrances from homes. Recent fires were mentioned.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero spoke about acquiring generators included on the Board's Capital/Expense Budget for the Fire Department (Engine Co. 289) and had contacted the Borough President's office, who had taken a report, but nothing has progressed. She will follow up on the initial request.

The Fire Department Open House was moved from May to October. More details will follow.

Board Member Clara Salas stated Council Member Francisco Moya had allocated funding for this area for graffiti cleanup.

Discussion ensued on which parts of the district were cleaned for graffiti.

Board Member Clara Salas gave sites which were not done.

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

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES – May 2019

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Tacos Quesadillas Mexico Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	104-40 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
Linda Azoguenita Bakery Rest. Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	51-01 108 Street Corona, NY	Approved
Mi Otra Casa Michelada House Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider Applicant withdrew their application.	91-06 43 Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Denied
Y-Awake Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	71-28 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Tacos Mexico Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider Applicant failed to respond to our request to meet to discuss their application.	41-10 102 Street Corona, NY	Denied
J&I Products Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	77-01 Woodside Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Ayada Thai Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	77-08 Woodside Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Mexport International Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider <i>El Tenampa Restaurant</i>	96-14 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
El Gauchito II Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	94-60 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Betty's Catering Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	94-33 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Kido Sushi Queens Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	90-15 Queens Blvd. K004 Elmhurst, NY	Approved

CORPORATE CHANGE

Tashi Delek Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider <i>Wasabi Point</i> Applicant failed to respond to our request to meet to discuss their applications.	76-18 Woodside Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Denied
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Subsequently, Board Member Georgina Oliver 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 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

XI. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

Committee Chair Georgina Oliver reported the May 24 committee meeting was rescheduled.

Environmental

Board Member Jennifer Gutierrez reported the April 20 Earth Day event was rained out. However, a committee meeting is planned for tomorrow, May 15 at the Board office to discuss future planning for events.

Health

No report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Before the Parks Committee Chair gave his report, Board Member Judy D'Andrea commented about Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

In light of the report of the robbery given by Mr. Castro in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, the Board had requested the Parks Department to improve the lighting in the Park and install security cameras around the Park, but nothing had happened. She questioned whether a line was included in the Capital/Expense budget for a Parks security division.

Board Chairperson Louis Walker explained one of the ideas was that the 110 Precinct would monitor Park, but this will not happen.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea commented on a satellite precinct for the Park, such as in Central Park.

Board Chair Louis Walker said the focus was more on providing the 110 Precinct with additional officers to patrol the park.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea clarified she was referring to a physical building.

Discussion ensued about the placement of a new satellite building in FM-CP.

Joe Nocerino, representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, commented the funding has been allocated by the Borough President. It is several million dollars, and he will find out implementation of those funds and report back.

Parks

No report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Transportation

Committee Chair Lynda Coral reported the committee met on April 16. The committee is planning to meet with various transportation agencies. At the April 16 meeting, the committee met with Lucille Songhai, Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations, MTA and Station Manager Steven Carson to discuss community concerns and updates on MTA projects within the district. This was an introductory meeting for future meetings and will continue to have other meetings with the agencies.

A meeting is planned for May 29, 6:15 p.m., at the VFW Post 150, with representatives of the Long Island Railroad.

Subsequently, Committee Chair Lynda Coral passed around a sign showing who your station manager is and to contact them with comments and questions and they are meant to respond to you. Then, she read an e-mail to the Board.

Board Member Lynda Coral spoke about construction at stations and the posting of signs when the area is closed. However, it was noticed over the course of five months those signs needed to change, noting conflicting time frames in the delay of the construction.

The Committee requested communication be sent to the Community Board office informing us of the reasoning why the construction is not occurring. There was an explanation by the MTA that emergencies happen and the people assigned to the construction job must handle the emergency.

Also, a call was received from the Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz to meet urgently with the Department of Transportation to address some of the proposed changes around the bus depot on 74th Street/Roosevelt Avenue to help deal with and to prevent future injuries and fatalities.

One of the proposed changes was adding a painted pedestrian curb extension. A handout was passed out of the proposed change with a link included where you can view the entire DOT presentation.

As part of the presentation, MTA also indicated proposed changes for an extended bus stop for the Q53, which runs along Woodhaven Blvd. This extended bus change would allow the bus equipped with a light to move ahead of traffic sooner.

Chair Louis Walker explained about the Q53, the concentration is on Broadway. Woodhaven Blvd. is already done. Lanes will be on Broadway where there will be less parking during certain hours. The bus lanes on Broadway will not be 24 hours during business hours. At night, cars will be allowed to park in those areas. Large sections of Broadway will be only for the buses. There will be some shared bike lanes in the plan as well.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea brought up extending the route of the Q38 to Corona Avenue/108 Street. The suggestion was brought up years ago and nothing ever happened. In this way, Corona residents would not have to take two buses to the Mall.

Discussion ensued.

Joe Nocerino gave an update reporting the MTA is re-designing and looking at every bus lane throughout the borough/city. There is a series of open houses and workshops which are ongoing in the borough, mentioning four have already occurred, two planned for next week.

Mr. Nocerino will send to the Board Chair Louis Walker the listing of open houses. The MTA will gather all the information and report back with a plan for the whole network.

At this point, Joe Nocerino gave more information on the mobile unit and said it is ordered. The mobile unit will be here for the summer. By next month, more information will be given.

ULURP/Zoning

No report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Youth

Chair Alex Ponce reported the Paint for Awareness event was highly successful, which was held at Italian Charities of America. A Thank You was extended to all who made this event the success that it was.

You can still continue to donate at the Autism Speaks website, which is still active. In September, she will participate in the Autism Speaks Walk. More details to follow.

Please check out the QCB4 Youth Committee Facebook page. Information on events, not only youth related but also community events, will be posted that residents in our community can benefit from.

The next Youth Committee meeting is Thursday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m., at the Board office.

So far, \$1300 has been raised for Autism Speaks. Please continue to donate.

Before adjourning the meeting, Chair Louis Walker thanked Italian Charities for use of the meeting space and announced the June 11, 2019 Board meeting will also be held at this location.

Since there was no further business, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.