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Marialena Giampino

Chairperson

Christian Cassagnol
District Manager

October 12, 2021

#### **BOARD ATTENDANCE**

# Board Members Attending:

Marialena Giampino G. Oliver Lynda Coral Georgina Oliver Michelle Dunston Alexandra Owens Aridia Espinal Shrima Pandey Lara Gregory Alexa Ponce Vincent Laucella Lindsay Quartini Carol Machulski Cristian Romero Patricia Martin Clara Salas Sylvia Martin Lucy Schilero Matthew McElroy Alton Derrick Smith Sandra Munoz Dewan Tarek Marcello Testa

## **Board Members Absent:**

Chaio-Chung Chen
Andy Chen
Lorena Diaz
Leeanne G-Bowley
Kristen Gonzalez
Deependra Lama
James Lisa
Salvatore Lombardo
Sunil Mahat
Rovenia McGowan

Jose Morillo Edgar Moya Ruby Muhammad Gurdip Singh Narula Purushottam Panthee Brian Ramirez Ashley Reed Oscar Rios A. Redd Sevilla Urgen Sherpa Gregory Spock Dechen Tsering Louis Walker Yilin Wang Minwen Yang

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# **ATTENDING:**

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager
Margaret Silletti, CB4 Community Coordinator
Christina Long, CB4 Community Assistant
Assembly member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas
Berenice Navarrete-Perez, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Nick Roloson, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office
Deputy Director Kat Brezler, Queens Borough President's Office
Michelle Munoz, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office
Detective David Saponieri, 110 Police Precinct
Ahsia Badi, MPH – Director of Public Engagement, New York Independent Redistricting Commission

#### COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: ON LINE VIA CISCO WEBEX

## I. Call to Order

Chairperson Marialena Giampino opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

# II. Vote on September 14, 2021 Minutes

Board Member Matthew McElroy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Pat Martin, to <u>approve</u> the minutes. Since there were no corrections, motion passed.

(Since a quorum was not present, another motion was made during the latter part of the meeting—see page 4).

## III. Chairperson's Report

Board Chair Marialena Giampino applauded the dedication of the Board Members who attended last month's meeting and stayed until the end since the agenda was very long and the subject items were important and needed to be voted upon.

Next, the Board Chair announced she had attended the Borough Board meeting last Monday and on the agenda was the vote for the Open Restaurants/Sidewalk Cafes text amendment. The text amendment was not approved by the Borough Board. Many Community Boards had the same concerns that we had raised and most of the Community Boards voted no. Since the Board's vote was to approve with recommendations, the Board Chair had voted yes. At the Borough Board meeting, the vote did not pass. Next the Board Chair reported since 2017 at Newtown Playground there was a proposal to renovate one section of the park which is a historical and archeological section. Originally, this was an ancient burial section. On November 12, 2021 a reinternment ceremony will be held at Newtown Playground at 1 p.m. with the Parks Department and Queens Community Board 4 and the Elmhurst History & Cemeteries Preservation Society. The human bones found during the renovation which had an archeological team on site where human remains were found. This ceremony will re-inter those bones at the park. It was a lengthy process the Board was engaged in and thanks were extended to District Manager Christian Cassagnol for his assistance in the lengthy process.

## IV. District Manager's Report

District Manager Christian Cassagnol spoke about the FY2023 Needs Statement and explained the Needs Statement is the Board's wish list and is compiled once per year. The Needs Statement is due at the end of October but because it entails a public voting process and a Public Hearing, the District Manager requested an extension of the date to after the Board's November meeting. Committee Chairs need to meet with their respective committees to discuss the Needs Statement and to include the nomination of a vice chair of the committee.

Next, the District Manager reported tomorrow the Board staff will be at the office and several rules must be followed for the reopening. Two staffers will be on site at all times. Negative test requirements must be followed. For the public, appointments only are being taken. Call the office for an appointment.

Next, he mentioned many Board Members are having issues with their webcams and software. The Board is willing to provide Committee Chairs with an office webcam. The webcam will belong to the Board but it may be easier to navigate the programs. Call the Board office if interested.

# V. Open Session #1Board Member Attendance (Statements will be limited to two minutes)

Board Chair Marialena Giampino took the roll call.

Chaio-Chung Chen – Absent

Andy Chen – Absent

Lynda Coral – In attendance

Lorena Diaz – Absent

 $Michelle\ Dunston-In\ attendance$ 

Aridia Espinal – In attendance

Leeanne G-Bowley – Absent

Marialena Giampino – In attendance – The Street co-naming of Janta-Polczynska Polish Heroes Way on September 18 was a wonderful event and attended by many people. Special Thank You was given to District Manager Christian Cassagnol and Board Member Purushottam Panthee for their assistance.

Kristen Gonzalez – Absent

Lara Gregory – In attendance – October is Philippine-American History month. Join a celebration on October 25 of Philippine-American History month. More info in the chat.

Deependra Lama – Absent

Vincent: Laucella - In attendance - The 110 Precinct Gala is November 12 at Terrace on the Park. Info in the chat.

Congratulations to Board Chair Marialena Giampino and Board Member Michelle Dunston on their nomination.

James Lisa – Absent

Salvatore Lombardo - Absent

Carol Machulski – In attendance – Spoke about problems with her computer, but the Committee was successful in covering the agenda items including choosing a vice chair. QSWAB and the FY2023 Needs Statement was discussed.

Sunil Mahat – Absent

Patricia Martin - In attendance

Sylvia Martin – In attendance

Matthew McElroy – In attendance

Rovenia McGowan – Absent

Jose Morillo – Absent

Edgar Moya – Absent

Ruby Muhammad – Absent

Sandra Munoz – In attendance

Gurdip Singh Narula – Absent

G. Oliver – In attendance

Georgina Oliver - In attendance

Alexandra Owens - In attendance

Shrima Pandey – In attendance

Purushottam Panthee – Absent

Alexa Ponce - In attendance

Lindsay Quartini – In attendance

Brian Ramirez – Absent

Ashley Reed - Absent

Oscar Rios - Absent

Cristian Romero – In attendance

Clara Salas – In attendance

Lucy Schilero – In attendance

A. Redd Sevilla – Absent

Urgen Sherpa – Absent

Alton Derrick Smith - Present

Gregory Spock – Absent

 $Dewan \ Tarek-In \ attendance$ 

Marcello Testa – In attendance

Dechen Tsering – Absent

Louis Walker - Absent

Yilin Wang – Absent

Minwen Yang – Absent

May Yu - Absent

The Board acknowledged all ethnicities celebrations during the month of October.

At this point, Board Chair Marialena Giampino reported since only 23 Board Members were in attendance, a quorum was not present therefore, the vote on the September 14, 2021 minutes was invalid. A vote will have to be taken again if more Board Members are in attendance.

# VI. Report from Elected Officials

Statements will be limited to two minutes by representatives and three minutes for elected officials.

- --Federal
- --State
- --City

#### **Senate**

Charles E. Schumer

No report. No representatives present

## Kristen Gilibrand

No report. No representative present.

#### **House of Representatives**

#### **Grace Meng**

No report. No representative present.

## Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

A representative explained the Congresswoman along with other representatives visited Rikers Island today to examine the situation and they are working on addressing the immediate needs of the facility. A letter was sent to the House and Senate leadership on public transit housing and immigration. The House is temporarily raising the debt ceiling through December and continuing negotiations.

The October Town Hall meeting is Friday October 15 at 4:45 p.m. Build Back Better is the agenda item.

Also, if anyone was affected by the damages of Hurricane Ida call the Congresswoman's office for assistance. Information in the chat.

#### **NYS Assembly**

## **Brian Barnwell**

No report. No representative present.

# Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas

Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas announced her office is working on helping people get relief from Hurricane Ida since our neighborhoods were tremendously impacted. Through the Assemblywoman's hard work, a fund was created for people ineligible for FEMA who are mostly those who do not have immigration status. They can still apply for funding and would receive funds as if they had immigration status. The hotline is 1-800-566-7636 and please encourage those who do not have immigration status to apply. In addition the office is assisting with ERAP which is the Emergency Rental Assistance Program by appointment for assistance to file. A paper shredding event is planned November 13 from 10 am to 2 pm in front of PS98Q, 34 Avenue/69 Street. All welcome. Lastly, the Assemblywoman is hosting an e-waste drop off for old computers, VCR's and any old electronic equipment. Drop off those items at her office every Monday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

#### **Jeffrion Aubry**

No report. No representative present.

#### Catalina Cruz

No report. No representative present.

# NYS Senate

#### **Michael Gianaris**

No report. No representative present

#### Jessica Ramos

No report. No representative present.

# **Toby Ann Stavisky**

No report. No representative present.

## **NYC Mayor's Office**

No report. No representative present.

## **NYC Council**

hire guards.

# Francisco Moya

Berenice Navarrete-Perez gave the following updates:

Last week, the Mayor signed Council Member Moya's Bill which would require hotel workers to receive severance pay if the hotel does not recall those workers including the type of hotels this law applies to as well as which hotel workers are eligible. Also, the Council voted to pass Council Member Moya's Bill that would require prevailing wages for shelter security guards and to

Also, the Council Member continues to improve quality of life securing \$870,000 to clean neighborhoods. Of this funding, \$470,000 is specifically designated to NYC Sanitation services which included installation of cameras to tackle illegal dumping as well as added service hours. Additionally, Council Member Moya brought the agencies together to improve our parks for families using them. Upcoming Events were given.

#### **Daniel Dromm**

Nick Roloson reported Kelly Wu is now working for Congresswoman Grace Meng. Nick reported the Council Member's office will be hosting a green and solar event, which is a Q&A session on how to install/finance green or solar roofs on homes/co-ops/condos. Since energy efficient rules are going into place, questions are being asked and this event will provide answers. Join in tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. on zoom. Also, it has been posted on social media as well as info in the chat.

# **Queens Borough President**

Deputy Director Kat Brezler passed a link to the District Manager regarding FEMA's claim process and the Comptroller's claim process for those impacted by Hurricane Ida. An upcoming zoom is planned with pro bono lawyers on October 21 at 4:00 p.m. It will be recorded. It is recommended that those impacted attend so that they can ask questions from the lawyers. Contact her by email if you have any questions.

# **Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz**

Michelle Munoz reported October 13 is Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. DA Katz and the Latino Advisory Council will celebrate during an in-person ceremony.

Link will be provided to register. It will be live streamed on Facebook to view virtually.

Thursday, October 21, a virtual domestic violence program with several panelists speaking about domestic violence and resources available. Link provided. Call or email her for more info. Info in the chat.

## NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

No report. No representative present.

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

No report. No representative present.

At this point, Detective Dave Saponieri reported he is on the line for questions. Crime is trending upwards attributed to grand larcenies. Moving forward to the holiday season package theft is major as well as scams. Disregard phone calls asking for money. If you can get someone to bring in your packages, it would deter theft. Do not leave keys in cars running.

Board Member Lucy Schilero inquired if there a domestic violence unit at the 110 Precinct.

Detective Saponieri responded yes.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol read the following statement from John Wang, Executive Director of the Queens Night Market:

#### Dear CB4,

I just have two quick announcements:

The first announcement is that our fundraising for local food relief last month ended up raising \$16,000 between our organizations, our vendors and our visitor's contributions. Many thanks to everyone who joined us at the fall season opener and generously contributed to the cause.

The second announcement is that we are closing in on our season finale. As usual, we'll close out our season on Halloween weekend with trick or treating and kids and adult costume contests. There will be lots of great local prizes up for grabs including VIP concert tickets to the Forest Hills Stadium, a signed Mets baseball and much more.

Our final event is October 30 and hope that you and your families will join us in costume!

I can't thank CB4 enough for hosting the Queens Night Market for another year, especially as we're all trying to navigate the Pandemic together. Your support means so much to us.

District Manager Cassagnol added he is one of the judges at the Halloween contest and it is a really nice event and the costumes are very creative.

At this point, a quorum was present. The Board Chair called for a re-vote on the September 14, 2021 minutes.

Transportation Chair Matthew McElroy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Sandra Munoz, to <u>approve</u> the September 14, 2021 minutes. Since there were no corrections, objections or abstentions, motion passed.

#### VII. Presentation

Ahsia Badi, MPH – Director of Public Engagement, New York Independent Redistricting Commission New York State Redistricting

Ahsia Badi reported all information presented tonight is on their website: <a href="www.nyirc.gov">www.nyirc.gov</a>. This Commission is a product of a 2014 ballot amendment to implement historic changes with the intent to achieve a fair and readily transparent process to redraw the lines of state legislature and congressional districts. The Commissioners are selected for appointment by the Republican legislature, formed by the Democratic legislature. The four Republican Commissioners are selected independent and the four democrats are selected independent. The ten Commissioners have vast experience and knowledge in New York State as well as voting rights in communities. Their bios are on the website. Their tasks include submitting draft plans to New York state population for comment and then seek public comment and hold 12 public hearings in actuality its 14 public hearings. The cities are mandated and Queens will hold a public hearing on October 17. Hearings will be held in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester and Albany and coming into New York City in November and finishing in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

In the interim, public comment is being sought from other maps or comments on the draft plan. Let the Commissioners know if you disagree with the plan. The success of the draft map is based on the fact how much feedback is given by communities. By telling who should represent them and what district they should be in. A community of interest is a population which shares social, economic or policy of importance that suggests that community to be included in a single district for active and fair representation so that they use the same type of public transportation or may work in the same industry or shop at the same locations. Those type of points make a community.

After the public hearings, the Commissioners will submit final maps in early January to the Legislature. Ahsia Badi asked to get the word out and shared the screen to go to the website to let people know and encouraged all to start with the draft plans. You can download the zip files to use in different programming, although not necessary. Maps were shown with two draft plans with the current boundaries and you can overlay the different plans.

Next, Ahsia Badi spoke about the Participate tab. She had created an account so that she logged in as an account. If you have an account you will receive updates and send comments. Different screens were displayed.

All meetings will be available virtually.

While the Commissioners were waiting for the September 15 date, they were waiting for census data which formally is released in April and not received until August. Under submissions, you can see all the written comments.

At this point, questions were taken.

Environmental Committee Chair Carol Machulski asked how gerrymandering will be avoided when lines are drawn.

Ahsia Badi responded as the Public Engagement Director she cannot speak to the actual maps. The Commissioners follow what the Constitution has dictated about the drawing of the maps what public comment is.

Discussion ensued. Further questions regarding redistricting were asked.

More information in the chat.

At this point, Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas announced her office is working on helping people receive relief from Hurricane Ida since our neighborhoods were tremendously impacted. She fought very hard for a fund for people that are ineligible for FEMA, which are those who do not have immigration status, but can still apply for funding and they would receive funding as if they had immigration status. Call the hotline number at 1-800-566-7636 for assistance. It is important to apply so all our neighbors get the resources they need.

In addition, the Assembly Member's office is assisting with ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) by taking appointments for those needing aid.

Next, Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas announced a paper shredding event on November 13, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in front of PS 98Q, at 34 Avenue/69 Street. All welcomed to attend.

Additionally, the Senator is hosting an e-waste drop off for electronic equipment such as old computers, VCR's, etc. Drop it off at the Senator's office every Monday between 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All information in the chat.

# $\label{lem:VIII.} \textbf{Report \& Vote: Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee}$

# --State Liquor Authority Applications

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero announced CERT is giving, at least in 12 languages, a tropical storm Ida disaster assistance plan and provided a phone number affiliated with FEMA. Call 212-639-9675 for assistance or 1-800-621-3362. Information has been disseminated in different languages. Board Members Georgina Oliver, G. Oliver and Michelle Dunston was thanked for their help in Lefrak City that was severely impacted.

Next, the Public Safety Chair reported October is National Domestic Violence Month and she was very impressed with a letter written by Roberto Perez, Commissioner, Community Affairs, at the Mayor's Office. The Newsletter was very informative including many resources.

She noted a 24-hour hotline with the Mayor's Office at 1-800-621-4673 with a referral to the Family Justice Center, a good group of lawyers. Call 1-212-788-3156 for those who may need help. Additionally, there is a Domestic Violence Unit at the 110 Precinct. Call Community Affairs at 718-476-9310. Please call 911 if you see any incident of domestic violence, she urged.

At this point, the liquor license applications were presented. The Committee met on October 5. As far as the vice-chair appointment, Georgina Oliver was selected months ago. Also, the budget was discussed. Before the applications were presented, a thank you was extended to new committee members Lara Gregory and Deependra Lama for their good work to the committee. They were very astute and gave their opinions on matters.

The denials were for the following establishments: New Applicants - KTM Bar & Lounge Inc.\*

Renewal Applicants - Sabor Norteno Corp.; many complaints and assaults\*

All the other establishments were approved.

# **NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES**

# OCTOBER 2021

# **NEW APPLICANTS**

Establishment's Name	Establishment's Address	License Type
K's Cafeteria Corp.	48-03 108 Street Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Florence Culinary Associates LLC Florence Prime Diner	40-13 82 Street Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Kantasit Inc.	81-20 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
*KTM Bar & Lounge Inc. DENIED	75-32 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Rincon Cafetero Inc.	54-01 99 Street Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Nuevo Latino Restaurant Corp.	96-38 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Roger & Ana Corp.  Los Arrieros Restaurant	76-02 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Establish and Name	RENEWAL APPLICANTS	I the same Thomas
Establishment's Name Y-Awake Corp.	Establishment's Address 71-28 Roosevelt Avenue	License Type Wine, Beer & Cider
Izakaya Fuku	Jackson Heights, NY	Wille, Beef & Cider
Paraiso Azteca Restaurant	102-43 Avenue Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Mitad Del Mundo Bar Rest. Corp.	104-10 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Crystal Ball Group Terrace on the Park	52-11 111 Street Corona, NY <u><b>RENEWAL APPLICANTS</b></u>	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Establishment's Name	Establishment's Address	License Type
Leticias Restaurant Inc.	40-32 National Street Corona, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider

JAC Restaurant Corp. 75-16 Roosevelt Avenue Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Jackson Heights, NY

Mi Taqueria Tolte Rest. Corp. 92-10 Corona Avenue Wine, Beer & Cider

Elmhurst, NY

\*Sabor Norteno Corp. 102-06 43 Avenue Wine, Beer & Cider

DENIED Corona, NY

Gemi Thai Inc. 85-32 Grand Avenue Wine, Beer & Cider

Elmhurst, NY

Shake Shack Queens Center Mall LLC 90-15 Queens Blvd., Space 1069 Wine, Beer & Cider

Elmhurst, NY

At this point, Transportation Chair Matthew McElroy inquired about the denial for KTM Bar & Lounge, at 75-32 Broadway.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero reported the business is are under construction. When a site is under construction and appear before the committee, a liquor license is not given to ensure they will open as a business. Sometimes there is a fight between the partners.

Subsequently, Board Member Vincent Laucella made a motion, seconded by Board Member Michelle Dunston, to <u>approve</u> the Public Safety Committee report as presented. No objections or abstentions were given, therefore, motion passed.

## IX. Committee Reports

## Consumer Affairs and Economic Development

Committee Chair Michelle Dunston reported an informal meeting was held and a full report will be given next month.

#### **Environmental**

Committee Chair Carol Machulski reported the committee met on October 7 and completed tasks. Dr. G. Oliver is the committee's vice chair. The committee had reviewed the Board's Needs Statement. There were additions and corrections. A suggestion was made on #11 on the Expense part to bundle a whole section as it dealt with sewers and flooding of various streets. It was suggested it be bundled into one priority instead of spread out as separate items.

It was unclear if all were in agreement over the proposed change.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol reported because the next Board meeting is on November 9 a vote will be taken on the Capital/Expense priorities. Therefore, the committees have any time between now and November 9 to meet. Even though the committees are meeting once per month, the needs process is continual for the entire month. You are allowed to have as many informal meetings via email. Any changes you can make between now and before the next full Board meeting where a vote will be taken. If everyone could have their list before November 5, it would very helpful to allow time to work on it. He commented the Committee Chairs are doing a great job.

Environmental Committee Chair Carol Machulski continued her report that there is a meeting on QSWAB on October 27. Unfortunately, the QSWAB minutes for August and September are not available yet, and she was unaware of the outcome of the previous two meetings because she was unable to attend.

## Health and Human Services

Committee Chair Clara Salas reported the first committee meeting will be held Monday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. A Webex link will be provided for committee members and members of the Board. Clara Londono, Outreach Specialist/Assistant director of Community Affairs/External Affairs Dept. EHC/HHC will make a presentation on the services the Health & Hospitals Corporation provides and answer any questions. Where to get the booster vaccine, other preventative services, and where to get health care appointments will be addressed. The Budget/Needs Statement will also be discussed.

## Parks, Cultural Affairs and Historical Preservation

Since the Parks Chair was not in attendance, District Manager Christian Cassagnol presented the report informing the Board there was a one on one with the District Manager, Committee Chair Ashley Reed, and Committee Member Gregory Spock in consultation with the Parks Dept. He mentioned a few parks projects our elected officials had funded that came from the Mayor's Office and from Council Members Francisco Moya and Daniel Dromm. The following projects are destined for upgrades:

A substantial amount of work is being done in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park

CC Moore Playground is under reconstruction
Park of the Americas installation of fitness equipment
Josephine Caminiti Playground
William F. Moore Park
American Triangle
Hoffman Park - (partial funding)
We will advocate to get the rest of the park done.

Scoping meetings will be held on those parks projects as well as groundbreakings. Also, he reported on a workshop hosted by the Wayfinding Project inside Flushing Meadows-Corona Park on signage. Getting lost in the Park is pretty common and signage is needed. The workshop is very interactive and there is much feedback. Another workshop is planned for October 14 at 7:00 p.m. Access the link at nyc.gov/parks. Information will be in the Board's recap. A link will be sent out shortly about the Wayfinding Project in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

## **Transportation**

Committee Chair Matthew McElroy reported the committee is meeting Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. The major agenda item is the Needs Statement and also a street co-naming. An additional budget item will be included before the meeting.

## **ULURP/Zoning**

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported a meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. which will include the budget and the Needs Statement. For those people who have been affected by Hurricane Ida's flooding and live in a rent regulated apartment, call rent administration at 718-482-4041. If you no longer live in a rent stabilized apartment due to flooding, contact DHCR in Jamaica at 718-482-4041. Your rent will be reduced to a \$1 if you are no longer able to live in the apartment. Once you pay rent that means that you maintain your apartment.

#### Youth

Committee Chair Sylvia Martin reported on October 28 at 7:00 p.m. a committee meeting is planned. Agenda items include the budget and selection of a vice-chair.

## X. Open Session #2

Board Chair Marialena Giampino called for comments or questions.

Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the 110 Precinct Community Council meeting is the second Thursday of the month. For October, the meeting is October 14, 7:00 p.m., at VFW Post 150 - Flanders Field. All were urged to attend.

Board Member Vincent Laucella reiterated the 110 Precinct Council meeting is the second Thursday of the month. Serving as the Recording Secretary for the 110 Precinct Council, a domestic violence meeting was held at St. Bart's about two years ago. There were over 100 women attending from different ethnicities and races. It was by far the biggest turnout they had. If you know of any issues or any women or children affected, be their voice. Many victims are beaten and afraid to speak up. As Community Board members and human beings, we should concentrate to make sure everyone is safe.

Next, Board Member Vincent Laucella reported on a deli located at 48-12 104 Street opposite St. Leo's Church. The 110 Precinct and the NCO officers have been asked to investigate. There is public intoxication and narcotics trafficking. He noted St. Leo's never had a fence around its property. Now, a fence had to be installed because people were buying alcohol across the street, urinating on the church property, and drinking all day. This business does not respect the community. They were asked to stop serving alcohol to visibly drunk people. Needles have been found at Guida's Funeral Home and along 104 Street. Although it is unclear if the drugs are sold from this business, he pointed out if men are sitting on the corner and walking into the business and stay for two seconds and walk out, something is going on. Concerned about the sale of alcohol which leads to a rise in crime and violence, broken bottles are everywhere stemming from the one store. Issues at the little park on 104 Street, the grocery store/flower shop stopped serving alcohol to visibly drunk people. The two delis along Corona Avenue between 103 Street and 104 Street stopped serving alcohol. So far, it's only this business at 48-12 104 Street not complying.

Committee Chair Marialena Giampino commented the Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committees work together on this matter.

Following this report, District Manager Christian Cassagnol commented many years ago this business had asked the Board for help with the sale of alcohol to patrons coming in drunk and confronting them. Although the Public Safety Committee does not have jurisdiction over off sale premises, the Board can write a letter to the offending business informing them while the Community Board Does not have direct jurisdiction over their licensing, theses licenses do not come to the Board, the Board has the ability to deny their license for offensive reasons. Specifically, the letter includes the sale to intoxicated patrons. Also the letter states this is an issue with

your location and if you need help, the Board will assist. But if you are the offender, please stop because the Board can issue a denial of your liquor license.

Subsequently, Board Member Michelle Dunston reported PS 7 at Cornish Avenue and Broadway, under the underpass there is a community of homeless. Breaking Ground is trying to assist. Children attend school at PS 7 and the homeless are urinating in the street. The area needs to get cleaned up.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino had reported the area. Breaking Ground is onsite, but more needs to be done

Health and Huma Services Committee Chair Clara Salas said City Mission had been cleaning out the center medians of Queens Boulevard of dead trees, leaves, and garbage. The group also helps homeless people. City Mission works with St. James Church. In the winter, those men stay inside the Church to sleep. On Wednesdays, there is a meeting and they are given food and do work with City Mission improving the community and also to help in painting graffiti. The homeless cannot be forced to go to a shelter only to advise them or to guide them to go to different churches. Since many are undocumented and no crime is committed, enforcement is problematic.

Before adjourning, Board Member Sandra Munoz added the 110 Precinct Council meetings are held once or twice per year at St. Bartholomew's.

When the domestic violence officers addressed the community, there was a large turnout which speaks volumes to the need for information regarding domestic violence. Board Member Sandra Munoz relayed an issue on domestic violence she had witnessed and provided details and where to go for help.

Since there were no further issues from the Board, Environmental Committee Chair Carol Machulski made a motion, seconded by Youth Committee Chair Sylvia Martin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.