



## COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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### COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 10, 2019

**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Italian Charities of America  
83-20 Queens Blvd.  
Elmhurst, N.Y

### 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  
Patricia Martin  
Sylvia Martin  
Matthew McElroy  
Rovenia McGowan

Edgar Moya  
Ruby Muhammad  
Sandra Munoz  
Georgina Oliver  
Alexa Ponce  
Ashley Reed  
Cristian Romero  
Clara Salas  
Lucy Schilero  
A. Redd Sevilla  
Alton Derrick Smith  
Gregory Spock  
Dewan Tarek  
Rosa Wong

#### Board Members Absent:

Karin Abreu  
Lucy Cerezo Scully  
Erica Cruz  
Jennifer Gutierrez  
James Lisa  
Salvatore Lombardo  
Gurdip Singh Narula  
Alexandra Owens

Rupinder Raj  
Oscar Rios  
Neil Roman  
Fernando Ruiz  
Marcello Testa  
Izaida Valcarcel  
Damian Vargas  
Minwen Yang

**ATTENDING:**

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager  
Christian Long, CB4 Community Assistant  
Council Member Francisco Moya  
Phiveline Solano, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office  
James Mongeluzo, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office  
Kelly Wu, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office  
Jennifer Diaz, Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz's Office  
Daniel Suarez, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office  
Olv Agandere, Assembly Member Brian Barnwell's Office  
Michelle, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Office  
Elizabeth Crowley, NYC Former Council Member  
Stephanie Clemente, Anti Trafficking Program at Safe Horizon  
Marta Lebreton, Community Board 3Q  
Priyanka Kamala, LaGuardia Community College  
Sean Reilly, SEIU 32 BJ  
Jonathan Hagstad, SEIU 32 BJ  
David Russell, Queens Chronicle  
Jorge Rodriguez  
Scott, Kristen, Margaret, Western Queens Community Land Trust  
Mohammed Saleheen  
James B. Fogle, LCTA  
Letis Williams, NYC Fire Department

**Public Forum Speakers:**

Clara Salas, CB4 Board Member  
Chaio-Chung Chen, CB4 Board Member  
Stephanie Clemente, Anti Trafficking Program Safe Horizon  
Sean Reilly, SEIU 32BJ  
Kristen Gonzalez, CB4 Board Member  
Scott Larson, Western Queens Community Land Trust  
Ron Curt, Resident

**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 November 12, 2019

Correction: Board Member Marialena Giampino was not present at the November 12, 2019 Public Hearing.

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen spoke about the homeless situation.

At this point, Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Board Member Sylvia Martin, to **approve** the minutes with noted corrections.

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

**V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Louis Walker reported on the Board committees. Board Members have been placed “to the side”, meaning when the committee meets it would not affect the quorum because there are individuals who have not attended any/very few committee meetings. Because of that reason, a quorum is never made and cannot continue to be allowed for the particular committee. The member has not been officially removed from the committee, but they are not officially there unless they do attend.

Next, he said according to the Board’s Bylaws committees must meet a least three times per year. At one time, the committees met every month whether or not there was an agenda item. Chair Walker asked the Board Members if they wanted to revert back to monthly meetings because some members have complained about not having regular committee meetings.

Subsequently, the Board Members presented comments whether or not to meet monthly.

**VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported on community events throughout the month. Tree lightings and holiday celebrations were mentioned.

Additionally, he remarked about the creation of the Board’s Census Committee. Board Member Kristen Gonzalez will present more details.

Reporting throughout the evening, he will add information on subject matters presented.

**VII. PUBLIC FORUM**

Board Member Clara Salas reported on next year’s proposed increase from Con Edison for utility bills which will affect landlords and tenants and will continue to rise each year. Announcements about the increase were made in the media many times. We must ask our elected officials to help us and reject the plan. In her work, she had received many calls from people seeking help on the utility bills because disconnect notices were received by many callers who were laid off from work and cannot pay the bill. We must protest this action by Con Edison on price increases. Further reporting, we are working class people and taxpayers who cannot afford this increase.

Next, she stated elected officials need to be reminded about the Long Island Railroad opened at the Elmhurst Station. About 35 years ago, it was closed.

Subsequently, she stated help is needed on Queens Boulevard. Dead trees and garbage need to be removed, including the graffiti on buildings. Speaking for grassroots organizations, attention needs to be paid to those problems and changes needed. Queens Boulevard looks like a garbage dump and this must be changed.

Next, Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen spoke about the co-workers of the Board: the city’s public servants. Furthermore, he mentioned the stipend allocated to the Community Board’s budget. He mentioned the money paid out in salaries to the Board.

Chair Walker clarified the Board Chairperson and its officers serve as volunteers and are not paid. All Board Members serve as volunteers without pay. The Board 4 staff consists of three people.

District Manager Cassagnol responded the Number 1 priority on this year's Capital/Expense Budget was more funding for Community Boards. Staff raises have not been given out in years because of the lack of funds in the Board's operating budget.

Board Member Chen said employee salaries should be excluded from the operating budget and come from a different budget and commented employees should be happy.

Also, he brought up was the expense for the annual Holiday Party. He thought the city paid for it.

Chair Walker said the cost was covered through the Sunshine Fund where the Board Members contribute to annually.

To clarify, Chair Walker questioned Board Member Chen are you asking that the City Council raise the budgets for Community Boards.

Yes, replied Board Member Chen.

Next, Stephanie Clemente, Anti Trafficking Program Safe Horizon, is one of the largest direct service providers for survivors of human trafficking on the east coast with a staff of eleven in downtown Brooklyn. All gender identities, ethnicities, and clients who are victims of labor and sex trafficking in all boroughs are served.

The team consists of legal providers offering assistance to undocumented foreign nationals and in addition social services are offered for victims.

In 2019, 20 percent of the clients were male identified which includes labor and sex trafficking victims. The top three countries of origin were the United States, Philippines and Mexico. Training is offered to help identify victims of human trafficking in the community. Trainings can be accommodated for Law enforcement, medical providers, schools, and other organizations. Training is offered in English and Spanish. Business cards were passed out.

Next, Sean Reilly, Researcher for SEIU 32BJ, which is a union of janitors, security officers, airport workers etc. The union represents approximately 85,000 members in New York City which equates to 1 out of 100 adult New Yorkers, including 2,000 members who live or work in Community Board 4. Over the last year, the union has been collaborating with Chipotle workers in New York City struggling to improve their working conditions. Indeed, the union is working with stakeholders to hold the company accountable for their actions.

Mr. Reilly wanted to raise awareness to Chipotle's upcoming beer and wine license at 88-01 Queens Blvd. at the Queens Place Mall. Mr. Reilly will attend the next Public Safety Committee meeting set for early January. But, the issues are important to raise before the full Board beforehand.

It is felt the bad jobs at Chipotle hurt New York communities. Workers across New York have come forward with repeated accusations that the company has violated scheduling and minimum wage laws. More details about the ongoing investigations in the packet are on the back table. With far more liquor licenses than any other fast food company in New York, Chipotle is an industry that disproportionally serves and employs youth. Recent studies have found 14% of fast food workers in New York City are teenagers and Chipotle is the third favorite restaurant among teenagers. There are 27 schools within 2,000 ft. of Chipotle's Doors in this community district and ten of those schools teach high school level students. One teenager has come forward that Chipotle had her mix and sell alcohol when she was seventeen years old.

Chipotle can operate perfectly well without a liquor license, said Mr. Reilly. In New Jersey none of their stores sell alcohol. In contrast most of their New York City restaurants hold liquor licenses. In September, SEIU 32BJ presented those concerns to Brooklyn Community Board 3 that voted to oppose Chipotle's liquor license application at 7704 Broadway.

Mr. Reilly urged the Public Safety Committee and full Board to oppose Chipotle's liquor license application at 88-01 Queens Boulevard when the restaurant applies for one.

Next, Board Member Kristen Gonzalez reported on a new initiative, Western Queens Community Land Trust, intended for western Queens. She stated this is a great way for the Community Board to support and address issues such as gentrification and affordable housing in our community. The floor was turned over to Scott Larson for more details.

Mr. Larson explained the Western Queens Community Land Trust is a coalition of community organizations and activists who are working towards establishing a community oriented/driven land trust in the context of development dynamics throughout Queens that are driving displacement and contributing to higher rents. In particular is the proposed rezoning in Sunnyside Gardens, which would overwhelm and reduce city services impacting Long Island City to Flushing. As a result, the group is working to create a community land trust that would help and represent communities along the #7 train corridor.

Mr. Larson explained community land trusts are not-for-profit organizations that acquire and secure land in communities we have. The goal is to address issues that the community feels is important as opposed to development driven by developers and the city's EDC where it is all about economic development which does not trickle down to the community. As a result, rents are raised and it creates displacement.

Community Land Trusts (CLT's) acquire land and lease it to community residents or business owners at permanently and deeply affordable rates with none of the inclusionary housing guidelines. The community sets the rates. Typically CLT's are operated by membership boards that are comprised of lease holders, community members and representatives and partners from non-for-profit organizations by providing funding and technical expertise.

CLT's eliminate land speculation by removing properties/buildings from the private real estate market and provide permanently affordable housing and business rents, protect residents' and small businesses rights, give members ongoing control over community land use and development decisions and also be used to create jobs and other opportunities.

This summer they have started and are working very quickly to acquire a city owned Department of Education building, about 600,000 sq. ft.) in Long Island City. Ideas about the use of the building were presented to the Board. The alternative for the building is developers are currently proposing housing/office space which would contribute to the gentrification of the neighborhood.

Also working with Woodside on the Move who have the same concerns with affordable housing. He mentioned other community organizations' ideas for the building such as a mixed use residential and commercial.

Mr. Larson's purpose was to raise awareness about this issue and encourage questions and also for the Board to consider supporting the Community Land Trust.

Next, resident Ron Curt spoke about overnight parking by commercial vehicles. He mentioned vehicles blocking his driveway and the need for him to park four/five blocks away. In particular, one truck was reported 39 times in the last four months, nine tickets were issued. Moreover, he reported an abandoned car around the corner with no motor or transmission with Iowa license plates. He had called the Police Department where he was transferred to the Sanitation Department. Sanitation reported they cannot pick it up because the car had license plates. He does not know how to solve the issue. Furthermore, an e-mail was sent to the Board office and Borough President Melinda Katz's office for assistance. To date, he had not received any response.

District Manager Cassagnol asked for the location of the vehicle.

Mr. Curt replied 56 Avenue on 94 Street and 53, 52 and 55 Avenues. It's the same vehicle parking all over each night. Moreover, he mentioned a mobile home that was parked for nine months on 52 Avenue off 94 Street. Nothing gets done. He reported another large truck illegally parked on 52 Avenue and Junction Boulevard that has been there consecutively seven nights and not ticketed.

Mr. Joe Nocerino said he would give Mr. Curt his card to contact him and added the Borough President bought a tow truck that is big enough to tow large 18-wheelers. This tow truck just recently arrived in the borough.

Speaking on that subject, Chair Louis Walker reported there was a car on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue/ 101 Street parked at the hydrant. You could see the car had been in an accident. The car was there at the hydrant being ticketed numerous times for over one month. The City of New York has a problem enforcing traffic rules, which need to be enforced.

Discussion ensued.

### **VIII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS**

Council Member Francisco Moya reported if there is complaints, even if not in his district, please feel free to contact the Council Member's office. You will be put in contact with your representative and Town Hall meetings are held in the community where city agencies are present and complaints are addressed. For example, complaints on the parking situation can be addressed by NYPD, Department of Transportation at the Town Halls. This will be an upcoming initiative for the New Year.

Next, he reported he is lending his support SEIU 32BJ in their fight to oppose corporations who take advantage of their workers. Those corporations are breaking the labor laws, and then come into communities to help them make a greater profit. Large corporations adjust workers schedules to cheat them from their wages, which is problematic. Those employees are our neighbors,

family, and friends. The only way we uplift from poverty and wage disparity is to fight for workers' rights which are at the forefront of our community. Bad jobs like those at Chipotle hurt New York communities said Council Member Moya.

We should always remember the 40-hour work week, paid vacations, and health insurance all started on a union picket line. If it wasn't for our brothers and sisters in labor, we would not have the benefits we have today.

Council Member Moya supports the union in its opposition to Chipotle's liquor license application because a very clear message must be sent that this community cares for its workers and we will present a very loud voice together in unity to defend our communities.

Next, Council Member Moya reported on the first ever Chess Challenge tournament he hosted for about 200 kindergarten through eighth grade students at the East Elmhurst Community School through funding the Council Member had allotted. Council Member Francisco Moya Chess Challenge is wonderful because it teaches the students critical objectives such as patience, strategy, and most importantly, to help the students develop social skills and cognitive competencies.

Trophies and medals were presented from the New York City Council. The event took place on Saturday, December 7, at PS 329Q and was a huge success.

### **Senate**

#### **Charles E. Schumer**

No Report. No representative present.

Kristen Gilibrand

No Report. No representative present.

### **House of Representatives**

#### **Grace Meng**

Board Member Cristian Romero presented the following key legislative updates:

Before the updates were presented, he addressed the Elmhurst/LIRR subway station issued. In 2015, former Congressman Joseph Crowley, Congresswoman Grace Meng, and Council Member Daniel Dromm fought to secure funding for the Elmhurst/LIRR station

There was approximately \$380 million capital funding set aside which has not been allocated. Congresswoman Meng is actively looking into what happened to the funding and when the station will be funded and opened.

Next, he reported the Congresswoman introduced technology education: Closing The Homework Gap Bill. Millions of children every night are unable to finish their homework because they are without internet access. To address this the Congresswoman introduced Closing The Homework Gap Act, which provides funding to schools and local libraries to purchase mobile Wi-Fi hot spots and ultimately help close the digital divide. The Congresswoman believes every child deserves their best chance at education.

Next, Congresswoman Meng proposed an education entrepreneurship/economy the 21 Century Youth Entrepreneurship Act, To empower youth by including entrepreneurship programs in all K-12 schools. Participating in such a program in high school, Board Member Cristian Romero believes strongly it helps with interpersonal and presentation skills needed.

Finally, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) had proposed an application fee hike. The proposal was released last month which would establish the first-ever application fee for asylum seekers, limit fee waivers, and raise fees for certain worker visa applications.

This will affect many people in many communities who are applying for immigrant benefits. In response Congresswoman Meng led 80 congressional colleagues in a letter calling on DHS to abandon plans to hike application fees.

#### **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

Michelle, Field Representative/Caseworker reported on their monthly Town Hall meetings, which is in the eleventh year. An upcoming Town Hall is planned in Woodside Saturday, December 14, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Green New Deal for Public Housing legislation to establish a prosperous society that provides affordable and modern housing for all. RSVP on their website or call the district office or go to their social media pages.

For legislative updates:

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez participated in a hearing in the House Oversight Reform Committee to discuss a national solution to our country's paid family leave. The United States is one of two nations in the world that does not provide any form of paid leave for families. Under current federal law, unpaid leave is available to fewer than 16% of its employees in America many of whom cannot afford to take it. These hearings are vital to address conditions to help everyone live and thrive And to motivate employers to include those benefits to employees.

A December Newsletter will be coming up soon. If you have not signed up to receive the Newsletter, please call the district office or go to their website.

Please visit their office if you need help with immigration issues or federal benefits such as Social Security, IRS matters etc. They are happy to assist in whatever issues you are facing.

### **NYS Assembly**

#### **Brian Barnwell**

Daniel Suarez, Director of Special Projects, reported on their two events: The Winter Drive and the Toy Drive both had drop off locations at the Assembly Member's office, 55-19 69 Street, Maspeth, NY. For the toy drive, donations are accepted only until December 20 and for the Winter Drive until January 31. Bring coats, scarves, gloves and other winter outerwear to the drop off location.

Since Daniel Suarez will not be working for Assembly Member Barnwell any more, he thanked Community Board 4 for a wonderful year and wished all the best.

#### **Michael DenDekker**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

#### **Jefferion Aubry**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

#### **Catalina Cruz**

Jennifer Diaz announced:

The Coat & Clothing Drive is still on until December 16, 2019. Drop off coats and clothing and help out families in need this coming winter. Drop off donations at the Office of Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz at 41-40 Junction Boulevard.

In partnership with Council Member Daniel Dromm, and New York Immigration Coalition with host a Community Resource Event December 18 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at PS 69. Immigration services and Know Your Rights will be on the agenda.

Next, Family Movie Night on Friday, December 18, at PS 69 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Seats are still open and you can choose your movie from a choice of three.

Lastly, in partnership with other elected officials on Tuesday, December 17, a financial aid workshop will be held if you know of any high school students in need of assistance.

### **NYS Senate**

#### **Michael Gianaris**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

#### **Jessica Ramos**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

#### **Toby Ann Stavisky**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

#### **Office of the Mayor**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

## **NYC Council**

### **Daniel Dromm**

Kelly Wu reported on the Annual Holiday Open House, Wednesday, December 18, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Council Member's office.

Bring an unwrapped toy for their annual toy drive. The last day to drop off a toy is December 20. Toys will be donated to Elmhurst Hospital and families in homeless shelters.

Also, the Council Member's office offers legal services for immigration issues once per month.

### **Queens Borough President Melinda Katz**

Joe Nocerino reported on the following events:

A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for December 20 at 10:00 a.m. for the Queens Vietnam Veteran Memorial at Elmhurst Park. All were invited to attend.

December 23, 2019 at Queens Borough Hall Menorah Lighting, 4:30 p.m.

December 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m., the Borough President's Kwanzaa's event.

### **NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer**

James Mongeluzo reported he is the point of contact for any issues related to any of the Comptroller's roles. The areas he covers was also presented to the Board.

He explained the duties of the Comptroller's office such as working with claims to help people file claims against the city or file claims on behalf of the city. For example, a property with a city tree on it and the roots are breaking part of your fence. You can file a claim against the city for compensation. Reach out to Mr. Mongeluzo for assistance.

Or, if a contractor is repairing the roads for the Department of Transportation and their truck is parked on the sidewalk and the sidewalk is damaged/dangerous, let Mr. Mongeluzo know.

Other city agencies are audited by the Comptroller's Office. If you see any programs run by a city agency that is not being done in an efficient manner, please let them know. The more people point out the problems, the more likely the audit is targeted to the specific program.

For example, Mr. Mongeluzo mentioned the Department of Environmental Protection's rain gardens.

Moreover when agencies file contracts with service providers, the Comptroller's Office reviews the contracts to ensure the legal aspects. Please let him know if you have any concerns.

Call James Mongeluzo at 646-689-6509 for assistance. E-mail [jmongel@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:jmongel@comptroller.nyc.gov). Comptroller's reports were in the back, however, he specifically mentioned the Other Transit Crises listed in the report. Also mentioned other reports and plans for more affordable housing in the city.

At this point, Mr. Mongeluzo took questions from the Board.

### **NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams**

No Report. Representative not in attendance.

## ***IX. REPORT AND VOTE: Public Safety Committee SLA Applications***

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero recognized her committee members for their dedication and service who loyally attend the monthly committee meetings:

Committee Members Dewan Tarek and Georgina Oliver were asked to stand. Also mentioned were the many other people who attend the meetings every month and devote their time to the Public Safety Committee. Public Safety Chair

Lucy Schilero was very grateful and recommended the Board give them a ‘round of applause for their dedication and service, which was given by the Board.

Moreover, CERT was deployed to South Ozone Park to help with problems there.

Next, she reported on fire safety and prevention such as lit candles, inspect Christmas trees and lights to be sure there are no broken wires, and keep live trees hydrated.

Unattended cooking is the leading factor in home cooking fires.

Furthermore, Police will be out monitoring troubled areas.

Also, letters from the Board will be sent to liquor stores to tackle the issue of alcohol sales to patrons and minors at the business’ and several other locations throughout the district. Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero also mentioned the proprietors are abused by those patrons who start breaking their merchandise if liquor is not sold to them.

Next, she presented crime statistics such as a shooting and robbery that had occurred in the neighborhood. Those incidents are still under investigation. Updates will be given next month.

At this point, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero presented the liquor licenses.

### **NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES – December 2019**

#### **RENEWAL APPLICANTS**

<b><u>Establishment’s Name</u></b>	<b><u>Establishment’s Address</u></b>	<b><u>Committee Recommendation</u></b>
Boca Juniors Steakhouse LLC Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	81-08 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Cevecherua El Rey Wine, Beer & Cider	85-16A Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

#### **CORPORATE CHANGE APPLICANTS**

<b><u>Establishment’s Name</u></b>	<b><u>Establishment’s Address</u></b>	<b><u>Committee Recommendation</u></b>
Temezkal NY Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Applicant was not ready to proceed at this time. Advised applicant.	88-08 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied

Following the report, Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lynda Coral, to **approve** the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation as presented.

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

#### **X. Committee Reports**

##### ***Consumer Affairs***

No Report.

##### ***Environmental***

No Report

##### ***Health***

Committee Chair Ashley Reed thanked all who supported the National Diabetes Forum which had a good turnout and thanks given to those who supported the clothing and food drive.

### ***Parks***

Committee Chair Gregory Spock invited all to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Queens Vietnam Veteran Memorial dedication on Friday, December 20, 10:00 a.m. at Elmhurst Park.

He reported Newtown Playground has been reopened since the renovation. While under renovation there was an archeologist on site and during the renovation, three bone fragments were found. Information about the find had come through an elected official to the Board and Parks Committee.

It was pointed out to the Parks Department by the Board's Parks Committee the land at Newtown Playground is historic and historical signage is needed. The Park has been opened for two months and no announcement has been forthcoming. Since this is an historic site in a neighborhood that has few historic sites, a relic of history was found. He reiterated the Board had acquired this information through an elected official. A date is planned to have the bone fragment interred, but the date has not been scheduled. He will provide details at a later time.

Also, he reported CC Moore Park on Broadway is under renovation. District Manager Christian Cassagnol, First Vice Chair Marialena Giampino, and himself had met with Queens Parks Commissioner Michael Dockett and it was expressed to him the park was a historic site where Clement Moore's estate once was located as well as other families' histories. This needs to be honored and respected, which was also relayed to the Parks Commissioner. Parks agreed in writing to the Board an archeologist would be onsite during the renovation.

The park has been torn up and large construction vehicles are onsite. However, when the Parks Department was asked about the archeologist on site, the agency said the archeologist would not be onsite but on call. The stipulation was unless they dug two feet below ground.

Based on the 4 ft. high piles of dirt there, Parks Chair Gregory Spock feels Parks has not honored the agreement.

A letter was sent to Commissioner Dockett, elected officials, and Parks Committee members but a response has not yet been received. Parks Chair Gregory Spock will follow up.

Also, he reported there are many issues in CC Moore Park with illegal gambling and drinking.

Casino buses have been chased away by Gregory Spock from this location. He is working with the bus owners because it is not a legal spot to be parked picking up passengers and to clear the buses off the street before the park opens.

### ***Transportation***

Committee Chair Lynda Coral reported the committee met last month and announced the next meeting is December 17 at 6:45 p.m. at the Board office. Another meeting is planned for February 2020. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month.

On the upcoming agendas will be discussion of the casino buses, Poyer Street and meetings with DOT on Corona Plaza.

A survey was created a few months ago and will be shared with the Board.

At this point, Board Member Priscilla Carrow asked about the bus lane/bike lane at Elmhurst Hospital.

Chair Louis Walker responded the Board was informed about it but approval was given by the City of New York.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow continued people that work at the hospital complained they are late because of this situation. And to get to Queens Blvd., it takes 45 minutes because of the one lane.

Discussion ensued.

### ***ULURP/Zoning***

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported the committee did not meet, but an application is pending, which he has not received yet. A meeting will be held sometime in February 2020.

### ***Youth***

Committee Chair Alexa Ponce reported there are no current announcements, but the committee will start meeting in January 2020.

At this point, Chair Walker called on Board Member Kristen Gonzalez to speak on the Census Committee and provided details And on planning a town hall. She also noted this a temporary committee. It is very important our community is counted.

Before adjourning, Chair Louis Walker wished all a Happy Holiday and thanked those members for their hard work for volunteering.

Next, Elizabeth Crowley was introduced to address the Board. She is a former New York City Council member, serving nine years.

She began in Elmhurst and her parents had 15 children and she is the fourteenth child and provided more background information on herself. She noted the Board is working hard to make our communities stronger and knows that there are many challenges in Queens. We have grown faster than planners could ever imagine, she stated. Studying planning in graduate school, she has bold plans for Queens.

Infrastructure needs to be invested in. We must demand our fair share for every resource here such as schools, libraries, cultural affairs-almost every item we maintain for a strong community. More leadership is needed in Queens to make our communities stronger.

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

The Annual Holiday Party followed and a good time was had by all!