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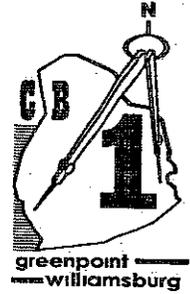
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## COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2013 211 AINSLIE STREET

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### ROLL CALL

Chairman Christopher H. Olechowski requested District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito to call the roll. He informed the Chairman that there were 21 board members present, a sufficient number to conduct the public hearing.

#### AGENDA

Chairman Olechowski noted the agenda. Ms. Nieves made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Caponegro seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### DCA – UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATIONS: An application was received for a renewal:

**CAFÉ ARGENTINO, INC., dba Café Argentino, 499 Grand Street (License # 1347538).** A renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats. (Presentation limited to 5 minutes).

Chairman Olechowski noted the renewal application. There were no speakers on the item. There were no objections raised.

#### DCA – APPLICATION FOR CABARET LICENSE:

**74 Wythe Restaurant Company LLC, dba Output, 74 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249**

Capacity: Room 1 – 262

Room 2 - 198

Hours of Operation: 12PM - 4AM, Monday to Sunday

Mr. Nicolas Matar spoke on the application. He noted that he was a principal at 74 Wythe Restaurant Company. He said that they are a new restaurant, music and entertainment venue, next door to the Wythe Hotel and the

Brooklyn Bowl. They were here before the community board for an application for a cabaret license. They often sell tickets to their events which includes DJ's, live music as well as dancing. He is also the owner of a cabaret venue located in NYC. The name is Cielo and they have been open for 10 years. In addition, he owns a restaurant in Chelsea called Salina's that has received two stars from the NY Times. Mr. Burrows asked about the location of Cielo. Mr. Matar related that it was in CB #2 in Manhattan at 18 Little West 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The restaurant is at 136 Ninth Avenue (Meat Packing District). Chairman Olechowski asked when they plan to open? Mr. Matar said that they have opened as a restaurant and they are still doing construction. The dancing and live music part will be opening in the next few weeks. Chairman Olechowski asked if they have spoken with their neighbors/local residents in the vicinity about the changes that they plan to make. Mr. Matar said that they do not have any residences within 300 feet. Mr. Burrows asked that when they come to the committee that they have their security plan; information on who the promoter is going to be; and a letter from the other community boards where they have their businesses in. Mr. Matar said that they do not have promoters. Everything will be done "in house". Mr. Rosario asked about the location in Manhattan of their other place. Mr. Matar related that it was at 136 Ninth Avenue. Mr. Duran asked about the security plan. Mr. Matar said that their capacity is 452 people. It is a little less than Brooklyn Bowl which is 600. He said that he was part of the New York Night Life Association and they worked with the NYPD to come up with best practices for night life establishments. For them, they are going to have, for a capacity of 452 people, they will have about 14 security persons. That is a lot more than what was mandated in the best practices, which is one security per 75 patrons. They are planning on having 12 on a busy night and two of them are going to be stationed to make sure that when people are exiting that they do not make any noise, congregate on the streets, etc. Mr. Duran asked about the two rooms, was one subterranean? The applicant replied that both rooms were on ground level. Chairman Olechowski asked if they contacted the local precinct. Mr. Matar said that they have. They met with Community Affairs officer Scott Adamo already and the commanding officer. They did a walk through on two different occasions. Ms. Lawrence asked about the music. Mr. Matar said it was all electronic music as well as live music but no hip-hop.

#### **DCA – APPLICATION FOR AN AMUSEMENT ARCADE APPLICATION: |**

**Barcade LLC, 388 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Applicant/Representative: Howard B. Hornstein**

Chairman Olechowski introduced the item and asked for the representatives to come forward. Mr. Howard Hornstein, attorney, spoke on the application. He noted that he was previously on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board and contributed to a lot of the growth of Williamsburg. He was here tonight to speak on Barcade, which is an establishment that has been in the neighborhood since 2004. They never had an SLA complaint or a criminal complaint. They run a terrific operation. They have started with nothing and done well for themselves. They have arcade machines in the premises that were approved by the Department of Buildings in 2004. Mr. Paul Kermizian spoke, noting that he was one of the founders of Barcade. He noted he was joined by partners Pete Langway and Kevin Beard. They have actually been here since 2004. They run a bar and arcade on Union Avenue. They specialize in American craft beer and classic arcade games. They were present to apply for their amusement arcade license. Mr. Burrows asked if they already had one. Mr. Kermizian said that when they opened they did not have the license available at that time. Mr. Hornstein said that they are applying for the license. They were not able to have the license before. Mr. Hornstein related that they run a similar place in Jersey City and Philadelphia. Peter said that they run on wind power and have two locations in Jersey City and Philadelphia. They are looking at one opening in Manhattan as well. They now see that they are in need of the license. The location in Manhattan is under construction. Chairman Olechowski asked about the number of patrons? Mr. Kermizian said that their occupancy was 74 persons. Their games are all machines from the 1970's-early 1980's. They are a hit for persons who are mostly in their mid 30's, their age fluctuates from some older and some younger. Mr. Duran asked about the number of machines that they have? Mr. Kermizian replied that they have 34 machines. They are old games like Pac Man and Asteroids. There are no pinball machines or gambling machines. No violence. Mr. Burrows asked about the residences across the street? Mr. Kermizian said that they put up their notice and they have not had any problems. They have a bike rack outside. District Manager Mr. Esposito noted that he had distributed flyers about the meeting around the area of the establishment. Chairman Olechowski noted that there were no additional questions raised and moved to the next item on the agenda.

**BSA – VARIANCE APPLICATION# 342-12 BZ for: 227 Heyward Street, (a/k/a 310 Rutledge Street), Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Block 2228 Lot 11)** – request for a variance to permit residential development of the referenced site, now zoned C8-2, to permit multiple dwellings. Proposed are two apartment buildings, with a total of 83 apartments and 42 below grade parking spaces. Applicant/Representative: Mitchell S. Ross. (Presentation limited to 5 minutes).

Mr. Mitchell Ross said that he was pleased to present this project this evening as it brings to fruition this community board's effects to not have what used to be a sanitation garage at that location for about 60 years. While that may have made sense 60 years ago, for the last 25 or 30 years it has been a real problem for the area. He noted that his client has the site now. The City stopped using the site in 2007-2008. They were hopeful that they could come before the board at that time with a housing plan, however, there were problems that they had with the City. The site was contaminated and required clean-up. The Sanitation Department's trucks and other things in the ground had been leaking for years. They have worked out that problem with a clean-up plan in place. It is very expensive. The cost of clean-up there was costly. They are proposing two apartment buildings. The first goes through between Rutledge and Heyward. What is immediately adjacent to them is an apartment building. They are proposing an apartment building that is at the same bulk. They will at least be contextual with that apartment building. They are having the development fit in with what is there now in terms of bulk. Mr. Ross displayed graphics about the site and proposed buildings. He noted what the zoning allows for someone who would build commercial buildings there. It would allow for buildings larger than theirs. He hopes that the community board would support their plans to develop housing on the site. They need the support in order to solve the problem there and develop the site. If they were to develop under the zoning they would have \$3million-\$4million loss. Chairman Olechowski asked if there were questions on the site. Mr. Duran asked about the plan, if it was close to the school? It was noted that it was on the same block or a block away. Ms. Teague asked if they were rental units. Mr. Ross said that right now they plan to be rentals. In a project like this it is hard to tie hands because of the margins are very close with the development. Right now they plan to have rentals that are market rate. The cost of clean-up is so high that they have to go with market rate. Ms. Nieves asked about what was there now? Mr. Ross said that what was there now is the garage and it will be demolished. The City started clean-up years ago. The City did studies but never really accomplished a clean-up. One of the problems here since 2008 and the work was not done until now is that the owner has been fighting in court. They do not want to remove all of the soil, which is what they do with the clean-up. Any lender wants this done. They discussed clean-up and following regulations. The owner will make sure of that. The owner is going to go in and build for \$30million, they want to do a sufficient job. He said when they go in to do the work, they wet the site down. Mr. Duran asked about the size of the apartments, it is showing three bedrooms. Mr. Ross said that when they go through this type of approval, the BSA, the final decision maker, doesn't allow them to give layouts. What they have suggested is the simplest scenario. They do not know what they will do. They do not want to tie us. It depends upon what the market will show. Mr. Duran asked what could be built there now. Mr. Ross showed on a graphic what that would be. They are proposing a 3.75 FAR. He also spoke about the contamination. District Manager Mr. Esposito related that the City contaminated the site. Mr. Ross said that they have only been the owners since 2005. This is when DCP studied the area and said that it makes sense to close the site as a garage. Mr. Duran asked about affordable housing, noting that there is none proposed. He asked about public space? Mr. Ross related that they will improve the block and beautify it. They will have a landscaped area. He noted that with the cost here and the clean-up, the cost is high.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2014** - Comments from the public regarding the Preliminary Budget for FY 2014. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each. Written testimony is requested.

Chairman Olechowski asked for comment on the budget. There were no speakers signed up at this time.

**LIQUOR LICENSES:** The following have applied for renewals/licenses:

Chairman Olechowski noted the list of applicants and related that the SLA review committee will be meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

161 Grand St Rest Inc dba Haymaker, 161 Grand Street (new, liquor, bar)

221 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Rest Corp. dba KRISTOPHE, 221 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street (corporate change, liquor, rest)

715 Lorimer Restaurant LLC dba Beco, 715 Lorimer Street (renewal, liquor, rest)

Aaron M. Israel, 310 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street (new, liquor, rest)  
Ampol Foods Inc dba Polonaise Terrace, 144-150 Greenpoint Avenue (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Antek Restaurant Inc, 105 Norman Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
BD&M Bar One LLC, 817 Metropolitan Avenue (new, liquor, bar)  
Brooklyn Fire Proof East, Inc., 119 Ingraham Street (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Brooklyn Slovak American Citizens Club, 619 Manhattan Avenue (renewal, liquor, club)  
Café El Beit Inc, 103 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (renewal, liquor, bar) (30 day waiver)  
Casanova Restaurant Corp. dba Casanova Restaurant, 338 McGuinness Blvd. (renewal, liquor, rest)  
D.O.C. Wine Bar 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Inc. dba D.O.C. Wine Bar, 83 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Del Sol Inc. dba Bottle Shop, 301 Bedford Avenue (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Desy's Clam Bar Restaurant Corp., 562 Grand Street (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
riggs Hospitality LLC dba Black Marrow, 558 Driggs Avenue (new, liquor, rest)  
Fette Sau LLC, 354 Metropolitan Avenue (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Frost Restaurant Inc, 193 Frost Street (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Geraldine Curtin dba Palace Café Inc, 206 Nassau Avenue (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Gourmet Guild LLC, 110 Broadway (new, beer/wine, rest)  
Grand Endeavors, Inc. dba Clem's, 264 Grand Street (renewal, liquor, bar)  
Hope Street Group Inc dba Good Company, 10-12 Hope Street (renewal, liquor, bar)  
J&P Bedford Capital Inc., 357 Bedford Avenue (new, beer/wine, bar)  
J&P Bedford Capital Inc., 357 Bedford Avenue (new, liquor, bar) (amended)  
Jaybek NY LLC dba Union Avenue Café and Bar, 568 Union Avenue (new, liquor, bar)  
Mejalona Inc, 593 Meeker Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Momo Sushi Inc, 43 Bogart Street, #B (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Mozaik Inc dba Mahzen Grill, 739 Grand Street (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Organic Homestead Inc dba Ella Café, 177 Bedford Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
Paloma Common LLC dba Cubana Social, 70-72 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Peter Luger Inc., 178 Broadway (renewal, liquor, rest)  
Rex Juno Inc. dba Acqua Santa, 556 Driggs Avenue (corporate change, liquor, rest)  
Saint Anselm Inc, 355 Metropolitan Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, bar)  
Salvatore Fristensky dba Crabby Patty, 152 Metropolitan Avenue (new, liquor, bar) (amended notice to include live music)  
SRT Restaurant & Deli Group LLC dba La Taverna, 946 Manhattan Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)  
The Geezers LLC dba Harefield Road Pub, 769 Metropolitan Avenue (alteration, liquor, rest)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Foskett, liaison from Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, spoke about the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Funding from the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, that the deadline is February 14<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to submit the Non-City Fiscal Year 2014 Capital budget application is February 28, 2013. She was available to answer questions.

Mr. Jonathan Vigours, from the Public Advocates Office, introduced himself and noted that he had just started at the office last week. He will be working in this community as well as some others in Brooklyn. If there are any issues that the Public Advocate can help with, please contact him.

Ms. Lisa Bloodgood, from Council Member Levin's Office, spoke about having a list of bicycle racks that are being installed all over the place. She had a list if anyone wanted to look at it. She made some additional announcements about other events. She also spoke about the participatory budget process and did not have the dates for the meetings, but that voting would take place the first week of April. If there are any locations to suggest, she would love to hear it. They will also be doing voting in their district office. There was a great event last night; it was the environmental benefits project. A lot of people came. She had information on that.

Chairman Olechowski noted that the public hearing was concluded; and that they would move onto the board meeting portion.

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## **BOARD MEETING**

### **ROLL CALL**

Chairman Christopher H. Olechowski requested District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito to call the roll. He informed the Chairman that there were 26 board members present, a sufficient quorum.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Perlstein made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rosario. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Rabbi Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lawrence. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Olechowski related that on January 31, 2013 he and the District Manager attended a meeting of forming a block association of the Milton Street residents who had many concerns. One of them was a respite for the homeless and was established at the Reformation Church (on Milton Street). There were concerns about a lack of communication. The meeting was held at the Polonaise and attended by Assemblyman Lentol who was instrumental in bringing the people together as well. A committee was formed and there is an intention to expand the association to include Noble Street, Greenpoint Avenue and Franklin Street residents. It is building up steam to begin to address the respite for homeless on Milton Street and other issues such as night life, truck routes and noise factors. The police department attended and took notes, as these were issues of enforcement. These are ongoing issues in this community. They will have more issues. He noted that the respite at Milton Street was related to the community board much later when there was wind of it. The new block association is something good for the community. Ms. Lawrence asked about the respite, that it has been going on for sometime. Chairman Olechowski said that it was something that was done fairly recently. This is not the McGuinness Boulevard facility that is a citywide shelter. At the church, it was a certain number of beds for the homeless of this neighborhood. It is a temporary location for homeless from the community, mostly Polish homeless. There are about 10 beds. He related that they needed to regroup and form a better effort on this. Mr. Burrows noted that there was another meeting on this and noted that the respite was set up in response to people freezing to death in the overpass --- specifically for people from this neighborhood to go to on freezing cold nights. The Church of the Ascension said that they would have it, but their board at the last minute said no. And it went to the Reformed Church because people were freezing to death. It was specifically asked for by the council member and people from the community. It has now been closed and moved over to the Ascension Church.

Chairman Olechowski said that this is what he has heard and that the block association is a good thing as people are getting together to talk on these issues. It will help to get lead on things. He wanted to address right now that Ms. Roslund, the Land Use Chair will be leaving the board, not right away but she will be leaving. He said that next month they will be announcing nominations for her position on the Executive Committee. This will be a special election. Rabbi Niederman noted that she has done a terrific job.

### **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

A written report was submitted and distributed for review.

**PUBLIC SESSION** (Reserved for the Public's expression. Board Members will not be allowed to speak.) Each scheduled participant for this session will have an allowance of two (2) minutes.

There were no speakers signed up for the public session. Chairman Olechowski noted that anyone who wants to sign up to speak, there was an ironclad rule: sign up before 6:15PM and in person.

Council Member Levin said that due to some extenuating circumstances, the respite program on Milton Street

has come to a close. It was obviously a very cold week. There was a blizzard this week. The site was supposed to house the 10 bed respite program for individuals who are homeless in Greenpoint. It will be at the Church of the Ascension on Java Street for the winter. So far, he has not heard anything. It was a rush to have the respite relocated there. There was a complaint at the outset that there was not enough communication going on with the neighbors on Milton Street. They are hoping to avoid all of that and they are looking to having a meeting next Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, to meet with the neighbors. The program will have a van service to allow them to be dropped off, so that the guys are not lingering on Java Street, because this was one of the complaints on Milton Street. There are other programs on Java Street, but they do not have a soup kitchen or food pantry. This will cut down on the number of people coming there during the day when there is no one to supervise. He has not heard any complaints and he believes that the community has stepped up to provide space where they now have funding for some basic programming for the winter. It will in fact save lives, helping to keep people from freezing to death with hypothermia. Hopefully this will work out. The council member also spoke about the pathways in McCarren Park that his office had funded. It was a project that he had funded in 2010. It is finally being implemented now. Some of the areas are closed as they stage the work. He said that they will be able to do as much of the pathways as they can with \$1million. Hopefully by springtime the pathways are totally repaved. It will cut down on some of the pooling issues that they have at the park between the two fields and the collection of rainwater. The pathways were very wide and they will be reduced about a foot on either side. These areas will be treated with grass. He asked for any feedback.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND SLA REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tom Burrows reviewed the joint committee report that was submitted and distributed for review. He provided a briefing on the meeting and the number of items in the report.

- 1.) **Public Safety Committee Items** – Sidewalk Cafe applications. These were for three renewals. The committee recommends approval. A motion to support the recommendation was made by Mr. Rosen and seconded by Rabbi Niederman. The motion was unanimously carried.
- 2.) **SLA Review Committee Items** – New Licenses and Denials. The committee made various recommendations regarding the applications. Mr. Burrows briefly discussed the contents of the report. A motion was made by Rabbi Niederman to support the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro and carried unanimously. Mr. Burrows spoke about the renewals and asked for a motion. Mr. Weidberg made a motion to support the committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Rabbi Weber and was carried unanimously. Mr. Burrows spoke about the postponed items from the previous meeting that were reviewed and recommendations were made on those as well. A motion was made by Ms. Nieves to approve the committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rosario and was carried unanimously.
- 3.) **Change at the 94<sup>th</sup> Pct.** - Mr. Burrows related that there was a change in commanders at the precinct. DI Hurson has been moved to another precinct and a new commander, Capt. James Ryan, is the new commander for the 94<sup>th</sup> Pct.

The two committees will have a joint meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> to review items from the public hearing.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was raised at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Duran spoke about the cabaret license. He wanted to address his concerns to the committee. He was concerned about the strip on Wythe Avenue becoming a club zone. They are saying that there is no one around there right now, but there is a lot of new construction. Ms. Nieves noted that 400 plus people walking through the area is a lot of people. Mr. Burrows suggested that they look at a traffic light for the corner.

Mr. Solano announced that on February 20<sup>th</sup>, Churches United for Fair Housing is having an anniversary

celebration at Giando's. He invited all to attend and to see him after the meeting or visit the organization's website for further details.

Ms. Nieves spoke about a rat problem that is growing. She said that they are everywhere. Chairman Olechowski said that a representative from the Health Department will be requested at the next meeting.

Chairman Olechowski, we can push for some action. We can ask for a representative to come from the Health Department.

Mr. Weiser spoke about alternate side of the street parking. He spoke about the ratings. What part is needed for improvement?

Chairman Olechowski noted that Council Member Levin was present and wanted to speak on the issue regarding reduction of Sanitation cleaning days. This problem has been here for so many years now and keeps coming back

Council Member Levin said that they changed the law a couple of years ago to review the quadrants, the four quadrants of the community board, so that a quadrant could get reduced to one day a week without the whole community board. So if the whole community board is averaging like 89.5% and two of the quadrants have 93% and two of the quadrants are at 86% then the two areas that are at 93% can get one day a week. It is his understanding that south Williamsburg is below 90% and he doesn't know how long the Sanitation goes out and does the assessment? He did not know how many times they can come back and do it, so he'll look back into that. And he doesn't know how long the assessment period is. Are they there for like two weeks or they are there for six months.

Mr. Weiser related that the question was for them to come out...how did we get to that rating? What is the issue?

Council Member Levin said that he could look and get the exact criteria from the Department of Sanitation. It is street sweeping related, it is working in the street itself. He'll go back and look at it. He'll also go back and get the map of the quadrants so that he could follow up. He asked Mr. Weiser to reach out to his office directly and he'll share that with the entire community board. Ms. Teague said, we are asking everybody to come here at the same night. Chairman Olechowski said that it would be best if they all came here as part of a public hearing, so that everybody would be present. Council Member Levin related that they are all part of the same meeting so that they don't get to put it off on each other, and pass the buck.

Rabbi Niederman said that this was an issue that has been discussed most probably before he joined the board. It is more than a year ago; and it has not been resolved. And that issue is not to ticket double parking at the time that street cleaning is in effect. And to go, left and right, you can go to Manhattan, it is not an issue. Here, somehow it is an issue that they keep on ticketing when people double park. What does that do? If a person has to make a decision: am I going to double park and pay [the ticket] \$150, or am I going to stay here and pay \$45.00. It is bad. It is bad for the person who parks in his own community, he lives there. On the other hand, it is basically telling you are contributing to that by having this community being treated differently than other communities where that is allowed and we can't get our handle on who is responsible for the ticketing. You speak to Sanitation and they don't ticket...who is the enforcement? Where do you get them? I have an idea, maybe we can, the board, ask for a representative from Sanitation, a representative from the 90<sup>th</sup> Pct., a representative from Traffic Enforcement and a representative from any unit (Traffic) to a meeting. Bang our heads together and identify, identify who it is and let's deal with it.

Council Member Levin said that it was a frustrating thing because other neighborhoods, I remember in Bushwick on Greene Avenue, in the middle of the day...other neighborhoods do have arrangements for people, people don't get ticketed. Boerum Hill, right around from his office, other neighborhoods have it...but not here. Rabbi Niederman said Bed Sty is one of the neighborhoods. Rabbi Weber said that they are claiming that it is the Community Board--- this is what they said. Rabbi Niederman said that perhaps they can come to a meeting, the next meeting or the next cabinet meeting. Rabbi Weber exclaimed to make a resolution.

Council Member Levin said that he would support them coming to a general meeting. He is not a member of the board, but this is what I would do. Mr. Turner spoke, he wanted to give an example to let people know what Rabbi Niederman was talking about. Mr. Turner related that he was the Executive Director of ODA. They are on Heyward Street, Rabbi knows. They have about 150 employees. Most of them come by car. There is a nursing home on the same block, close to 200 employees. There is Omni Rehab, that has a number of employees. If only 50% comes by car, you are talking about a few hundred cars. Out of that 50% has to circle for an hour and a half. You have a hundred cars circling around. On a day with alternate side parking, in a ten block radius there are 100 cars circling. We all know what that does to the environment, to the jobs. It costs money.

Mr. Esteban added that there are signs that are for much earlier times than what when you have to wake up for -- - 8Am, as oppose to other places. There are other sections that are 8AM. He Wanted know, what are the options. He wanted to note that the last time that there were representatives here, they did say that there were two sections that drew the percentage: Flushing Avenue corridor and another commercial one. He spoke noting that there is a lot of truck traffic, traffic that happens and some of that garbage are not necessarily from community members here, 'cause it is a main transportation hub. I would definitely welcome them re-evaluating it again, to be able to allow us to park.

Ms. Nieves spoke about the commercial corridor.

Mr. Solano asked about the relaxed parking for when they are filming?

Council Member Levin said that they were never able to get that. It was a bill that would suspend alternate side of the street parking around a film shoot for the duration of a film shoot and the adjacent block. It was bill he introduced. And the Mayor's Office opposed it. And they blocked it. They did not think that it was feasible for the Dept. of Sanitation. It would create a situation where people would come in and contest their tickets. And they have to prove that there was a film shoot. He still thinks that it is the right thing to do, because in CB #1 they have a lot of film shoots. They have two film studios that are operating in the board or at the edge of the community board. Probably more film shoots than any other community board in Brooklyn.

Chairman Olechowski said that they would follow up on those recommendations to bring in those agency representatives (Sanitation, Transportation, Traffic, and so forth) to a meeting that we can sit down, with the Council Member, and see if we can work this out.

Rabbi Niederman, he asked to send a joint letter or something, too, from the Council Member and elected officials, to the agencies saying that we ask for the reduced cleaning regulations.

Chairman Olechowski, there is a suggestion, a recommendation to have a letter from the community board to bring in the respective representatives from the agencies, perhaps a joint council member letters that could put some more pressure on this. There is an important significant item that has to be ultimately resolved.

Council Member Levin said that he will have his office draft a letter by the end of the week.

Mr. Reynoso wanted to speak on a different matter. He noted that he was the Chief of Staff for Council Member Diana Reyna. He said that he was going to keep it short. He agreed with almost everything Council Member Levin said in regards of this traffic issue and they will definitely be partnering anyway that they could be helpful. The Southside is also an issue. In parts of the district, at 8AM in the morning, if you have to move your car, you can't find parking. They have folks who are coming late to work. There are a lot of issues and they should be reconsidered. He announced that tomorrow they would have a black leadership celebration that they will be hosting in the Williamsburg Charter HS, at 6PM. All are invited. District Manager Mr. Esposito related that the invites did go out. Mr. Reynoso noted that there was an event on February 20<sup>th</sup> that is a celebration for Church's United for Fair Housing 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, he asked all to come and support them.

Ms. Peterson provided an update on the issue of the Center (211 Ainslie Street). It was a complex issue and three

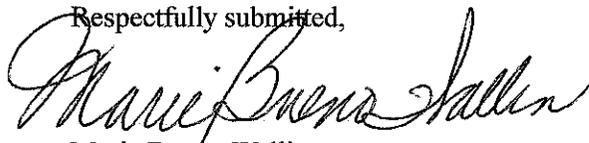
or four things that have to be done in a very close, tight way. They have several weeks to come forth with a plan. They have been working with the Board, Legal Services, St. Nicks, Council Member Reyna's Office and trying to put together in the next weeks --- a plan. They have also been meeting with the landlord of the building. The Board is meeting next week with the building to find out the intentions of the landlord. She noted that there is the problem of the Day Care Center and the Senior Center. A considerable source of money needs to be raised and a change in steps to save the center. She urged support and a lot of creative effort. She said that they were just discussing setting up a meeting of the Social Services Committee.

Ms. Nieves noted that would be a meeting of OUTRAGE and an update regarding the task force.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Solano made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and was unanimously carried. The board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Reviewed by:



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