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June 11, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Attending:

Louis Walker
Priscilla Carrow
Chaio-Chung Chen
David Chong
Michelle Dunston
Aridia Espinal
Marialena Giampino
Patricia Martin
Sylvia Martin
Matthew McElroy
Rovenia McGowan
Edgar Moya
Ruby Muhammad
Sandra Munoz

Georgina Oliver
Alexandra Owens
Rupinder Raj
Ashley Reed
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Lucy Schilero
A. Redd Sevilla
Alton Derrick Smith
Gregory Spock
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa
Damian Vargas
Minwen Yang

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, District Manager CB 4
Christina Long, Community Assistant CB 4
Kelly Wu, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office
Michele Hernandez, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Office
Zuleyma Pena, Senator Jessica Ramos' Office
Jennifer Diaz, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Devin Ly, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Rachel Slagle, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Steven, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Joe Nocerino, Queens Borough President's Office
Jessica Schabowski, Office of the Mayor
Kathi Ko, Dept. of City Planning-Queens
David Chong, Dept. of City Planning-Queens
Carol Rosenthal Esq., Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobsen, LLP
George Fontas, Seth Wright Parking Lot Design
Marta Lebreton, Community Board 3Q
Adam Wilkes, DSA
Leon Campbell
Sadman Shamsn
Sally Wong, Elmhurst United
Jairo Rodriguez
Winnifred Lee
Mario Matos, Maspeth High School

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA
83-20 QUEENS BLVD.
ELMHURST, NY

- I. The Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- II. The District Manager Christian Cassagnol took the roll call. A quorum was present.
- III. The agenda item for the Public Hearing was as follows:
- IV. IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the LSS Leasing Limited Liability Company pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Sections 74-512* of the Zoning Resolutions to allow:
 1. A public parking facility with a maximum capacity of 706 parking spaces including 356 self-park spaces and 350 attended parking spaces on the ground floor, 2nd floor, and roof of an existing 2-story garage building;
 2. to allow up to 350 spaces to be located on the roof of such public parking facility;
 3. to allow floor space on one or more stories and up to a height of 23 feet above curb level to be exempted from the definition of floor area as set forth in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS); and
 4. and to waive the reservoir space requirements of Sections 74-512(c) for a public parking garage existing before (date of adoption) that was granted a special permit pursuant to this Section;
on property located on the northeasterly corner of Junction Boulevard and Horace Harding Expressway (Block 1918, Lots 1, 18, 25 and 114), in a C4-4 District, borough of Queens, Community District 4.

*Note: Section 74-512 is proposed to be modified under a concurrent related application for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution (N190440 ZRR).

Plans for this proposal are on file with the City Planning Commission and may be seen at 120 Broadway, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10271.

Carol Rosenthal, Esq. law partner from Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, & Jacobsen LLP, for the applicant the Lefrak organization addressed the Board. Also in attendance was George Fontas, Public Relations Consultant and Seth Wright Parking Lot Design.

The application submitted to the City Planning Commission is to facilitate the use of an existing three level garage at 58-17 Junction Boulevard. An overview of the application was presented.

The garage has been in place for over fifty years and built in 1968 and had a special permit as a public garage for 860+ cars (approximate). At that time, City Planning special permits were issued for fifty years. The permit has expired and a new Special Permit is now needed for the existing garage.

The garage is located within the Lefrak City super block. With the aid of diagrams, she pointed out the location of the residential buildings, the garage area, adjacent to the garage area is a post office and coffee shop. On the corner, two office buildings are located. Tenants in this building are government agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection, the Police Department and the IRS to name a few. Predominately, the parking garage serves those office tenants. In fact, the third floor of the garage is used exclusively by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). She explained the garage is adjacent to Junction Blvd. and has an entry from Junction Blvd. It is near the Horace Harding Expressway and there is an exit from there leading into the garage. In this way, not all the cars go in one-way. Predominately, the DEP cars use the Horace Harding Expressway.

As noted, this was a garage from 1968. The application is requesting a new Special Permit for 706 cars instead of the 860+ cars which were permitted in 1968. 350 cars are on the roof (DEP) and the other 356 cars are divided between the ground and second floors. No new development is associated with this application; although there are some improvements to the garage to bring it up to current standards, for example, additional screening is planned for the open roof level because it is near residential district, which is a requirement. A height of eight feet is planned; currently it is lower.

The current regulations require bicycle parking. Bicycle parking will be increased. Currently, there are 24 spaces which will be increased to 71 spaces on the ground floor of the garage. Additionally, a number of security cameras will be placed within the garage.

Next, she discussed the other part of the application, which is a zoning text change dealing with the reservoir spaces and explained the standards for the reservoir spaces. Currently, the standards for reservoir spaces are quite high and specific. Thirty reservoir spaces are required if building it new today. The garage does not have that amount of reservoir spaces, therefore, consultants did a study to determine how many are needed, where cameras were aimed at the entryway of the garage and recording 24 hours. At no point were there more than two cars waiting to go past the gate to enter.

The application is seeking two reservoir spaces and a text change that only applies to the garage.

At this point, the Board members asked questions.

The question was asked if lighting would be brighter.

The response was the lighting is not changing.

ULURP/Zoning Chair Alton Derrick Smith asked would the Special Permit affect tenants' rents.

The response was it will not. The garage is strictly to serve the commercial tenants and does not serve the residential tenants.

The question was asked for more clarification on the location of the bicycle parking.

The response was coming into the garage, the area is to the left.

There being no further questions, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

The June 11, 2019 meeting of Community Board 4 immediately followed.

June 11, 2019

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Minwen Yang

Board Members Absent:

Karin Abreu
Lucy Cerezo Scully
Lynda Coral
Erica Cruz
Judy D'Andrea
Michelle Dunston
Kristen Gonzalez
Jennifer Gutierrez
Vincent Laucella
James Lisa

Edgar Moya
Gurdip Singh Narula
Alexa Ponce
Oscar Rios
Neil Roman
Fernando Ruiz
Izaida Valcarcel
Rosa Wong

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Public Speaker's List

Adam Wilkes, Democratic Socialists of America
Sally Wong, Elmhurst United
Winnifred Lee, Grow NYC-Greenmarket
John Schaffer, Elmhurst United
Chaio-Chung Chen, CB4 Member
Marialena Giampino, CB4 Member

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DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE; ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA
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Elmhurst, NY

- I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- III. Executive Secretary Cristian Romero took the attendance. A quorum was present.

IV. **VOTE: Minutes May 14, 2019**

Correction: Board Member Clara Sales noted a correction on Page 4 – under the heading Public Forum - Good and Welfare of the District - Line 10 should read:

These are people that used to work in the Iron Triangle and do **not** want to leave the area so they are renting out space.

At this point, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion to **approve** the minutes with the necessary correction, seconded by Board Member Clara Salas.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstention. Motion passed.

V. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Board Chairperson Louis Walker said he did not have any specific issues to discuss, therefore, the floor was turned over to the District Manager Christian Cassagnol.

VI. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported on the spending of the discretionary funds. He listed some of the purchases with the money given. We are still advocating to reinstate livestreaming. Council Member Daniel Dromm will fund part of the livestreaming, however, the Board's Executive Committee recommended letters be written to both Council Members to request livestreaming.

In addition to livestreaming, the Board is advocating for translation services. When the Executive Committee met, it was agreed to bring in translation services.

Preferring to comment on the various subject matters, the District Manager will report throughout the meeting.

VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Good and Welfare of the District

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen brought up licensing bicyclists and asked the Board's position on the matter.

District Manager Cassagnol responded the matter should be brought to the Transportation Committee for review.

Subsequently, District Manager Cassagnol reported Transportation Chair Lynda Coral had created a survey inquiring about transportation issues that the Committee should look into. He urged all to fill out the survey.

Next, Adam Wilkes reported he had applied to Community Board 4 to serve on the Board five months ago. He reached out to Council Member Dromm and his representative, to no avail. No one had responded to him after calls made.

Also, he had reached out to two officials from the Borough President's office, John Perricone and Sharon Lee, no information was given to him. Although he was not accepted to serve on the Board, to this day, he does not know the criteria for accepting or rejecting an application.

He noted Mr. Nocerino had informed Mr. Wilkes he could serve on a committee even though he was not a Board Member. An application was sent by Mr. Wilkes on April 24 via e-mail. Although he did not hear back for weeks, he will resubmit his application for consideration.

Mr. Wilkes stated the Community Board has to be a vital bridge to city government and its residents. It is critical they do not discriminate on the basis of party, politics or anything else, which would defeat the whole purpose of the Community Board. If we all agree on the same things and listen to the reports, and even if there were a discussion that sometimes folks did not want to hear it defeats the purpose of the Community Board.

When it comes to economic development, business, labor, and housing, the broader prospective of how it works out affects our lives, public resources, and society.

Once prospectives are introduced, talks can be implemented about what the politicians are doing and possibly raise expectations. He mentioned the \$15 minimum wage is not high enough. Working 35 hours per week at \$15/hour, is just not enough to live on and raise a family. As suggestions to help society, rents can be abolished and free housing supported as well as make the health care system free and the welfare system can be made more accessible and comprehensive.

Next, he reported 75% of city workers have no power in the workplace.

Subsequently, subway service was brought up and its poor condition and much needed improvements.

Congestion pricing is another issue.

Because he stated on his Community Board application he was a member of Democratic Socialists of America he believed was the reasoning behind his rejection.

Also, Mr. Wilkes brought up the need for reform on more economic and social issues within our community. Stalling on the economic issues is the root of the social problems, he said.

People want deeper changes to our government, economy, and society and the voices of the people should be heard.

Next, Sally Wang inquired if the Community Board can allocate funding to address the problem of graffiti. It takes the city too long to act on this problem and there are so many buildings with graffiti. As the buildings are cleaned, the graffiti is back again. The graffiti on the buildings is an eyesore in the neighborhood. With discretionary funding, can the Community Board allocate money to address the problem?

Board Member Lucy Schilero responded the issue was brought up at the Public Safety Committee meeting, and a meeting was held with EDC and the 110 Police Precinct about expanding to Elmhurst to clean up graffiti. She requested photos and exact locations of the problem buildings and add those locations to the listing for cleanup. Board Member Schilero said it is all about money, looking at the fall for clean-up.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported Community Boards do not have discretionary power; although the Boards were given discretionary money this year. However, this past year the Precinct was looking for paint and we were able to accommodate them being it was a small amount.

At the committee meeting, this problem was brought up with EDC. NYCEDC is a graffiti free program that removes graffiti and works with the Mayor's office. Brochures were on hand. The District Manager explained the process. He suggested copies of the brochure be given to neighbors. Unfortunately, the Board does not give discretionary funding, however, there may be a possibility the Board can request from the City Council a set amount of money for graffiti cleanup in our district. Funding coming from the Board office to the project is not feasible, stated the District Manager.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero commented an initiative for Elmhurst is being done and provided details.

Furthermore, Sally Wang brought up the growing number of massage parlors coming into the neighborhood.

Next, Winnifred Lee, Grow NYC, Greenmarket, said one market is located at Elmhurst Hospital and the other at Corona Plaza. There are cooking demonstrations that are in different languages. Much programming is scheduled for the summer such as activities for kids as well as fresh vegetables, bread, and honey are available.

Next, John Schaffer, Elmhurst United, spoke about bike lanes. The Department of Transportation (DOT) had made a presentation where it was stated they would upgrade the bike lanes with more cement barriers. A few years ago, bike lanes were installed with 250 people a day using the bike lanes in July when the statistics were compiled.

Now, there is no significant increase to that number. Feeder lanes are being planned from Queens Blvd. which feed into the lanes that DOT thinks would make an upward population of bicyclists. DOT should not be spending the money putting in things that is a bridge to nowhere.

Also, he stated it was a tragedy the Community Board was completely ignored. Before concluding, he was fearful what the city is doing with our tax dollars.

Board Member Marialena Giampino said The Elmhurst Preservation Society has three events coming up and read those events. Flyers were in the back. Board Member Ari Espinal was instrumental in acquiring part of the funding for the events.

VIII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Senate

Charles Schumer

No report. No representative present.

Kristen Gillibrand

No report. No representative present.

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

Board Member Cristian Romero announced the following legislative updates:

The House Appropriations Committee included three of U. S. Rep. Grace Meng's initiatives in the Defense Appropriations and Legislative Branch Appropriations that were recently approved by the Congress. Cristian Romero explained the Appropriations Committee is responsible for legislation allocating federal funds prior to expenditure from the Treasury, which means they are in charge of passing legislation that will decide how money is spent at the federal level. It affects everyone because money at the federal level, trickles down to the local level.

He read the following statement: The House Appropriations Committee continues historic funding to address gun violence research. This was the first time in twenty years that the federal government allocated funding for this. The Congresswoman secured critical funding to combat gun crimes, programs such as victims of torture, homeless veterans reintegration programs, and the division of viral hepatitis. Also, she secured funding for programs in early childhood education, child care, public schools, workforce training, protections for women's health care programs, and programs to eliminate the opioid epidemic.

Also to address elder fraud with the Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Meng is part of the sub-committee that oversees the Department of Justice, Congresswoman Meng is proud to secure necessary funding in language specifically recognizing the harmful impact of elder fraud including, telemarketing, mass mail, tech support fraud scams. Her language also includes consumer protection branch of the civil division within DOJ to re-double those efforts to deter, investigate, and prosecute individuals and entities responsible for elder fraud and abuse.

Finally, Congresswoman Meng was at the opening of the new Small Business Development Center in northeast Queens whereas she secured \$130 million in last year's fund raising bill for fiscal year 2018 while \$160,000 of this funding went to the establishment and funding of this new facility. All were urged to see the new, beautiful facility.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Michelle Hernandez announced:

The Congresswoman was in New York City during the past two weeks and attended a HANAC ribbon cutting ceremony in Community Board 4, visited IS 230, conducted a discussion with students on leadership, politics and a green new deal, and participated in a review board, a town hall meeting in Jackson Heights, and a housing town hall in the Bronx.

The LGA Air Train public comment period is open until June 17 by 5:00 p.m. You can submit your public comment on the website www.lgaaccesseis.com.

The team is working hard to ensure appropriation requests are filled and that all organizations in the district continue to receive resources that they need to serve our community. If you work/volunteer for an organization that receives federal funding, please reach out to the Congresswoman's office to see how they can work with your organization for grants that can be used by your group.

The Dept. of Labor had notified the Congresswoman's office of the availability of a \$1.5 million for a Women's Apprenticeship and Non Traditional Occupations Technical Assistance Grant.

This is a program for women for recruiting/mentoring/training retaining more women in quality apprenticeship programs and pursuing careers in manufacturing, infrastructure, security and health care. Please reach out to her for more information if you work/volunteer for any of those organizations and she will provide you with a link for this particular grant.

Two upcoming Town Hall were announced: June 25 and July 23. The topic for the June 25 meeting is health care and for the July 23 the topic 23 meeting the discussion is on immigration. Information on the upcoming meetings will be on their Facebook page, Newsletter, and flyers were on hand with more information.

NYS Assembly

Brian Barnwell

Steven, representing Assemblyman Brian Barnwell's office, announced:

- Free Rain Barrel Event – Saturday, July 20, 2019 – 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, Maspeth Federal Savings Parking Lot
- Free Legal Services – Monday, July 8, 2019 – 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. -IFO the Assembly Member's District Office
- Immigrant Heritage Celebration – Friday, June 21, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Artefix,
- 38-02 61 Street, Woodside, NY

Michael Den Dekker

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Jeffrion Aubry

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Catalina Cruz

Jennifer Diaz and colleague Devin, reported on the following events and legislative updates:

July 13, 2019, at P. S. 89 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., a fire safety drive will be held.

July 22, IFO of the District Office, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Free Legal Services

The Grand Office Opening is planned – More information to follow

Devin reported on the legislation for new rent laws and driver's licenses for all which the Assemblywoman had worked tirelessly to get legislation passed.

Next, he spoke about Sponsored Legislation by Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz which relates to the idling of school buses to prevent instances of pediatric asthma attacks, review of suicide prevention programs statewide, and legislation which provides for the examination of the re-entry of incarcerated individuals.

NYS Senate

Michael Gianaris

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Jessica Ramos

Zuleyma Pena reported on the following upcoming events:

Mobile offices which will be visiting every neighborhood in the district offering services. In this way, services will be more accessible to constituents. The next date is June 15 from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in collaboration with Senator Toby Ann Stavisky and the NYS Comptroller's office, offering services to constituents at the Elmhurst Library.

The second event on June 29 from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. at Queens Library Langston Hughes offering public benefits assistance and will also collaborate with the home repair program.

Next, she spoke about seven summer neighborhood bashes for 2019 collaborating with over 20 agencies and offering free food and entertainment. Details were provided. Information is posted on social media about the next neighborhood bash or reach out to her for more information.

Toby Ann Stavisky

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Office of the Mayor

Jessica Schabowski, Queens Borough Director in Community Affairs Unit at Office of the Mayor of New York City, announced:

The Board of Elections is to expand from 38 early voting sites to 100 voting sites, which was initially announced as 57 voting sites, for the November General Election.

As a result of the rise in hate crimes, the Mayor's Office will open the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes months ahead of the November effective date established by City legislation.

NYC Council

Francisco Moya

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Council Member Moya was attending a Town Hall meeting.

Daniel Dromm

Kelly Wu reported on the following events:

Council Member Dromm's office is co-sponsoring a free Commercial Lease Assistance Clinic, Thursday, June 20, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., at 78-27 37 Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY.

The Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment presents Broadway in the Boros Queens, Friday, June 28 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the intersection of 77th Street and 37th Road.

An upcoming event was mentioned for Thursday, July 25, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at St. James Church, 87-04 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY.

Queens Borough President's Office

Joe Nocerino reported normally the award ceremony is held in June is for those who have reached milestones of service. This year the ceremony will take place early fall.

The Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Newsletter Summer 2019 was mentioned. In partnership with Council Members Daniel Dromm and Jimmy Van Bramer, the Borough President is hosting Pride Month Celebration, Wednesday, June 19, at Queens Borough Hall at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP. Food will be served.

Sunday, June 23, the Borough President is hosting her summer festival in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join in for family friendly fun including scavenger hunt, bike rodeo (free VIN etching), along with different food and craft vendors.

At 5:00 p.m., a concert is planned with Sheila E. as the headliner.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

No report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

No report. Representative not in attendance.

**IX. Report and Vote: ULURP/Zoning Committee
Lefrak City Parking Garage Application #C190439 ZSQ**

ULURP Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported the application was for Lefrak City Parking Garage Special Zoning Permit. The ULURP Committee met Wednesday June 5, and mentioned the meeting was open to the public. Representatives from the applicant gave a presentation. The Special Zoning application took place in 1965, 50 years ago. This application asks for a waiver not to come back in fifty years. This is a special permit application for the continued use of a three (3) level public

parking garage containing 706 parking spaces and two (2) reservoir spaces with entrances and exits on both Junction Boulevard and Horace Harding Expressway.

One of the questions that arose was will it have an effect on tenants' rents. The response was no. ULURP Chair Alton Derrick Smith provided more information on the application.

The ULURP/Zoning Committee's recommendation was to approve the application.

At this point, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to approve the Committee's report.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 24 in favor, 1 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

X. Report and Vote: Public Safety Committee
SLA Applications

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Committee met on June 4 where a quorum was present.

She reported hurricane season is from June – November, but for the east coast it starts in August. She did not have any updated hurricane guides and was optimistic to have them by September.

The Fire Department advises hydrants that are being illegally used, please call 911. You may be told to go to your local Fire station who will look into it and shut them down.

Regarding 41st Avenue and Junction Boulevard, which is a hangout for derelicts and drug dealers, police have been monitoring the location. A request has been made for a security camera at this location and the Committee is in favor of the request. Cameras are doing well on 57 Avenue.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero mentioned she is pleased representatives from Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's office has not only attended the Public Safety meetings but also willing to help out with the graffiti situation and will be working with the Committee on the Elmhurst side.

Furthermore, she spoke about a guest speaker from the Elmhurst Economic Development Corporation that did a great job with Council Member Moya's office on graffiti removal. The Long Island Railroad was well done and other areas were improved. The representative was asked to come to help improve the Elmhurst side where there are large buildings marked with graffiti. It was also mentioned there is difficulty contacting the property owners. Committee Chair Lucy Schilero asked the audience for a list of graffiti areas that need attention to add to the initiative for Elmhurst clean-up.

The tags on the graffiti are looked at to determine if it is gang related. Permission must be given to enter the property to start the painting. There is a legal procedure to follow if no response is received by the property owner. A time frame is in place.

Next, she spoke about graffiti on mailboxes. An initiative to paint the mailboxes is proposed as well.

Following, Committee Chair Lucy Schilero spoke about gun violence. At a meeting she had attended, mentioning there is not a lot of this type of crime in our precinct, but a major issue with the 110 Precinct is the gravity knife. Now that the gravity knife was made legal it is a key concern. Sometimes these knives snap open in pants. Children as young as ten years old carry those knives. Statistics were given on stabbings with the gravity knife.

Smoking marijuana in the streets was reported. Numerous calls have been received about people complaining about the horrible smell while walking or in their homes.

Another major complaint is about noise. How the noise is measured by the meters and upgrading the meters was mentioned. Call 311 for a noise complaint. If 311 asks for your personal number, you do not have to give it out. She also said a suggestion will be made to the 110 Precinct to set up a log of chronic locations for noise complaints.

Next, illegal vendors were brought up. Working with Police, the Depts. Of Health and Consumer Affairs, the Committee will be looking into this problem. Fines can be \$100 or more if it is found vendors are not supposed to be in a certain area.

Subsequently, Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on fireworks. Call 911 to report a problem. Perpetrators must be caught in the act. Some arrests were made last year. Fireworks are illegal in New York.

Speaking about e-bikes and motorcycles, which are attached to city poles. It is illegal to secure motorcycles, mopeds, e-bikes, and bicycles to a city pole. Certain chronic locations are being looked into to address as well.

Another complaint received was at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park where they rev it up which affects the neighbors on 111 Street. An initiative is planned.

At this point, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero presented the liquor license applications:

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES – June 2019

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Sumak Restaurant Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	97-15 57 Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
Los 4 Amores Restaurant Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	93-10 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Pizzeria Primera DBA Vinicio's Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider	40-21 108 Street Corona, NY	Approved
Billiards Sol & Luna Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	102-02 43 Avenue	Approved

METHOD OF OPERATION CHANGE APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Pico de Gallo Wine, Beer & Cider	82-12 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

CORPORATE CHANGE APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Gorkha Café & Deli Inc. Beer & Cider	86-22 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Denied
Applicant failed to respond to our request to meet to discuss their application.		

ALTERATION APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Pico de Gallo Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	82-12 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved
Soneros Bar Restaurant Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	92-02 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Denied
Needs to bring in blueprints/plans for the sidewalk café and appear before Consumer Affairs Committee before the Public Safety Committee will consider the application.		

Public Safety Chair reported the 110 Police Precinct wants more involvement in this application. The Precinct is not in favor of sidewalk cafes.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker questioned who at the 110 Precinct made this statement.

Public Safety Chair Schilero responded Captain Ventre.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero continued her report and said many people want to go to the Precinct because of noise complaints etc. and want more information on this application. The applicant needs to appear before the Consumer Affairs Committee and go through the process.

Subsequently, Board Chair Louis Walker asked what Consumer Affairs has to do with liquor licenses.

The response by Committee Chair Lucy Schilero was the applicant should have appeared before the Consumer Affairs Committee first and further explained it is a no vote because the applicant has to return.

Discussion ensued.

District Manager Cassagnol reported a sidewalk café application always goes to the Consumer Affairs Committee and has nothing to do with a liquor license. The sidewalk café application is held up at the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs and has not come to us as yet. The applicant is applying for the liquor license for the sidewalk café. There are times when licenses have been given to businesses before they open such as Olive Garden and Longhorn Steakhouse that had applied months or even a year in advance before opening.

To be clear, the Consumer Affairs application will eventually come before the Consumer Affairs Committee as it is still pending with the city. District Manager Cassagnol had reached out to the Dept. of Consumer Affairs regarding the status of this application, which is separate from the pending liquor license application.

At this point, Jairo Rodriguez, owner of Soneros Bar and Restaurant, said he had applied for the sidewalk café license but tonight's vote was on the liquor license the application and added what he is asking for is the alteration of the second floor.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero stated she had no documents for the second floor alteration, only for the sidewalk café.

Subsequently, District Manager Cassagnol stated the application the Board office received was for the sidewalk café.

Discussion ensued.

At this point, Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Matthew McElroy, to **approve** the Committee's report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

XI. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

Committee Chair Georgina Oliver reported no meeting was scheduled.

Environmental

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Health

Committee Chair Ashley Reed reported the Committee met on May 29 and a guest speaker from Catering for the Homeless was present to discuss ways to address the homeless issue in the district and also discussed upcoming projects for the year.

Parks

Committee Chair Gregory Spock reported the committee was to meet tomorrow but, unfortunately, none of the members were available to meet and directed an invitation to Adam Wilkes if he wished to join the Parks Committee as a public member, he was welcomed. Big plans will be discussed at the next Park Committee meeting scheduled for the fall such as events and more discussion. Without a quorum, the committee cannot meet and move forward.

He announced the following two events:

Partnership for Parks is presenting a Puppet Show at Louis Simeone Park, Thursday, June 20, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Located at Lewis Avenue and 102 Street).

The Parks Committee had participated in a walk-thru with Council Member Francisco Moya as the Council Member is generously donating funding to William F. Moore Park for improvements. The Dept. of Parks will notify Council Member Moya and the Community Board with details in regard to the plan, its funding, and completion.

Transportation

Transportation Committee Member Matthew McElroy presented the report since Committee Chair Lynda Coral was not in attendance. Since a quorum was not in attendance, the Committee heard a presentation by Hector Garcia, Senior Director, External Affairs, Long Island Railroad. Discussion involved many Long Island Railroad issues including maintenance. Also brought up was the reopening of the Broadway Elmhurst station, which is problematic.

A maintenance issue at the main line south of Queens Blvd. was mentioned.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol responded about five years ago CB4 was to get its first green street ever. There was an issue with the fence belonging to the Long Island Railroad and the fence was moved back. The LIRR is looking to clean-up the property. However the problem was addressed by a walk thru with local elected officials. Since he was not present, the outcome of the walk thru is not known as yet.

Also on the agenda was a TLC renewal of a base license for New American Class Car Service Corp. at 81-36 Baxter Avenue, Elmhurst, NY. Base renewals must be approved every three years.

The Committee discussed the renewal and noted there were not many complaints on the car service such as horn honking, but a recommendation could not be obtained due to lack of a quorum.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol provided background information on base licenses, procedure, and, particularly, this base license.

Subsequently, Committee Member Matthew McElroy reported DOT sent an update on the traffic signal at Junction Blvd. and 43 Avenue.

Chairperson Louis Walker stated although a quorum was not present at the Transportation Committee meeting, a vote must be taken on the base license.

The consensus of the Board Members was that there was not sufficient information to take a vote.

Discussion ensued.

Following the discussion, Board Member Matthew McElroy presented more details on the base's information.

At this point, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Pat Martin, to **approve** the Base license application for New American Class Car Service Corp.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 25 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Youth

Since the Committee Chair was not in attendance, District Manager Cassagnol reported a meeting was held recently and plans for the Youth Fair Year 4 are in motion. The Youth Fair is planned for the second week of October. October 12 is a tentative date (second Saturday in October at Hoffman Park).

As there was no further business, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Clara Salas, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.