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Christian Cassagnol
District Manager

November 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Attending:

Marialena Giampino
Chaio-Chung Chen
Michelle Dunston
Aridia Espinal
Leeanne G-Bowley
Lara Gregory
Vincent Laucella
Carol Machulski
Sunil Mahat
Patricia Martin
Sylvia Martin
Matthew McElroy
Jose Morillo

Edgar Moya
Ruby Muhammad
Sandra Munoz
Alexandra Owens
Alexa Ponce
Lindsay Quartini
Ashley Reed
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Lucy Schilero
A. Redd Sevilla
Alton Derrick Smith
Louis Walker
Minwen Yang

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager
Margaret Silletti, CB4 Community Coordinator
Christina Long, CB4 Community Assistant
Kelly Wu, Congresswoman Grace Meng's Office
Michelle Luna, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Office
Mary Jobaida, NYS Senator Jessica Ramos' Office
Berenice Navarrete-Perez, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Jackie Sanchez, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office
Kat Brezler, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards' Office
Elizabeth Bian, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

TIME; 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: On Line via Webex

Subject: FY23 Capital and Expense Priorities for Consideration and Approval

I. The Chairperson Marialena Giampino opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Chairperson Marialena Giampino explained the Statement of Community District Needs for FY23 is a lengthy document with many details and includes explanations of the priorities. Every year, the Board can expand on the document. The Board Chair advised Board Members to raise their hand; attendance will not be taken verbally. Five minutes was given to the Board Members to review the FY23 Capital & Expense budget Statement. The Chair called out if anyone had any comments, concerns, questions on the Needs Statement. Since there were no questions from Board Members, the Chair asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

At this point, Legislators or/representatives were called on to comment on the FY23 Needs Statement.

Berenice Navarrete-Perez, representing Council Member Francisco Moya's office, did not have any comments about the Needs statement and there were no other concerns.

Next, the Chair announced District Manager Christian Cassagnol is on vacation/personal reasons, however, he is on the call if needed.

Board Member Lara Gregory commented it is a great document and as a result of Hurricane Ida, the sewer systems need improvement And is a major Capital expense.

At this point, Chair Marialena Giampino called on District Manager Christian Cassagnol for comment. District Manager Christian Cassagnol commented on the successful work the Board's committees did on the Needs Statement. District Manager Christian Cassagnol commented he is on vacation for the next week or two. However, he will remain on the call if anyone has any questions.

Accordingly, the Chair announced it is 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will begin in a few minutes and it was unclear if a quorum was present.

In the interim, Transportation Chair Matt McElroy noted on page 21 of the Needs Statement there is a note about MTA response and editing which should be removed, specifically, (Following to be edited pending MTA response).

District Manager Cassagnol added there is still time to make minor edits as the document will not be submitted instantaneously.

Accordingly, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero brought up there are Sanitation trucks that have the paper and recycling in one truck. Other areas do have this particular truck, but our Board has not received it and asked this request be added to the budget priorities. Specifically, it would be more convenient for the Sanitation worker and the route would move faster.

The question was referred to the District Manager who commented it is a viable request and there are slots left in the Capital budget to submit a request such as Better Fleets/Vehicles to Serve the Community in the Coming Years. The worst case scenario is that the item will be rejected but at least the Board will know the reasoning behind it.

The Board Chair closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. and the regularly scheduled Board meeting immediately followed.

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Board Members Absent:

Andy Chen
Lynda Coral
Lorena Diaz
Kristen Gonzalez
Deependra Lama
James Lisa
Salvatore Lombardo
Rovenia McGowan
Gurdip Singh Narula
G. Oliver
Georgina Oliver

Shrima Pandey
Purushottam Panthee
Brian Ramirez
Oscar Rios
Urgen Sherpa
Gregory Spock
Dewan Tarek
Marcello Testa
Dechen Tsering
Yilin Wang
May Yu

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TIME: 7:05 P.M.

PLACE: On Line via Webex

I. Chairperson Marialena Giampino opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and added the Public Hearing had ended and noted there were no comments or concerns other than two edits made by Board Members.

II. VOTE: Minutes October 12, 2021

(The Board could not take a vote on the minutes as a quorum was not present).

III. Chairperson's Report

Chair Marialena Giampino encouraged all to read the entire Needs Statement. Although it is a lengthy document, it gives much information about the district, its needs, and issues the district is experiencing.

Next, the Board Chair spoke about committee attendance. Many of the Board Members are not attending or participating on their respective committees. It is important to contribute to the committee because the workings of the Board is done in committee. Also, the quorum is affected because if meetings are missed, it reflects on the voting on important issues. All were urged to attend meetings. In conclusion, Board Chair Marialena Giampino spoke about A Historic Event Sponsored by New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, Queens Community Board 4 and the Elmhurst History & Cemeteries Preservation Society to rebury remains of early settlers of the Elmhurst community at Newtown Playground: 56 Avenue and 92 Street on Friday, November 12. A ceremony is planned to honor the settlers reinterred. All were urged to attend.

Subsequently, the Board Chair explained there was an archeologist on site at Newtown Playground during the renovation where four bone fragments were found and only three bone fragments were given to the funeral home. The one bone fragment supposedly disintegrated and the Parks Department was never informed. This is negligence on the part of the archeological company hired. The Parks Department was notified to investigate the issue. This project began in 2017 and these events are important to bestow honor on those who came before us.

IV. District Manager's Report

Although present, District Manager Christian Cassagnol did not give a report.

V. Open Session #1/Board Member Attendance (Statements will be limited to two (2) minutes)

Board Chair Marialena Giampino took the roll call.

Chaio-Chung Chen – In attendance

Yi Chen – Absent

Lynda Coral – Absent

Lorena Diaz – Absent

Michelle Dunston – In attendance

Ari Espinal – In attendance

Leeanne G-Bowley – In attendance

Marialena Giampino – In attendance

Kristen Gonzalez – Absent

Lara Gregory – In attendance

Thanked the Community Board for its help in transitioning her as a new member and thanked the Board for its support. Congratulated both Board Chair Marialena Giampino as well as Consumer Affairs Chair Michelle Dunston on their awards.

Deependra Lama – Absent

Vincent Laucella – In attendance

Wished success on the retirement ceremony of the bones on Friday, November 12 and also congratulated the Board Chair and Consumer Affairs Chair on their awards at the ceremony, Friday, November 12.

He noted crime is out of control, especially gun violence. Two shootings were reported over the last three days. One on Christie Avenue and the other at Corona Plaza. Our officials and Police Department need to take safety seriously. Residents pay exorbitant taxes and are not heard.

James Lisa – Absent

Salvatore Lombardi – Absent

Carol Machulski – In attendance

Carol Machulski mentioned the September QSWAB minutes be sent out to all Board Members. In this way, Board Members are aware of how waste is handled in Queens. . Handling solid waste is an issue and no access to landfills, which are almost closed. As a Board, we should be concerned about this development.

Sunil Mahat – In attendance

Vaccines available for children ages 5-11 which is important

Patricia Martin – In attendance

Sylvia Martin – In attendance

Matthew McElroy – In attendance

Rovenia McGowan – Absent

Jose Morillo – In Attendance

Edgar Moya – In attendance

Ruby Muhammad – In attendance

Sandra Munoz – In attendance

Gurdip Singh Narula – Absent

G. Oliver – Absent

Georgina Oliver – Absent

Alexandra Owens – In attendance

Shrima Pandey – Absent

Purushottam Panthee – Absent

Alexa Ponce – In attendance

Lindsay Quartini – In attendance

Brian Ramirez – Absent

Ashley Reed- In attendance

Congratulated all who worked on the Needs Statement as it was a tedious process. She urged all to attend the reinternment ceremony on November 12. It was a long time in coming and many worked hard to see it come to fulfillment.

First Vice Chair Ashley Reed reported on the Queens Borough Board meeting held on November 8. She attended as the Board's representative and there was a presentation from the Department of Youth & Community Development that has rolled out a new website: Discover DYCD which handles services for youth. Also, representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection were in attendance who presented a Q&A session. An Open Forum was held where many of the Board Chairs discussed the priorities on their Needs Statements.

Oscar Rios – Absent

Cristian Romero – In attendance

Second Vice Chair Cristian Romero announced as of this week, he is no longer with Congresswoman Grace Meng's office and will not be giving reports for the Congresswoman. Kelly Wu will be giving the announcements and reports on behalf of the Congresswoman.

Clara Salas – In attendance

Lucy Schilero – In attendance

A. Redd Sevilla – In attendance

Urgen Sherpa – Absent

Alton Derrick Smith – In attendance

Gregory Spock – Absent

Dewan Tarek – Absent

Marcello Testa – Absent

Dechen Tsering – Absent

Louis Walker – In attendance

Yilin Wang – Absent

Minwen Yang – In attendance

May Yu – Absent

Note: Many of the Board Members acknowledged the November holidays, and also wished Board Member Vincent Laucella a Happy Birthday.

At this point, Board Chair Marialena Giampino announced a quorum was present, therefore, a vote will be taken on the minutes of the October 12 meeting.

VI. VOTE: Minutes of October 12, 2021

Health Committee Chair Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Consumer Affairs Committee Chair Michelle Dunston to **approve** the minutes. Since there were none opposed or abstentions, motion passed.

VII. 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 representative present

Kristen Gilibrand

No report. No representative present

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

Kelly Wu reported she is on staff at Congresswoman Grace Meng's office as 2nd Vice Chair Cristian Romero is no longer with the Congresswoman's office; and going forward, she will be attending the Board meetings. There were no major updates to report, but shared her contact information in the chat. Call her if you need help with any Federal issues.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Michelle Luna, Constituent Liaison/Field Representative, reported this week President Biden will sign into law a Bill to invest in physical infrastructure in our country. The Congresswoman is still committed to passing the Build Back Better Agenda that delivers environmental and social investments that our district needs. Updates will be provided on progression of the bills through their Newsletter.

The Congresswoman will be hosting a virtual Town Hall on Thursday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m. Further information in the chat.

If you filed a claim with FEMA, you may appeal. More information in the chat.

The office is hiring interns for spring 2022 for the Jackson Heights office. Please feel free to share this information.

NYS Assembly

Brian Barnwell

No report. No representative present.

Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas

No report. No representative present.

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

Mary Jobaida reported the office is open and to call the office to make an appointment. Call 718-205-3881 before coming in.

Turkey Giveaways will be held on Saturday, November 13, at PS 329. Information on line tomorrow. Participants need to register on line. Link available on the Senator's official website. A second Turkey Giveaway will be held on Friday, November 20, at 3 p.m. at the Louis Armstrong Middle School (courtyard). Registration online.

Toby Ann Stavisky

No report. No representative present.

NYC Mayor's Office

No report. No representative present.

NYC Council

Francisco Moya

Berenice Navarrete-Perez reported the Council Member continues to fight for insecurity and quality of life issues within the district. Recently, a healthy food box event with Elmhurst Hospital was held where healthy food boxes were given out to 300 families. Another event will be held on Friday, November 12, at Plaza del Sol and our Lady of Sorrows. Additionally, two community events were held; one with DSNY and the other with the Neighbors of American Triangle where 114 Street was cleaned; another one with PS127 in East Elmhurst in partnership with the Parks Department raking leaves and planting tulips. A flu shot event is upcoming on Saturday, November 13, at First Baptist Church at 12 Noon. Upcoming turkey events, but details are being finalized. Follow them on social media, however, it will begin the weekend before Thanksgiving. More information in the chat.

Daniel Dromm

Jackie Sanchez filling in for Kelly Wu who is now with Congresswoman Grace Meng's office. Their recent Newsletter was released on finalizing the New York City budget plan plus all of the accomplishments in the district this year. This will be Council Member Dromm's last Newsletter. On November 17, an informational session will be held at lunchtime on navigating benefits for immigrants. All were welcomed to join. Flyer will be sent.

Queens Borough President

Kat Brezler will put in the chat the Queens Borough President Donovan Richards calendar link and wished all a happy holiday season.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz

Elizabeth Bian reported tomorrow Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz will partner with the Queens Borough President Donovan Richards for an in-person Veterans Day Observance to begin at 11 a.m. at Elmhurst Park.

Secondly, on November 15 a Housing Resources Fair will be held at 3:30 p.m. Legal housing experts from the District Attorney's housing bureau as well as representatives from the elder Flood Unit will be available to answer any questions. Information in the chat.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

No report. No representative present.

NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

No report. No representative present.

VIII. VOTE: FY23 Capital & Expense Priorities

Before the Board vote, Chair Marialena Giampino explained two changes were already received on the budget priorities.

At this point, Transportation Chair Matthew McElroy pointed out #15 on the Capital priorities, the street name is wrong about street resurfacing on the service road. It stated the Long Island Expressway, but it should be the Queens Blvd. Service Road.

The Board Chair called out if any Board Member had comments, corrections, or questions. Since there were none, the Board's vote was taken.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero made a motion, seconded by Transportation Chair Matthew McElroy, to **approve** the FY'23 Capital and Expense Priorities as is with the three corrections noted.

Subsequently, the Board Chair called out if any Board Member was in opposition to the Needs Statement to raise their hand unless a roll call vote was needed.

If no one had any comments, which there were none, the motion passed.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino thanked all for their contribution and effort with the Needs Statement.

IX. Report & Vote: Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

--State Liquor Authority Applications

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero reported the committee met November 3 and had a quorum. The committee discussed changing clocks for daylight savings time. Also, CERT was brought up going out and helping those that were victims of Hurricane Ida; forms and documents were distributed to file for FEMA.

At this point, the liquor license applications were presented.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

November 2021

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>License Type</u>
Palladium Bar & Lounge Corp.	111-34 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>License Type</u>
Q-Town Asian Cuisine Inc.	82-87 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
J&J Pizzeria Café Bar Corp.	40-13 82 Street Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Dom Music Box Corp.	40-08 74 Street Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

CLASS CHANGE

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>License Type</u>
Norbu Lingk Kitchen Inc. <i>Lngta</i>	75-16 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider
Bakery Restaurant Los Parceros	40-08 82 Street Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
Mahamitr <i>Bla Bla Bar</i>	71-28 Roosevelt Ave., 2 nd Fl. Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider
J&I Products Corp. <i>Spicy Shallot</i>	77-01 Woodside Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero reported there were two denials—Palladium Bar & Lounge Corp. It is still under construction. The committee did receive a letter from the Pastor of a church on Roosevelt Avenue. The Pastor was adamant not to grant any more liquor licenses along Roosevelt Avenue stating the district is oversaturated. However, there are no reports for this location, specifically, no problems. There is homeless in the area as well as drugs and prostitution. The Pastor is requesting the committee to reconsider the application, but the law is on the side of the establishment more than ours. However, the committee will look at the application again and invite him to the committee meeting to speak.

The next denial was for the Dom Music Box Corp at 40-08 74 Street. For years, there were complaints about noise and other problems which have gotten worse. Forty nine incidences were reported in this area. The worst one being unlicensed hookah. A letter will be written to the establishment; and if problems continue, the Board will write a letter to the SLA not to grant them a liquor license.

The other applicants were approved.

Before the vote was taken, Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero reported the American Red Cross is placing smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in the community but they are somewhat behind because the Fire Department is helping out. Call 877-733-2767, the direct line to the American Red Cross, to set up an appointment, however, the preference is to go online at redcross.org to make an appointment. Since many seniors are not computer savvy, the phone number was established.

Health and Human Services Committee Chair Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lou Walker, to **approve** the Public Safety Committee report as presented.

Board Chair Marialena called out for the motion on the floor if there are any Board members opposed or abstentions, let her know now. If not, the motion passes.

X. Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs

Committee Chair Michelle Dunston reported the committee members met and decided to hold meetings on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Also, the committee members met with District Manager Cassagnol to discuss the Needs Statement. However some members did not receive it and it was resent and reviewed. The Consumer Affairs Committee agreed to accept the Needs Statement as presented.

Committee Chair Michelle Dunston reiterated it is important for members to attend committee meetings. Presence is vital because in order to do things, everyone must be involved. Participation is vital.

Environmental

Committee Chair Carol Machulski reported the QSWAB meeting was held on October 27. Since there was no quorum, the September 2021 minutes could not be accepted. A speaker was present from the Center for Zero Waste Design. The focus was on redesigning neighborhoods towards zero waste, which involved different types of systems for containing litter and moving food scraps for compost systems by a pneumatic tube.

Environmental Chair Carol Machulski asked what the costs are involved and the Presenter said they did not have a cost baseline. It had to be done for each city for their needs. Go on to their website centerforzerodesign.org for more information.

The next QSWAB meeting is November 17. At the committee meeting, the priorities were completed and submitted for the FY23 Needs Statement.

Health & Human Services

Committee Chair Clara Salas reported the committee meeting was held October 18. A quorum was not present. Mr. Sunil Mahat was the only committee member in attendance. The guest speaker was Clara Londono, Outreach Specialist/Assistant Director of Community Affairs/External Affairs, Dept. EHC/HHC. She spoke on the services the Health and Hospitals Corporation have available to the community such as COVID-19 – vaccine, testing, etc. The presentation was very informative. In addition to Ms. Londono, two of her colleagues were in attendance who spoke on public services.

Health Committee Chair Clara Salas reported she had called on her committee members, left messages, but did not receive any response, and urged all committee members to attend the next meeting on November 22. A speaker is planned at this meeting.

Parks, Cultural Affairs & Historical Preservation

Committee Chair Ashley Reed reported the committee met on October 27 and reviewed the FY23 Needs Statement. Prior to the meeting, Committee Chair Ashley Reed and District Manager Christian Cassagnol took a tour with the Parks Liaison and visited a handful of parks and playgrounds in the district. A survey was taken what was needed and what was being done. Hoffman Park was selected by the Mayor as one of the parks in Queens focused on for a massive upgrade. It is unclear when the renovation will start, probably not until next year. Some of the projects that were completed were seen and also those projects were removed from the Needs Statement. Other projects were still included for Continued Support.

Transportation

Committee Chair Matthew McElroy reported the Transportation Committee met on October 19. Most of the meeting was to discuss the Needs Statement and committee members were thanked for their participation. A quorum was present.

Also, the committee approved a co-naming request for a section of Woodside Avenue from 76 Street to 79 Street as “Little Thailand Way”, which is a commercial center of the Thai community. There is a concentration of stores, especially restaurants, in the two block area. The area has made a profound change in the community in terms of street life activity. The Board Members should have received a narrative for the street co-naming.

At this point, Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero made a motion, seconded by Board Member Louis Walker, to **approve** the street co-naming resolution.

Before the vote was taken, Board Member Louis Walker asked have we done that anywhere else in the area, specifically, renamed an area because of stores that are in a specific area.

Transportation Committee Chair responded he did not know.

Staff Member Christina Long responded former Council Member Julissa Ferraras did one years ago and it was because of the cultural diversity in that particular area.

Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero stated it is a tight knit group of family people, which is also seen in Little Italy. And, it would be an asset for the Board to approve the street co-naming application. The area is growing and attracting people.

Chair Marialena Giampino called out if anyone had any opposition or abstentions. Since there were none, the motion passed.

ULURP/Zoning

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported the committee met on October 26 with a quorum present. There was much participation on the Needs Statement. The committee will follow up with HPD in 2022 in terms of housing. Also to work with the Consumer Affairs Committee on BDD (designated banking for the underserved area). The committee will follow up on the priorities in the Needs Statement that pertain to ULURP in 2022, especially land grants. It was a great meeting and the committee is looking forward to working on future projects.

Youth Services

Youth Committee Chair Sylvia Martin reported the committee met on October 28 with a quorum present and a co-chair was voted upon, Marcello Testa. A special guest was in attendance. Graham Brown, Director of Fort Preparatory Academy Middle School who was under Community Board 3 previously but is now under Community Board 4. The committee is looking forward to working with Mr. Brown in developing ideas for events for 2022.

XI. Open Session #2

At this point, Board Chair Marialena Giampino called out if Members of the Board had any comments/questions.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero commented on the American Red Cross and the installation, they are now getting outside help that may charge. Anyone calling the phone number given before or going online, make sure it's for free installation.

Consumer Affairs Committee Chair Michelle Dunston asked for an update on the street co-naming for Jim Galloway and Barbara Jackson.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino responded the Board had written a letter to Council Member Moya, but a response was not received as yet and will follow up with the District Manager.

Board Member Louis Walker commented on the illegal temporary paper license plates. They are not insured and being used to drive everywhere. He also commented on the recreational vehicles driving through streets in large groups. Shootings were also brought up. People are passing red lights very regularly. Those are not good conditions.

Discussion ensued about those issues.

Board Member Louis Walker said elected officials will have to get together and decide what to do to get things under control. Legislation and laws are needed to address the issues.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino commented enforcement is an issue with all city agencies.

More discussion ensued about passing red lights and about electrified bikes cutting in front or coming up beside motorists.

Board Member Vincent Laucella provided an update on the issues presented.

Subsequently, Board Members presented suggestions on how to address those issues.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero made a motion, seconded by Board Member Louis Walker, to write a letter/resolution and post on social media.

Board Member Lara Gregory suggested a resolution instead of a letter so that when it is submitted to an elected official there is a cover letter notifying this is the resolution passed by Community Board 4 on November 9. Board Member Lara Gregory offered to assist with the drafting of the resolution.

Next, First Vice Chair Ashley Reed asked who was the intended audience for the letter.

The Board Chair responded the local elected officials and the Mayor's Office.

Board Member Louis Walker commented the Mayor will be leaving office on December 31 so writing to the current Mayor does not make much sense. The letter can be addressed to both Mayors.

Following, Board Chair Marialena Giampino called out if anyone had any oppositions or abstentions. There were none.

More discussion ensued on how to proceed with the awareness of those quality of life issues.

First Vice Chair Ashley Reed suggested a Town Hall meeting to hear directly from constituents.

Health and Human Services Committee Chair Clara Salas agreed because there are so many problems. Walk the streets and you can see real problems; garbage, graffiti, littered sidewalks, noting the garbage is not picked up for days. Other problems such as human trafficking was noted. A Town Hall meeting where people can raise their concerns is needed.

Board Member Sandra Munoz said maybe we can invest in more community events that our presence can turn things around and agreed with holding Town Hall meetings. Community involvement is vital and being proactive is essential. A letter is passive because more of a presence is needed.

Subsequently, Board Member Lara Gregory proposed three ways: a letter/resolution, community events, and a Town Hall, which are not exclusive to each other. The resolution is important to set the facts of what is happening and communicate it clearly so that it is on record we are asking for action and not that we are just discussing it.

As a Board, all the facts can be enumerated and it is essential to formally endorse it so that they know these are specific concerns to be acted upon.

Further discussion ensued with added suggestions such as joint meetings.

Board Member Alexandra Owens commented about the increased alcoholism and sex workers who are often survivors of trafficking and may not be solved with police action. Social action as well as health care should also be considered. She was not sure if she was comfortable with a resolution at this time but maybe when community input is received as well as feedback from community groups who work directly with those committing those acts, it would provide more information.

Board Member Louis Walker commented our Board constitutes 50 members and how many people are present tonight. Just about a little more than half for a quorum. Where are the other 25 people that should be present tonight? It's not just this meeting it's every meeting.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino agreed by noting it takes participation and commitment.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino suggested Board Member Lara Gregory work with the Public Safety Committee on those quality of life issues mentioned along with other Board members.

Since there were no further issues, the Board adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.