



COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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September 10, 2019

COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Attending:

Louis Walker
Priscilla Carrow
Chaio-Chung Chen
David Chong
Lynda Coral
Michelle Dunston
Aridia Espinal
Marialena Giampino
Kristen Gonzalez
Vincent Laucella
Salvatore Lombardo
Patricia Martin
Sylvia Martin
Matthew McElroy

Sandra Munoz
Georgina Oliver
Alexandra Owens
Oscar Rios
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Lucy Schilero
A. Redd Sevilla
Alton Derrick Smith
Gregory Spock
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa
Rosa Wong
Minwen Yang

Board Members Absent:

Karin Abreu
Lucy Cerezo-Scully
Erica Cruz
Judith D'Andrea
Jennifer Gutierrez
James Lisa
Rovenia McGowan
Edgar Moya
Ruby Muhammed

Gurdip Singh Narula
Alexa Ponce
Rupinder Raj
Ashley Reed
Neil Roman
Fernando Ruiz
Izaida Valcarcel
Damian Vargas

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, District Manager CB4
Christina Long, Community Assistant CB4
Council Member Francisco Moya
NYS Senator Jessica Ramos
Phiveline Solano, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Kelly Wu, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office
Louise Emanuel, Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry's Office
Lizette, Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry's Office
Joe Nocerino, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office
Lt. Joseph Leoni, Special Operation Lieutenant, 110 Precinct
Jamal Baksh, Regional Partnership Specialist – U. S. Census Bureau
Phil Wong, Elmhurst United
Anthony O'Reilly, Queens Chronicle
Jim Galloway, Lefrak City Merchants Association
Daniel Suarez, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office
Jennifer Diaz, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Jessica Tang, Assembly Member Catalina Cruz's Office
Anita Roman
Marta Lebreton, Community Board 3Q
Annette Spallino, AHRC-New York City, Queens Liaison
Michael Kaplan, AHRC –New York City
Rolando Gonzalez, AHRC New York City
Nigel Saha, AHRC New York City
Maria Cornejo, ACS-Elmhurst Community Partnership
Mary Conlon, NYC News Service
David Chong, Elm Church
Sally Wong, Elmhurst United
Kelly Wang, Elmhurst United
Esther Won, Elmhurst United
Mario Matos, Maspeth High School
Priyanka Koirala, LaGuardia Community college
Christopher Espinoza, Healthcare Educational Project
John Wang, Queens Night Market

Public Speaker's List

John Wang, Queens Night Market
Michael Kaplan, AHRC New York City
Rolando Gonzalez, AHRC New York City
Annette Spalling, AHRC New York City
Nigel Saha, AHRC New York City
Board member Chaio-Chung Chen
Sally Wong, Elmhurst United
Board Member Priscilla Carrow
Board Member Marialena Giampino

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Italian Charities of America
83-20 Queens Blvd.
Elmhurst, NY 11373

I Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. First Vice Chair Marialena Giampino took the attendance. A quorum was present.

IV. VOTE: Minutes June 11, 2019

Board Member Clara Salas made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow. By a voice vote, the Board 28 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Board Chairperson Louis Walker reported the Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee had stepped down and the position is now open. Any Board Member who is interested in serving as Chair of this committee, see Chair Walker after the meeting. Some Board Members have already expressed interest; but others may be interested as well.

At this point, the floor was turned over to District Manager Christian Cassagnol for his report.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported new Board members should have received notification about what committee you choose to serve on. If you do not know what committee you are serving on, please let us know and it will be announced now. Board Members should be receiving a letter within the next week or so from your Committee Chair informing you of your next committee meeting.

Next, he reported the U. S. Census is coming very soon and Community Board 4 had been undercounted for many years. He mentioned come 2020 those numbers will stand for the next ten years. Several Board Members had reached out to the District Manager about creating the Board's own census count committee and we will be looking for members to recruit for this new Committee. The role of the committee is to do community outreach and spread the word how important the census is and to give us a proper count.

As a spring board for the upcoming census, a representative is on the agenda tonight from the U. S. Census to provide more information.

Between now and the actual census count, an effort to have census representation at all CB4 meetings/events will be made.

Furthermore, he explained the importance of the census count and commented about funding for local communities. If we are undercounted, less money is received for schools, police precincts etc.

Please let us know if you are interested in serving on this new committee. We will be looking for members to recruit, he added.

Next, he announced Community Board 4's Youth Fair was postponed; noting it had not been cancelled. Normally, it takes place the first week of October, specifically October 1, where the name Youth 101 was originated.

Although we endeavored to make the Youth Fair much larger and more inclusive, we were unable to do so with the current resources. Therefore, it was postponed until next year either in March or April. Once the Youth Committee meets, a more definitive answer can be given.

Next, District Manager Cassagnol reported on Movie Screening for “**The Woman in the Iron Coffin**”. In 2011 as the excavation proceeded around Newtown High School, human remains were discovered. At first, the concept was that it was criminal related, however, it was not. The remains were someone from the slavery era. Recently, PBS did a documentary called Secrets Of The Dead “*The Woman In The Iron Coffin*”. In order to raise awareness, Community Board 4 will present a screening of the documentary. The screening will be held at Middleburg Triangle, across from the actual site, Corona and 48 Avenues, by Newtown High School on the triangle located there.

Partnering with the local church, the screening will be held outdoors weather permitting. Inclement weather the screening will be moved into the church. Popcorn will be served and representation from the U. S. Census is planned. He noted the Census Bureau had helped to identify the Woman in the Iron Coffin. The date for the movie screening is Saturday, September 21, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Although the movie is an hour, there will be a Q & A session afterwards where guests such as the Elmhurst History and Cemeteries Preservation Society and the local archeologist will be available to answer any questions. Space is limited.

Next, he reported on budget consultations. He explained once a year Community Boards get together and speak to city agencies: FDNY, NYPD, School Construction Authority, and ACS to name a few. Questions to the agency are asked such as what are your service levels like, where do you need funding, where are the gaps, and how does the program work etc. In turn, the information is used to create the Community Board’s wish list which are the Capital and Expense priorities. At yesterday’s consultations, the Community Boards met with DOT, ACS, DYCD, and DEP. Meetings are open to the public he stated. The next Borough Consultation is scheduled for Friday, September 20, at Borough Hall, to meet with HRA, DHS, DOE/SCA, DOH, and DFTA. Indeed, he highly recommended Board Members attend the Borough Consultations because it gives an opportunity to speak directly to the agency representative and ask very specific and tough questions. Agencies must provide written answers to those questions.

In concluding his report, the District Manager reported a CB4 Town Hall meeting is being planned focusing on what is your Community Board and what does it do. Sometime in the next month, a forum will be initiated to the full Board and Committee Chairs to explain what Community Boards do, how we operate, when committees meet, explain the budget process and also livestream the meeting should funding allow it. Community Boards did receive discretionary funding for the second year in a row from Council Member Francisco Moya and from the NYC City Council. At this point, money is not an issue. With the discretionary funding, CB 4 swags were purchased such as a tablecloth, pens, pencils, bags etc.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow asked about funding for livestreaming.

District Manager Cassagnol replied it depends on the cost. If the cost is high, we will not be able to cover it. However, it may be covered through our funding, but it is still uncertain. At this point, more information on pricing is still needed.

At this point, the 110 Police Precinct addressed the Board. Lt. Joseph Leoni, Special Operation Lieutenant, reported on the 28-day Index crimes and other crimes.

For the 28-day period, there was a decrease in overall crime, 16.3 %. 128 index crimes this year compared To 153 from last year.

<u>Crime</u>	<u>This Year In This Period</u>	<u>Compared To Last Year</u>	<u>+ Increase/-Decrease</u>
Rapes	2	3	-33.3%
Robberies	26	25	+4%
Felony Assaults	31	36	-13.9%
Burglaries	13	11	+18.2%
Grand Larcenies	45	65	-30%
GLA’s	10	13	-23%

In regard to the homicide on Kneeland Avenue and Manilla Street, no updates are available at this time. It is still one of the Precinct’s high profile cases that the detective squad and other units are still currently working on.

Next, he reported on intoxicated persons that have become a precinct wide problem. Captain Ventre, Captain Kim, and he have directed officers including the NCO (Neighborhood Coordination Officers) to aggressively enforce the law to anyone with open containers that appear intoxicated, or appear homeless and intoxicated inside the parks. Officers have made arrests for individuals drinking alcohol in public. Also, people with outstanding warrants were arrested.

The field training sergeant of the command has the newly assigned and graduated officers of the Academy who are also out in the parks aggressively enforcing the law. Since it is a command wide problem, there is homeless outreach that assists in various Operations. Another city funded agency, Breaking Ground, works with the Precinct to offer services to the homeless to transport them to shelters.

In conclusion, he mentioned it has been 18 years since the 9/11 terror attacks. Every year, the 110 Precinct holds a 9/11 ceremony at the Precinct 94 Street and 43 Avenue at 8:30 a.m. All are invited to attend. It will never be forgotten and the memory of those lives lost will always remain with us forever.

Subsequently, NYS Senator Jessica Ramos addressed the Board. State Senator Ramos expressed optimism that Board members were able to attend one of her sponsored event. Events were held such as backpack giveaways, block parties, and mentioned an upcoming block party in East Elmhurst on September 15 and invited all.

In the past legislative session, meaning the first eight months of her term, fourteen Bills were passed. Among them, which the Governor had signed, is the Farm Workers Fair Labor Practices Act. She explained it was a very old and antiquated Jim Crow era law that didn't allow farm workers to organize or have a day off. Farm workers were African-American and, unfortunately, racism was alive and well. Even today as farm workers are mostly Latino those same injustices were still very present. Respecting the workers is very important. The head of the State Senate has named Senator Ramos as Chair of the Senate Labor Committee. Before becoming State Senator, she had worked in the labor movement for well over a decade. Much work had been done helping immigrant delivery workers and car wash workers to bring their pay up to minimum wage.

In terms of constituent services, most of their phone calls in the past several months have involved home repairs. Please call her office if you are interested in this service. Also if you need more information on the new rent laws, call her office for assistance. Unfortunately, many predatory landlords exist not only Corona but also in Senate District 13.

As State Senator Ramos will be present for the remainder of the meeting, please feel free to ask her any questions you may have.

In conclusion all were invited to stop by her District office located at 32-27 Junction Boulevard with any concerns, comments and suggestions.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

John Wang, Queens Night Market, announced it is returning this Saturday, two weeks earlier because the Maker Faire was canceled. Board Member Sandra Munoz complimented the Queens Night Market on their event and stated as Queens' people we need to support it.

Next, Michael Kaplan, Director of the program, representing AHRC New York City addressed the Board. He explained AHRC is an agency that serves individuals with developmental disabilities and described the day program at the facility. The agency helps individuals achieve their dreams whether it could be through employment, volunteer work, etc. and to be a part of the community. Furthermore, the agency is Medicaid funded. If you are interested in obtaining services, you can call Mr. Kaplan directly. AHRC New York City is under OPWDD and there is an application and referral process. Services include group day rehabilitation. Supportive employment is also available through the agency. Call him for more information. Currently, there are about 115 people in the program.

Also, Rolando Gonzalez from AHRC New York City spoke. He is licensed in New York to practice social work and is very passionate about supporting adults with disabilities to reach their potential in the community. He has been with AHRC for ten years and has worked in every borough except for Queens. Recently, AHRC New York City moved into the Elmhurst community located at 76-09 Queens Boulevard.

If you have a loved one who is an adult or any age, please see him after the meeting. AHRC discover distinctive contributions and finds employment and volunteer opportunities for clients. They are enthusiastic about the Elmhurst location and are interested to know about other organizations. If you are looking for volunteers, organize any community drive such as a clothing or food drive, or any community project, please reach out to AHRC New York City.

Next, Annette Spallino, Clinic Supervisor for children and adults at AHRC New York City, reported on eligibility guidelines for OPWDD services, psychological and psychosocial services for all boroughs. AHRC's mission is to connect and make inroads at the Elmhurst day program. If you would like to know how to get the OPWDD evaluations for your child and/or adult family member, brochures are on the table. Overseeing an in home training program in the borough for parents who are developmentally disabled, living in the community raising their children, AHRC also offers intensive case management assisting parents in complex systems such as schools, courts and hospitals programs. If you have a loved one with a developmental disability, please see her.

Next, Nigel Saha, Regional Supervisor, AHRC Home Care provides in home services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are two types of services Community Habilitation and In-Home Respite Services. In Community Habilitation, consumers are taught one to one personal support for people with intellectual disability to develop or enhance skills needed to live independently within home or out in the community. Respite services provides families caregiver relief such as running errands.

The Community Habilitation program is available to individuals with disabilities from ages 4 and on. Services are provided in the home and/or community. For In-Home Respite, the caregiver must reside in the same household as the individual with a disability. They must have completed OPWDD's Front Door process, must be OPWDD eligible, and should have a current, (within the past year) DDRO Level of Care (LOC) if not already in the Waiver. Flyers were in the back.

Next, Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen mentioned police ticketing at 50% less. He questioned whether this affects the community as dangerous and unsafe.

Next, Sally Wong announced Elmhurst United, partnering with the East Side Ecology group, will hold its annual electronic recycling Event. Bring computers, printers, scanners, to recycle. Rain or shine come to the Elks Lodge, Queens Blvd. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, September 14.

Subsequently, she reported on a homicide at Kneeland Avenue and Manilla Street. Someone was shot. In that vicinity, there are steps that lead to Stop and Shop, the bank, and Starbucks. It is concerning because people loiter on those steps: some sit doing drugs. You get an uncomfortable feeling descending those steps so people go around the steps. If possible, she requested placement of No Loitering signage, more lighting, and a security camera. She stated it is a known area where robberies and other crimes have occurred.

Also, can any surplus Sanitation funding be allocated to clean the neighborhood, she questioned. The Grand Avenue Subway Station is always full of litter, as well as Broadway along Grand Avenue.

Next, Board Member Priscilla Carrow reported on behalf of Elmhurst Hospital. A gala is planned to help Elmhurst Hospital, which is a public hospital. Funding is needed to upgrade equipment, ambulatory care, and to cover other expenses.

The gala will be held on October 17, at the Queens Museum, 6:00 p.m. Cocktail hour will be at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. the dinner will commence.

If interested, please e-mail her at Carrow@nyc.gov.

In concluding, she said remember to use the Farmers Market--every Tuesday, located at 41 Avenue and 80 Street. The food is very fresh and tasty. It is worth the cost.

Next, Board Member Marialena Giampino reported on behalf of the Elmhurst History and Cemeteries Preservation Society. The first tour for fall is on October 5. The Old Newtown Village Walking Tour will visit sites that comprised old Newtown Village. Meet at Elmhurst Baptist Church at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are on Eventbrite or go on their Facebook page.

Also, the Queens Boulevard Elmhurst Walking Tour is scheduled for October 26 at 12:30 p.m., visiting sites along Queens Boulevard. Meet at Newtown Playground located on 92 Street. A \$20 donation to the group is requested, but it is a 501 3-C, which can be written off on your taxes.

Next, she invited all to the movie screening *Secrets of the Dead*. The archaeologist on the episode will be present. It will be amazing to meet him and ask questions. The screening will be held Saturday, September 21, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Middleburg Triangle - Corona Avenue and 48 Avenue

In conclusion, she reported Italian Charities, a 501 3-C nonprofit organization, was founded in 1936. The building has been located in Elmhurst since 1951 and is open to the community. Log on to their website to see other group events they have hosted in the past. Flyers were in the back. Before concluding, she mentioned activities/events held at Italian Charities of America. All were welcome to attend.

VIII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Council Member Francisco Moya addressed the Board. Council Member Moya thanked the Board Members who participated in the co-sponsoring of the back to school event. Over one thousand book bags were given out to kids in the community. We want to give back to those that need it, mentioning the receiving line went around the block from the entire Park.

Next, Council Member presented highlights from this year's budget:

\$6.3 million added for Capital funding to all local schools in District 21, the highest number we have had to talk about infrastructure and issues heard from the principals, the PTA parents, mentioning the need for better science labs, an important resource for the Council Member. Major strides have been made toward STEM where pre-k to third grade will be brought to the district on 111 Street on the parking lot of the Hall of Science. It will be state-of-the art and the first of its kind.

\$340,000 added for programs dealing with after school. CASA programs are also included to bring in cultural and arts to the community and schools for after school programs.

\$75,000 for the college preparedness at PS 19. Our community does not have any type of programs that help our students with college prep. There is a nonprofit organization that has been doing this in Queens and he had connected with them to service our young children. It is a test pilot, but if it goes well, it will be expanded to the entire district to have at several of our Beacon programs throughout the district.

\$500,000 allocated to the renovation of the Lefrak Public Library.

\$300,000 allocated for a brand new book mobile bus van library. Still looking for sites, but we will get there.

\$5.5 million allocated to the new ambulatory center at Elmhurst Hospital, which was Council Member Moya's #1 priority. More details were provided on this allocation.

\$80,000 in additional sanitation services for pickups. Council Member Moya noted he serves both districts in Community Boards 3 and 4. Seven day pickups for garbage receptacles, adding some new garbage receptacles to different areas requested by community members and business owners.

\$140,000 allocated to the ACE program for street cleaning.

\$20,000 allocated to Community Board 4.

\$18,500 allocated to Lefrak Youth Activity

\$20,000 allocated to the Police Athletic League

\$30,000 allocated to Public Color for Public Murals that paint murals along the Long Island Railroad or in areas that have been heavily graffiti. A beautiful mural was created by the kids along the Long Island Railroad on 43 Avenue. If you know of an area in the district that a mural can be created, let Council Member Moya know.

\$60,000 to Senior Centers

Additional funding was added in the budget for seniors for Meals on Wheels

\$150,000 allocated to support senior initiatives such as arts and cultural events brought in to senior centers.

The items presented is just a partial list of more to come as the year progresses.

Before concluding, Council Member Moya thanked the Board for its dedication and hard work, noting Board members serve on a volunteer basis and make a difference in our community. Through their awareness, Council Member Moya is informed of what's happening in the district.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol mentioned Council Member Moya's back pack event was very successful and many back packs were given away. He also thanked Senator Ramos and her staff on their event, which was also very successful.

During the time of the purchase and packing up of back packs for the Council Member's event, there was one back pack set aside full of supplies, which is on site and will be auctioned off to someone in the public. A small raffle will be done. Members of the public will get a ticket and sometime during the meeting, a random number will be selected for the back pack giveaway. Board Members cannot participate in the drawing.

Senate

Charles Schumer

No Report. No representative present.

Kristen Gilibrand

No Report, No representative present.

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

Board Member Cristian Romero announced a new mailing from Congresswoman Grace Meng's office and displayed a sample to the Board. This mailing explains the duties of Congress and how the Congresswoman can help to assist you in accessing agencies to resolve any problems you may have.

Next regarding legislative updates, which there are many, but one in particular he mentioned:

The U. S. Representatives passed an historic American Dream and Promise Act on June 4, 2019. Protections in the American Dream and Promise Act would allow nearly 700,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients as well as another 1.6 million eligible Dreamers brought to America as children stay in the U. S. The Bill must pass to the Senate for a vote.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Michelle Hernandez announced:

The Congresswoman held two town hall meetings this past summer. One meeting was held in Corona on immigration and the other on public housing in the Bronx. She also hosted a few high visibility events in Corona, for example, she flyered out in Corona Plaza twice. One event was for constituent services and the other with the U. S. Census both at the Federal and city levels to get the word out and to encourage people not only to be counted but also to apply for jobs with the Census Bureau.

Next, she mentioned the Green Market by Elmhurst Hospital reporting the Congresswoman passed by and enjoyed her visit.

Informing the Board on legislative issue, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is a lead sponsor for the Fair Chance Housing Act to break down barriers securing Federal Housing assistance for those who have criminal records and also reduce homelessness by rolling back punitive screening and eviction policies.

At the Financial Services Committee Hearing, the Congresswoman talked about the student loan crises and to hold the student loan services accountable for the violations around consumer protection and the crises faced today.

Meanwhile, the Congresswoman issued a Newsletter that covered the first 200 days of the Congresswoman in office. Please sign up for the Newsletter on their website. Copies were in the back.

In conclusion, the Congresswoman's office is located at 74-01 37 Avenue, Suite 305. Caseworkers are on staff to assist with issues relating to the Federal government. So far this year, 484 cases were opened and 338 cases closed.

NYS Assembly

Brian Barnwell

Daniel Suarez announced:

The Third Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration in honor of those who continue to keep the Hispanic Celebration and the culture alive in New York City, Friday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at Topaz Arts, 5503 39 Avenue. All were welcome to attend and bring guests. Dance, music performances, food is scheduled.

Michael Den Dekker

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

Jeffrion Aubry

Lizette reported she is the new constituent services liaison in NYS Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry's office. Lefrak City residents see her if you need help with any concerns.

Louise Emanuel reported on the devastation of Hurricane Dorian. The Assembly Member will be hosting a relief fund. Working in tandem with the consulate of the Bahamas, the Hurricane Dorian Relief Drive will have two drop-off locations.

The Lefrak organization was also interested in partnering with the Assembly Member and provided the Management Office on the lower level to assist in collections. Collections also will be taken at the District Office, 98-09 Northern Boulevard.

Listed on the flyer are suggested items for drop off, noting no more clothing is needed. Toiletries and other items are wanted.

Catalina Cruz

Jennifer Diaz introduced her colleague Jessica Tang and reported on the following upcoming events/services:

Registration began today for idNYC cards. Benefits include:

Free one year membership to City's best museums, zoos, botanical gardens, and concert halls. Movie tickets as cheap as \$8 at major theaters like AMC and Regal Entertainment group including more exclusive benefits and discounts across the City. Flyers were in the back.

Also, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. Save the Date! Final details are still being planned for October 8, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Subsequently, Jessica reported on a Know Your Right Forum. Come and learn about:

- Immigrant rights and policies
- Public benefits and immigration
- City services/programs available in the community
- ICE protocols

September 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. At Fente Hispano, 35-47 Junction Blvd., Corona, NY

September 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m., Asian American For Equality, 37-61 84 Street, Jackson Heights, NY

NYS Senate

Michael Gianaris

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Toby Ann Stavisky

No report. Representative not in attendance.

Jessica Ramos

NYS Senator Jessica Ramos was still present at the meeting and available to answer any questions.

Office of the Mayor

No report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Council

Daniel Dromm

Kelly Wu reported on the following events:

Sunday, October 6, street co-naming for State Senator Jose Peralta, corner of 79th Street and 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All invited to attend.

September 17, 2019 – Public Hearing at Finance Committee whereby Council Member Daniel Dromm will be introducing a Bill as a local law to amend Administrative Code of New York City in relation to the collection and maintenance of contact information for real property owners. At the Public Hearing more Bills will be introduced by other Council Members.

If anyone is interested in attending or testifying in person, email her colleague, Sebastian MacGuire at maguire@council.nyc.gov before 5:00 p.m. on September 17.

Queens Borough President's Office

Joe Nocerino reported Community Board members scheduled for service awards a letter will be mailed within a week. The event will be held on October 2 at 5:00 p.m. Each Board Member may bring up to two guests.

The following events were announced:

Learn How To Save A Life!

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz and NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst invite you to an

Opioid Overdose Crises

Public Education and Responder Training

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-12 Noon, NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, 79-01 Broadway, Auditorium (A1-22) Elmhurst, NY.

Queens Town Hall on Public Charge Rule
Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Helen Marshall Cultural Center,
Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11424

The Borough President’s statement on the proposed “public charge” rule was read to the Board.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

No report. Representative not in attendance.

NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

No report. Representative not in attendance.

IX. Presentation

Jamal Baksh, Regional Partnership Specialist – U. S. Census

Presentation on 2020 Census

Information was distributed on how to apply for census jobs as well as pamphlets on the Complete Count Committees was distributed to the Board.

Mr. Baksh explained the Census Bureau is the largest statistical agency in the United States. It provides quality data on people, places, and things in the U. S.

Besides the census count, the Census does other surveys such as unemployment numbers. The Census Bureau collects the raw data for that survey and it is sent to the Labor Department who releases it to the public.

Every ten years, the census count is performed of all people in the United States, which is mandated by the U. S. Constitution and is required.

Basically, the requirement is count everyone once in the right place. The census count is safe, easy, and important. It is important because \$675 billion is redistributed annually across the U. S. The funds are redistributed for Medicare costs, roads and hospitals, social services, pothole repairs, schools in the district, community and senior centers to name a few. It is critical to participate in the census regardless of immigration status because everyone needs to be counted. It also determines how much federal funding comes into the community and how congressional representation is determined.

The census provides solid benchmarks for measuring the U. S. Think about its representation and funding, adding it’s also safe. Personal information is not asked only your name and date of birth. Social security numbers and bank information is not asked. Any information collected is protected by Title XIII, which is a federal law. Information is never shared with any federal, state or city agency.

As a Census Bureau employee, Mr. Baksh is sworn to protect the privacy of individuals at the risk of a \$250,000 fine or five years in federal prison,

For the first time in the history of the U. S., the Census Bureau has digitized the 2020 census taking it online.

The four ways you can respond to the census are:

You will receive a notice in March 2020 to respond to the 2020 census. Go online to a portal site, put in your address and access your census form for completion.

Option 2 - On the same notice will be a phone number to call. Call and receive assistance to complete the form in thirteen different languages.

Option 3 – If you did not take advantage of Options 1 and 2, notice will be sent for those who did not respond and a traditional paper form in the mail will be sent.

Option 4 - If a household still does not respond, the bureau will send a census taker to knock on the door to collect data.

All were urged to spread the word the Census is coming and it is easy, safe and important.

Mr. Baksh reiterated support will be provided in 13 languages and literature will be given in about 59 different languages.

As a community, your help is needed with the count as you may be affiliated with a community or faith based organization. Not only is the Census Bureau willing to provide a presentation to your organization, but also to recruit workers to help with the job of the count. October 2019, four local census offices will be opened in Queens where staff will be needed. Recruitment drives will be done all across the borough. Staff wanted includes enumerators, clerical, recruitment assistants, and administrative workers. Cards on how to apply for those jobs were passed around. An application can be completed at an onsite recruitment session and online at the Census Bureau website.

The Complete Count Committee was explained and is comprised of organizations across the borough. Community Board 4 will participate in the Complete Count Committee where a group of people come together and implement strategy to raise awareness of the census determining where recruitment and presentations need to be held— including tabling at an event to share census information. Also to provide information on how people can respond is essential.

Looking forward to working with CB4's Complete Count Committee, as well as other Complete Count Committees, please talk to him if you are interested in starting one.

At the point, Mr. Baksh took questions from the Board.

X. Report and Vote: Public Safety Committee

SLA Applications

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Committee met on September 4 with a quorum present. CERT Teams 3 and 4 merged together. The latest emergency plans on flood areas were distributed.

She announced National Preparedness Month at the Queens Target Mall will be held September 20, from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. All invited.

The 9/11 ceremony at the 110 Precinct was mentioned tomorrow starting at 8:30 a.m. The Fire Department also conducts a 9/11 ceremony also. Engine Company 289 Ladder 138, the Corona Tigers was visited by the press today because four of their members died on 9/11. The Mets have been making their visits throughout the Queensboro area and decided to pick the Corona Tigers to show them they have not forgotten our fallen heroes.

The Fire Department asked again to check carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Many problems this summer were with overloaded power surges. Let your neighbors know in private homes, where the bedroom is shared with other people, those sockets cannot be overloaded. Many fires occurred this summer because of that reason.

Next, she talked about mail fraud, in particular, stolen packages. You may need to reach out to a neighbor or a postal service where you can receive packages. Stolen packages has been a major problem.

Meanwhile, the graffiti in the Elmhurst community was brought up. The EDC decided not to wait for September and did a phenomenal job cleaning most of the graffiti. There are three buildings consent forms have not been signed yet.

Subsequently, she reported on the homicide on Kneeland Street. It was gang related. Confirmation received was that it was the 18th Street gang that committed the murder at Kneeland.

Throughout the summer, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero had attended a couple of NCO meetings the biggest problem is the derelicts, the drunks, and the homeless sleeping on our sidewalks and congregating to the park.

Enforcement is being used and Breaking Ground is also assisting but we are over saturated, which is part of the problem. More non-for-profits need to be brought in that handle this situation.

Many of the homeless refuse to go to shelters. As they are removed from the street, there is nowhere to place them. Since the homeless cannot be forced to seek shelter, she did not know what method can be used. However, other alternatives need to be looked at to convince the homeless population there are places to help.

Following she reported on stored vehicles that did not move on property. Those vehicles and trucks included stay for two weeks. The biggest concern was the Mudanza trucks at 90th Street. Merchants such as a bakery and doctor's office complain they cannot get their products delivered. The Precinct will try to get a tow truck to move the Mudanza trucks. Timeframe is unclear.

As a civic leader, a problem she was faced with was parents that work nights leave their children alone in their homes. She was approached by some of the people that a seven year old boy was playing by the hydrant water sprinklers with his three year old brother was sitting off to the side at 1:00 a.m. Since they know the family and were afraid to call 911, Board Member Lucy Schilero was called and went to the site where the children were.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero provided more details on this encounter and also related another child incident left home alone. She will keep a watch on this situation and asked the Board if you have any suggestions, please let her know.

At this point, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero presented the liquor license applications. All were approved.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES – September 2019

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Kokorico Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	40-15 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Approved
Santa Barbara Services Ltd. Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	80-14 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved
Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	88-01 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
El Gran Coffee Shop Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	86-10 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Mini Picanteria El Guayaquileno Inc. Beer & Cider	94-52A/54 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Unidentified Flying Chicken Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	71-22 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved
LaMorenita Ecuatoriana Rest. Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	109-06 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
El Coyote Bar & Grill Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	45-02 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Approved
D&E Mexican Food Corp. Wine, Beer & Cider	40-11 82 Street Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Pico de Gallo Inc. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	82-11 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved
JAC Restaurant Corp. <i>Scorpion Bar</i> Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider	75-16 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved
Mirinea Inc. Beer & Cider	111-02 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

El Zocalo Restaurant Wine, Beer & Cider	40-10 83 Street Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Ru Yi Restaurant Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	83-34 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved

ALTERATION

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>
Soneros Bar Restaurant Inc.	92-02 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved

Accordingly, Board Member Matthew McElroy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Pat Martin, to **approve** the Committee's report as presented.

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

XI. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

No Report

Environmental

Committee Chair Oscar Rios reported the Committee did not meet. A meeting is planned for next month.

Health

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Parks

Parks Committee Chair Gregory Spock reported the U. S. Open audit was released stating he has a copy as well as it is available online and highly recommended reading the report. Every year the community expresses concerns about the takeover by the U. S. Open at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park with parking on the grass to not paying its fair share. He, District Manager Christian Cassagnol and Board Member Marialena Giampino were present at the press conference by city Comptroller Scott Stringer's office that uncovered USTA did not pay its fair share in revenue to the city. As a result, if you have a suggestion on how USTA should pay back \$343,202 it owes in revenue, write it on the index card provided, which can include your name or remain anonymous. At the next Flushing Meadows-Corona Park Community Advisory Board Meeting, which he serves as vice-chair, all concerns will be heard.

Next, he reported on the Alliance for the Flushing Meadows-Corona Park annual fundraising event, "Evening Under the Sphere", Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., at the Unisphere -- Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. \$50 to attend and the Queens Night Market will provide the food. It's a great event!

A parks walk-thru will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on September 17 and invited all to this public event. If you would like to join him, District Manager Christian Cassagnol, with the Parks Department and point out concerns associated with the parks, please attend. He added he will try to have representation from the 110 Precinct at the walk thru as a result of the reported intoxication and aggressiveness by the offenders.

Next, the Health Committee and the Parks Committee is in the process of planning an event to tackle the issue of public intoxication and smoking as a wellness event. Both committees are looking at holding the event at the Corona Golf Playground sometime in October. Also, Blank Fitness has been contacted to participate.

In conclusion, a committee meeting was scheduled for tomorrow, but Parks committee members did not RSVP. Another meeting, which is opened to the public, is planned for October.

Transportation

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

ULURP/Zoning

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported the Committee will meet on September 24 to discuss two pending applications.

Youth

No report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Before adjourning, Chairperson Louis Walker announced the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 7 because of the pending holidays.

At this point, the backpack raffle was held. Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen was asked to draw the winning number. The winning number was 563458 held by a member of the public.

Before the motion to adjourn was made, Chairperson Louis Walker announced if you are interested in serving as Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, call the office tomorrow.

As there was no further business, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Matthew McElroy, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.