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COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING
AND BOARD MEETING
MAY 8, 2012
211 AINSLIE STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11211

ROLL CALL

Chairman Christopher H. Olechowski requested District Manager Mr. Gerald A. Esposito to call the roll. He informed the Chairman that there were 25 members present, a sufficient number of members for a quorum.

Chairman Olechowski noted that at 8PM, they will stop to take nominations for the Executive and Attendance Committees at that time.

Chairman Olechowski reminded all speakers that those who wish to speak during public session must have signed and submitted their speaker's form on or before 6:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Rabbi Weber made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weidberg and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Viera made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 Combined Public Hearing and Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barros and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Oiechowski spoke about an area concern on transportation, which was the Reconstruction of Nassau Avenue. He had a chance to talk to numerous businesspersons in the area and there have been serious complaints about the decline of revenue for businesses (40-60%) because of the flow of traffic westbound on Nassau Avenue. There is also traffic flowing westbound on Driggs Avenue. If you are coming down you cannot make the right turn onto Nassau Avenue. You have to circle around. People are not stopping and traveling to other neighborhoods to shop. The businesses have gotten together and put together a petition. He said that there are over 90 businesses just in strip of that corridor alone. They are seeking to change the direction of traffic flow to eastbound. He related that a statement is needed on this. The businesses are suffering and the traffic flow has to flow in a way that will help people to stop off, park and shop the businesses on Nassau Avenue. He is asking for a recommendation, a resolution, to have the traffic flow on Nassau Avenue reversed to an eastbound flow. Ms. Bamonte made the motion to have the traffic flow on Nassau Avenue reversed for the reconstruction (from westbound to eastbound). The motion was seconded by Mr. Pullo. The motion was unanimously carried.

Chairman Olechowski reported that he attended a meeting that was held for loft tenants on April 24th. It was a widely attended meeting. Over 300 loft tenants were there. He noted that many tenants are threatened and evicted from their live-work spaces by landlords who are raising rents on them or evicting them. These tenants have rented the space to live and work there. They fix the spaces up and do a lot of work themselves. They are craftsmen and artists, who know what they are doing and fix the places up to live and work there. He noted that all of the sudden, because of economic shifts and demands, now they have to leave or their rents are jacked up where they can't afford to live there anymore. He said that he also talked to landlords as well and that they have some serious issues as well. In this case, there has to be some balance. There is a group, a committee, of dedicated loft tenants who are moving this forward and working to strengthen the existing loft law that was passed in 2010, so that people can't be put out on the street (like what happened in DUMBO). This battle has been going on since the 1990s. He spoke about other incidents where tenants were shut out of buildings. He noted that tenants in loft live-work spaces are everywhere, not just in Bushwick --- they are in different parts of the CB #1's district. They are looking for help, and we are going to help them. He will keep the board abreast of the matter and put something together in the future. Along with affordable housing, this has turned into a major issue for a lot of people. Mr. Burrows spoke about building owners circumventing the rules and regulations and renting for residential uses in the industrial areas. He said that the Buildings Department should be taking action. Chairman Olechowski related that the Department of Buildings was at the meeting. He wanted to let the Board know that this issue of loft live-work space is a growing one in CB #1 and the adjacent boards.

He spoke about the CB #1's Transportation Committee, that Ms. Nieves has related that she would not be able to continue chairing the committee and he learned that Mr. Florentino, the committee co-chair was in the hospital. He noted that this leaves the board a little stuck right now with someone taking over a very essential committee with various matter. He made an appeal to anyone who would like to chair the committee as the Board is a little shorthanded right now unexpectedly. Anyone interested should contact the Board's office. Rabbi Niederman suggested that a temporary chair could take over. Chairman Olechowski related that Ms. Nieves resigned from the position. Mr. Florentino is a co-chair. Anyone with interest could come forward.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

A written report was submitted and distributed for review.

Open Space Alliance Update (OSA Minute) – Ms. Stephanie Thayer provided a brief report. She believes that the Cooper Park Barbecues have been the biggest issue recently in the parks world. After four community public listening session and an additional fifth meeting for leaders of Cooper Park stakeholder groups, NYC determined to move forward with installing barbecues as planned. The Cooper (Park) meetings were publicized by Council Member Reyna's office, OSA, GREC, St. Nicks, Cooper Park Neighbors, the Tenants Association of Cooper Park Houses, through email, flyers, and posters in the park. More recently, when they were about to install the barbecues, there opposition that became apparent and Commissioner Jeffrey met with several of the leaders of the Barbecue opposition. In response to their concerns, the number of barbecues was reduced to eight. The footprint of the barbecue area was constrained to a much smaller space. The Commissioner obtained the commitment of the 90th Precinct for additional patrols of the park. OSA has committed to sending additional cleaning/maintenance work on weekend evenings and added trashcans. In addition to installing barbecues, hot coal bins and picnic tables this weekend, she said that they (including several volunteers from the council member's office, community groups, boy scouts) also painted the fences, mulched trees, weeded and planted a new garden. She thanked everyone for coming out and helping out, especially persons who were in opposition to the barbecues, for working with the plantings. She hoped that this is the beginning of them all working together to make a much better Cooper Park. Ms. Thayer announced other opportunities for volunteers that were coming up in a few weeks. In McCarren they have a regular volunteer session (see the OSA's website). They have a free DJ (no alcohol) event in Barge Park. They will be planting another garden in McCarren Park from a donation that was received from Golden-Sachs. Town Square has some children concerts coming up. They have "It's My Park Day" coming up. She encouraged people in Greenpoint to visit OSA's website to see information about a Newtown Creek health study that is coming up.

Chairman Olechowski noted that speakers would be heard during the Public Session, that is coming up.

District Manager Mr. Esposito said that the voluminous hours of sending letters to every single council person in the City of NY, the borough presidents, and all the other elected officials has paid off. He wanted to sincerely thank Council Member Levin, Council Member Reyna, as the Community Board's budget was restored, and not restored but the cuts that were for the out years were also taken out. He wanted to thank everyone and let everyone know the great news.

Chairman Olechowski said that this was great news from the District Manager and hoped that they could have the budget maintained and sustained for years to come. Before continuing with the agenda, he invited Council Member Levin to speak.

Council Member Levin spoke about a few items:

- 65 Commercial Street, the moving of the MTA vehicles. The Access A Ride vehicles were being moved to a location in Maspeth. The emergency vehicles were supposed to be going under the Williamsburg Bridge. For the last several years the DOT and the Mayor's office have said that this was an appropriate location and had no objection. Six months ago, no communication was received. From another source, he learned that there were new objections. He spoke about the Greenpoint-Williamsburg CAB, that they have objections to emergency vehicles being stored under the Williamsburg Bridge because there are gasoline canisters and some other chemical type canisters that the Federal Government disallows from storing underneath the bridge. They are trying to look into the matter. He feels that they have said for years now that it was okay. This change is unacceptable. He related that he is outraged. He said that this was an issue that the community can get behind.
- A hearing is being held at the City Council between the Waterfront Committee and the Parks Committee (joint meeting) as a status update for the 2005 rezoning. He will relate when this is happening and hopes to see hundreds of people there. He will provide the information on the meeting.
- He spoke about the issue of the one way traffic direction on Nassau Avenue and was in favor of reversing it to go from westbound to eastbound.
- Two big issues with the City Council now is OST/After School Programming in NYC and Child Care. They are both severely affected right now by budget issues and the Early Learn (child's education new system) that is being put out there for child care. It is looking like they do not have a severe reduction in the number of slots in Early Learn, matching them up to the old list. However, some areas were totally wiped out (Ft. Greene did poorly). It is a big issue that they are trying to figure out. Out of School Time programs (OST/after school programs) have been hit worse as the funding is being severely cut. He asked all to come to the rally this week. A lot of the schools depend on OST (after school programming) for the kids. The funds are being cut in half this year.
- He spoke about the two rezonings that are coming up before the Board (Walton Street and Wallabout Street). He concurring with the committee and supports the two items.

Mr. Antonio Reynoso, from Council Member Reyna's Office spoke. He reiterated what Council Member Levin said about the funding for Day Care and After School programs. He said that the Small World Day Care program at 211 Ainslie Street was cut out completely. They will be meeting with the affected day care centers in the district to fight for them. He was concerned about being pitted against each other about priorities and programming. He said that he just came from School Settlement House – their after school programming was cut as well. They had over 200 parents present to learn how they could fight and preserve the programs. He said that the council members are trying everything that they can to see that this doesn't happen. He spoke about Cooper Park and the work that the volunteers did on Sunday. They had about 100 volunteers. They put in eight grills. He said that they agreed to have more staffing at the park (Parks Dept.) and patrol by NYPD. They will address concerns and issues with the agencies. They will continue to keep the dialogue open for the future phases (II, III, & IV). It is a $12million project which they know will take a long time to do. Hopefully they can have the council member committed to for more funding. Overall, they believe it was a great day.

Mr. Jason Otano, Counsel to Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, spoke about a few announcements. Tomorrow they will be holding a meeting on tax liens on homes. He asked anyone who has a notice of a tax lien sale to come to the meeting (12PM-4PM). A meeting is also being held in regards to ULURP for the Wallabout Street rezoning and the Walton Street rezoning, to take place on May 21, at 6PM. He noted that these matters are before the community board this evening.

DCA – UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATIONS: Applications were received for new and renewal unenclosed sidewalk cafes:

- **Poy Laung Thai Restaurant Inc., dba Tai Thai, 206 Bedford Avenue** - renewal – for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 4 tables and 8 seats. Presentation limited to five (5) minutes.

Mr. Vincent Barile, from Mr. Michael Kelly's office, represented the item, which was a renewal application. It has been operating since 2008. They use 4 ft. of a 14 ft. 10 in. sidewalk. They leave 10 ft. 10 in. for pedestrians. There are no changes.

- **Micado Brooklyn LLC, The Anchored Inn, 57 Waterbury Street** – new – for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 5 tables and 30 seats. Presentation limited to five (5) minutes.

Mr. Barile, from Mr. Michael Kelly's office, represented the item, which was a new application. They will have 5 tables and 30 seats. They will use 7ft. 8 in. of a 15 ft. 8 in. sidewalk leaving 8 ft. clear for pedestrian traffic. The owner spoke noting that the owner was mostly an industrial area and that she has signatures from all of her neighbors. She has a wood shop on one side, a pickle factory across the street and a cafe on the other side. Mr. Kalita asked about the tables? The owner said that they were long bench-like tables that fold in half when they take them in. Mr. Burrows said that their meeting (Public Safety Committee) is June 5th. They need to have the stipulations signed by the applicants.

- **237 Bedford Avenue Restaurant Corp., dba La Nonna Pizzeria/Trattoria** – renewal – for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 6 tables and 12 seats. Presentation limited to five (5) minutes.

There were no speakers on the item and Chairman Olechowski moved to the next item.

- **Enid's Corporation, dba Enid's, 560 Manhattan Avenue** – renewal - for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 9 tables and 18 seats. Presentation limited to five (5) minutes.

Ms. Ashley spoke to represent the application. She spoke about their hours of operation, which was 10AM – 11:30PM. There are 9 tables and 18 seats. So far, they have no complaints and a clean record there. Mr. Burrows said that they should ask DCA what will happen with those bike racks that were installed after they had gotten their sidewalk cafe. Ms. Ashley said that this was noted in the renewal. Mr. Burrows said that DOT should move them to another location. Ms. Ashley said that they first extended the sidewalk and then put up the racks. She will check it. They put it on the new bump out. Mr. Burrows was concerned about them being there and taking up space that the establishment had.

- **Dumont Burger LLC, 314 Bedford Avenue** – renewal – for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats. Presentation limited to five (5) minutes.

Mr. Dan Ackleberry, one of the owners, spoke about the application. They have been open since 2006 and this was their second sidewalk cafe renewal. The plans have been submitted to DCA. There were no changes. Mr. Duran asked about the number of tables (18)? Mr. Ackleberry said that the actual plans called for 18 tables 36 seats and this is what they were approved for. They actually use 10 tables with 30 seats.

DCA – APPLICATION FOR A CABARET LICENSE: A cabaret license application was received for:

80 Wythe LLC
80 Wythe Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11249
Hours of Operation: Monday – Sunday, 8AM-4AM
Room Capacity: 240 (Room 1)

Mr. Peter Lawrence, one of the owners and general manager of the Wythe Hotel, located at the corner of Wythe Avenue and North 11th Street. They have 72 rooms, with a restaurant downstairs and a large event space on the first floor. They have been open today for 8 days. They have the restaurant open and rooms rented. Events have been booked. They have applied for the cabaret license for the event space. They have a certificate of occupancy and public assembly permit. The events they are planning for the space are weddings, private parties, and corporate events. The cabaret license offers them the largest umbrella to cover all of the activities that they would like to have happen in that space. He spoke about concerns that residents may have about a cabaret license, which generally means dancing and late nights, taking money at the door. They want to have the space for customers, long term ones who wish to return. He spoke about the hotel guests being customers.

Mr. Kalita said that the SLA Review Committee will review the application at its meeting scheduled for May 31st. Ms. Roslund asked where the location was in the hotel. Mr. Lawrence said that it was on the ground floor and not on the terrace. Mr. Olechowski said that the applicant noted that there were 72 rooms. Mr. Duran asked about the sound, was it built in? Mr. Lawrence said that it was, generally people who have weddings want to have dancing to celebrate the event. Mostly what they have are weddings, some corporate events and meetings. The customers rent the event space and hotel space. There is a small outdoor space where some of the event will take place. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked about the out door space, was there any amplified sound? Mr. Lawrence indicated that there wasn't. They had signed stipulations about the space with their liquor license application. He spoke about the area and noted that Brooklyn Bowl and the Brooklyn Brewery were nearby. Their nearest residential neighbors were more than a half a block away. Mr. Kalita said that they were their first hotel license that the committee reviewed. They can sell alcohol in the rooms by room service. They had signed stipulations for any outside spaces. Mr. Rosario asked about parking. Mr. Lawrence said that the City does not require parking.

PRESENTATION: Results of a Vacant Properties Count Conducted in Summer 2011 – by Principia Duggan, Intern, Picture the Homeless. Presentation limited to five (5) minutes.

No presenters appeared to speak on the item. Chairman Olechowski moved to the next item on the agenda.

PRESENTATION: Hunger Free Consortium Project – by Rebecca Darugar, Benefits Outreach Worker, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. Presentation limited to five (5) minutes.

Ms. Daruger spoke on behalf of the item. She noted that the consortium was a collaboration of groups (i.e. City Harvest, Met Council, NY Coalition Against Hunger, etc.). They had all gotten together to do outreach work around different assistance programs. They have information to help people find out if they are eligible for food stamps, find local food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, schools that have summer meals. They have a toll free number that people can call to see if they have services in their area. They speak a number of languages. They are doing outreach work for people who need their services. They want to reach out to active community members, representatives of local businesses, community groups and organizations who would like to have some of their outreach materials sent to them (posters, flyers) for distribution to their client bases. She can be reached at email: rdarugar@metcouncil.org and telephone number is (212) 453-9655.

There were no other questions and Chairman Olechowski moved to the next item on the agenda. He noted the list of liquor licenses applications and that any comments could be forwarded to the board's office. The SLA Review Committee would be meeting on May 31st, at the CB #1's District Office.

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

659 Grand Street, Inc. dba The Second Chance Saloon, 659 Grand Street (renewal, liquor, bar)
ABV Unlimited LLC, 25 Bogart Street (new, liquor, rest)
AKO Restaurant, 205 Bedford Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)
Alien Café & Grill, Inc, 812A Grand Street (new, beer/wine, rest)
Biergarten Williamsburg, LLC, 470 Driggs Avenue (new, liquor, bar)
Bown 9th LLC, 64 North 9th Street (new, liquor, bar)

Brooklyn Craft Inc dba The Gibson, 108 Bedford Avenue (renewal, liquor, bar)
Corp to be Formed dba T.B.D., 177 Grand Street (new, liquor, bar)
Francisco Villafana, 1031 Flushing Avenue (new, beer/wine, rest)
Gran Bar LLC, 249 Varet Street (renewal, liquor, bar)
Los Cuates LLC dba Rosarito, 168-170 Wythe Avenue (alteration, liquor, rest)
Ott Bagel, Inc, 970 Manhattan Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)
Pates & Traditions, LLC, 52 Havemeyer Street (new, beer/wine, rest)
S&B Restaurant Corp., 194 Bedford Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)
Sapporo Ichiban Inc. dba Sapporo Haru, 622 Manhattan Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)
Table for Eight, Inc dba M Noodle Shop, 549 Metropolitan Avenue (renewal, beer/wine, rest)
Urban General Stores, LLC dba Urban Rustic, 236 North 12th Street (renewal, beer, rest)
Viva Rd Corp, 188 Berry Street (renewal, liquor, bar)
Zebulon LLC, 258 Wythe Avenue (renewal, liquor, rest)

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.

Chairman Olechowski noted that there were a number of persons who signed up to speak about Cooper Park. He asked if they wanted to know if they wanted to come as a group or speak on their own behalf? Some wanted to speak as a group with a person representing.

Ms. Mary Joy Dia, resident of Sharon Street, spoke on behalf of the Park View Terrace Homeowners Association, who has opposition to the revised proposed plan for Cooper Park. She said that the homeowners where not properly informed about said plans at any given time. She related that they, as homeowners, are also members of the community, and responsible for their obligations (such as paying taxes, property taxes, water & sewer bills). She said they are not renters, who move out. They are residents of the community. She spoke about their hard work and patience in keeping a clean and safe haven for their families (children and elderly parents). She said that they are affected by the proposed plans for the park and that it would diminish the quality of life that they have helped to build and maintain on Sharon Street. Their concerns must be heard as members of the community. Their silence should not be misinterpreted as ignorance. They are all hard working families, trying to maintain a safe environment. They do not want or agree to the proposed plan for Cooper Park.

Ms. Pamela Pasko, resident of Sharon Street, spoke about the dog run. She said that as dog owners themselves, they completely understand the benefits of the canine/human interaction (playtime, exercise). In 2005 they opposed the installation of the dog run in Cooper Park as the Parks Department does not have the resources to provide maintenance and clean up. Other concerns raised are the potential for parasites, disease and injury from aggressive dogs due to the lack of separation for large and small dogs. The Cooper Park volunteers assured the community that they would be responsible for cleaning, maintenance of the dog run and area. They are committed to their spirit of volunteerism. Cooper Bark is a group of dog owners from the neighborhood. From what she gathers from their website, they have scheduled 12 cleanups a year. They have noted posted since 2010. What happened to the clean-up schedule after that? Seven years later they hear that the dog run will be relocated from the northwest part of the park to the southeast area. Based upon their conversations with Council Member Reyna, on Sunday May 5th, the reason that the dog run is being relocated is because the area does not have drainage and the current dog run is therefore illegal. Why is the determination not made in 2005? Correct the drainage in the space where the dog run is now. She spoke about the homeowners being dog owners and understanding about picking up after their dogs. She asked that the dog run be a safe haven for their dogs to run. She raised concern about other dog owners who violate and do not take care of their dogs or pick up after them. They need to follow park rules. The park itself should be a safe haven for their pets, not just the confined space which is illegal. The residents of the Park Terrace Homeowners would like to know what are the issues that come out of the existing dog run and who made the decisions to relocate it? Aside from relocating the dog run to where they live (besides drainage) when the residents have made a compromise with Cooper Bark in 2005 (for the north west area)? Other concerns that the residents have is the proposed layout of the handball/basketball court/dog run and a skate park. Why agree with the plans to place all of these physical activities on the south east side, directly across from the residents on Sharon Street. The location of a dog run between a handball court and a

skateboard ramp is not ideal for the safety and emotional stability of the dogs. She summed up her statement and noted concerns about lack of consultation with the area's homeowners.

Ms. Diana Craig, resident of Grand Street, between Driggs Avenue and Bedford Avenue, noted that she was an artist and spoke problems with increased noise levels on her block from air units (heating, air conditioning, restaurant exhausts) on the roofs. She has made complaints to 311 and the EPA. There is a need to soundproof. The agency reports that the units are not registering on their devices to have them do enforcement to have the owners soundproof. She is seeking stricter soundproofing laws.

Ms. Katie Naplatarski, resident, spoke about concerns with sidewalk cafe law that prohibits the business from doing business before 12noon. The law was in effect from 1971 and hasn't really been enforced. She has lived on Lorimer Street for 12 years and is a half block from two restaurants (on Nassau Avenue and Lorimer Street). She has lived in the community for 30 years and seen a lot of changes. She said that she has never seen these restaurants' sidewalks busy before 12noon on Sundays. She expressed concern that someone may have had a problem with the businesses and this archaic rule was discovered and acted on by the agency. The owners now have to go to court. The owners have been always open and easy to talk with about community issue. She noted that the borough president was interested in overturning this law and hopes that the community & board would help to overturn it, with the council members introducing a bill to overturn the law.

Mr. Robert J. Knapp, resident/council member of the Monitor Street Block Association, spoke about concerns with the Nassau Avenue Reconstruction. He thanked Ms. Nieves for organizing the community meeting on the project. He related problems with parking. The four days of alternate parking is creating havoc with the community's quality of life. He noted that the film shoots have had an impact creating less parking being available and with the reconstruction, there is even more of a loss. He spoke about the filming in the area taking up several blocks of parking. The problem is compounded with the loss of parking due to construction. Many residents in the area (i.e. Russell Street, Monitor Street) use their vehicles to go to work and come home to find that there is no parking, what will they do with their cars? He noted that the ASP should be suspended in areas where there is reconstruction and filming.

Mr. Serken Uzel, one of the owners of Lokal Restaurant at BedfordAve./Lorimer Street, spoke about receiving a ticket for the sidewalk cafe being open before 12noon. Since they received the license (for five years) they have been serving before noon and never received any complaints. He said that they never heard about the law. He heard from his neighbors that this law is from the 1970's...how many summonses were issued. They have been there at the location for the last five years. They have been paying their taxes and want to be nice to their neighbors.

Mr. Justin Mongel, owner of restaurant, said that they are a little overwhelmed by what they feel is essentially a witch hunt in the neighborhood. They have built plant boxes and had to destroy them, and their own door seating. They try to maintain a family atmosphere between the hours of 9AM and 12Noon. He said that mainly parents with children and strollers that can't fit through the front door sit at the café. . It is great for outdoor seating. He said that the restaurant is being victimized by this weird regulation. It appears to be the same person calling 311 who is somehow winning this weird battle. They do not have much to say about it because technically it is a law that they must abide by. He hopes that when it comes before the board and Council Member Levin introduces a measure to change the law. He hopes that all will be behind it.

Chairman Olechowski noted that the Public Session was concluded and moved on to committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use, ULURP, Landmarks (subcom.) Committee

Ms. Roslund submitted a written report that was distributed to the members for review. She spoke about the report which covered the committee's meeting last month. It was a long meeting. She noted that there were several applications before the committee. She read the items in the report.

- **74 Wallabout Street (C 110390 ZMK)** – a rezoning application in south Williamsburg. The committee recommends approval with modifications/conditions. The members discussed the item. Mr. Weiser made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bondo and carried unanimously. The vote was 35: "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". There were no recusals.

- **59 Walton Street (C100041ZMK)** – a rezoning application for a three block triangular shaped parcel that is located in where Union Avenue and Flushing Avenue come together, across from the Broadway Triangle.

The committee report was interrupted to allow for nominations at 8PM.

NOMINATIONS

Chairman Olechowski noted that it was 8PM and that nominations would take place for the Executive Committee and Attendance Committee. Chairman Olechowski noted that seconding of nominations is not needed. He asked for nominations.

CHAIRMAN

Rabbi Weber nominated Christopher H. Olechowski for Chairman. Ms. Teague made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leader and carried unanimously. Chairman Olechowski accepted the nomination and appreciated Rabbi Weber's support.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN

Rabbi Niederman nominated Rabbi Joseph Weber. Rabbi Weber accepted the nomination. Mr. Gangone made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Katz and unanimously carried. Rabbi Weber offered his thanks for the nomination. Chairman Olechowski appreciated Rabbi Weber for his work all these years on the board.

SECOND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Lawrence nominated Ms. Heather Roslund. Ms. Roslund accepted. Mr. Weiser made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Gangone seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

THIRD VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Olechowski nominated Ms. Del Teague. She accepted the nomination. Rabbi Weber made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimino. The motion was unanimously carried. Ms. Teague accepted.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Ms. Roslund nominated Ms. Karen Leader. Ms. Leader accepted. Ms. Leanza made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gangone and was carried unanimously. Chairman Olechowski thanked her for her time, work and continuing in the position.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Ms. Leader nominated Mr. Israel Rosario. Mr. Rosario accepted. Rabbi Niederman made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Rabbi Weber. The motion was unanimously carried. Chairman Olechowski thanked him for his time, effort and help.

MEMBER AT LARGE

Ms. Teague nominated Mr. Phil Caponegro. Mr. Caponegro accepted.

Ms. Roslund nominated Ms. Ryan Kuonen who accepted. (Ms. Kuonen later declined the nomination.)

Rabbi Weber made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cimino. The motion was unanimously carried.

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Olechowski noted that there were three positions on the committee.

Mr. Leon nominated Rabbi David Niederman. Rabbi Niederman accepted.

Ms. Lawerence nominated Ms. Theresa Cianciotta. (Ms. Cianciotta was not present, but later accepted the nomination).

Ms. Kuonen nominated Ms. Julie Lawrence. Ms. Lawrence accepted.

Rabbi Niederman made a motion to close nominations. Ms. Teague seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Ms. Lawrence continued her report.

- **59 Walton Street (C100041ZMK)** – a rezoning application for a three block triangular shaped parcel that is located in where Union Avenue and Flushing Avenue come together, across from the Broadway Triangle. The applicant owned a property in the middle of the block. It is a rezoning in two parts as two different districts are being proposed. The committee recommends approval with modifications/conditions. The members discussed the item. Mr. Duran said he attended the meeting and had serious questions regarding the rezoning and the implications that it would have on the larger community. He was concerned about segregation in the community and matters regarding the Broadway Triangle (that went to court). Once a developer gets a rezoning, they can build what they want. He opposed the rezoning application. Ms. Roslund said that she believed that the lawsuit dealt with the apartment mix. This applicant has said that they will be providing a mix of units, including 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Ms. Roslund did not have a precise breakdown and that the applicant could be asked to follow up with that. Rabbi Niederman said that he was not discussing the lawsuit here, it is not the question. Here, there is a private person building a project, without subsidies, who agrees to provide a number of units and to also offer affordable housing. Mr. Bondo made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neustein and carried. The vote was: 16 "YES"; 11 "NO"; 4 "ABSTENTIONS".

- **BSA Special Permit – Application # 55-12-BZ: 762 Wythe Avenue** (to legalize a school). The committee recommends approval of the location. Mr. Zelik made a motion to approve the recommendation made by the committee. The motion was seconded by Rabbi Niederman and carried unanimously. The vote was: 35 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

- **BSA Variance Request – Application #69-12-BZ: 1 Maspeth Avenue**. The committee recommends that the application be disapproved. A motion was made by Mr. Gangone to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burrows and unanimously carried. The vote was: 35 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Ms. Roslund continued the report and noted updates on some items:

- LPC Warehouse RFP – HPD responded to letter sent by CB #1 and committee recommends responding with another letter containing some points.
- Presentation – NYC DCP – The Waterfront Revitalization Program 2012 Revisions – the presentation was lengthy and the committee requests that DCP returns to present to the full board. NYC Environmental Justice Alliance has provided recommendations on the revisions and the committee is inviting them to return to present to the full board.

Public Safety Committee

Mr. Burrows submitted a written report on behalf of the Public Safety committee. He noted the report and related that there was a vote needed for two unenclosed sidewalk cafes:

- **715 Lorimer Restaurant LLC, dba BECO, 715 Lorimer Street** – renewal – for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 20 seats. Mr. Burrows noted that the address is Lorimer Street but they are really on Richardson Street. There have been no problems with them and they are keeping their tables and chairs within their space. They signed stipulations. Mr. Burrows made a motion to support the committee's recommendation to approve the renewal. Ms. Roslund seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried. The vote was: 35 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

- **F-C LLC, dba Calyer, 90-92 Calyer Street** – new – for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats. This is a new application for an establishment on Calyer Street and Franklin Street. They have a number of other restaurants in the neighborhood. When the committee reviewed their application there was concern about an air conditioner that was installed on the sidewalk. It has since been removed. They have signed stipulations. Mr. Burrows made a motion to support the committee's recommendation to approve the new application. Ms. Bamonte seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried. The vote was: 35 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Mr. Burrows spoke about the presentation made about Williamsburg Walks. He noted that the event was occurring on June 9, 16, 23 (On Bedford Avenue between Metropolitan Avenue and North 12th Street). The streets will be closed from 1PM -9:30PM on those days. He said that persons concerned with getting deliveries for those days, they should try and schedule them for the mornings. Ms. Ryan Kuonen is the contact person for that event. He related that this year for the first time there will be a Grand Street Walks. Grand Street will be closed from Lorimer Street to Graham Avenue on July 14 & July 21. Ms. Havan from the Grand Street BID is the contact person for that. All of the information is in the report.

SLA Review Committee

Mr. Kalita submitted a written report on behalf of the SLA Review Committee. He discussed the report and read the list of applications that were reviewed, noting the recommendations for each. He requested a motion to approve the committee's various recommendations regarding the new applications. The members discussed the report. Mr. Kalita made a motion to support the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leon and carried. The vote was: 35 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS.

Mr. Kalita continued reading the report and asked for a vote on the renewals. Mr. Kalita made a motion to support the committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burrows. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was: 35 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

It was noted that there were three postponed items and discussed them. He noted that the application for 11 Newel Street was postponed to allow for the applicant to have a meeting with the community.

Education & Youth Committee

Mr. Duran provided a verbal report. The first item that he wanted to speak about was those mentioned by Council Member Levin and Mr. Reynoso from Council Member Reyna's office. This was about cuts to after school programs. These cuts will severely affect the district. He asked to pass a resolution saying that

CB #1 opposes these cuts because of the detrimental effects that we would have to the youth of the community. He noted that the zip codes (11211 & 11222) are undergoing change, too. This was mentioned by Council Member Levin last month. These zip codes are being seen as being "well off" and money would be cut. Mr. Duran made the motion to oppose the cuts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leon and carried unanimously. The vote was: 35 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS". Rabbi Niederman asked that this information be given to the City as soon as possible.

Mr. Duran said that May 18th is the last day to apply for SYEP (for ages 14 to 24 can apply). Application is provided in a link at the NYC.gov website. Mr. Duran also discussed the Citizens of the World Charter School. This is another charter school battle that is happening on the State level. Some of these charters are approved on the State level. This charter organization is run by the Success Network's CEO and her husband. They are applying to the State to get two locations here in District 14. He said that the City was already told that they do not want the charter but they still went through and placed it in JHS 50. He said that the community board should join the parents in opposing the World Charter Schools being sited in District 14. The district already has a lot of empty seats, why creating new schools instead of improving the ones that are already here. Rabbi Niederman said that it might be more effective to find out where these charter schools will be located. Mr. Duran said that they just site the district not the locations. Rabbi Niederman spoke about quantifying the location of where there is underutilization. Mr. Otano noted that the Borough President has opposed these schools. Chairman Olechowski noted that a motion was made on the resolution by Mr. Duran. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leon. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Duran noted that the leadership team for District 14 has sent a letter to the chancellor asking for a moratorium on all charter schools in the district. He said that this is something the committee will be discussing.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was raised.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kuonen announced that on May 21, there is an important meeting on the Superfund.

Mr. Leon spoke about the cuts to After School Programs. Half of the centers are to close. He said that parents can't afford to pay for other types of programs. It is a big economic problem for the community. A plan of action is needed for these matters that come out. People need to work together and leaders need to push these agencies.

Mr. Chirichella wanted to make a resolution regarding a street naming on the corner of Graham Avenue and Conselyea Street. A proposal was made about three years ago, with a lot of support for naming the corner after Cono Dalto. It was brought up to the City Council and they are giving a hard time about it. Chairman Olechowski said that resolutions should be flowed through a committee. It was noted that the item was already supported by the Board. Mr. Chirichella made a motion to support the street corner's name change. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. The motion was carried.

Ms. Leanza noted that the problems with new evaluations the zip codes means not just funding being cut for the day care centers, but cuts will happen in a lot of other ways. Ms. Teague discussed cuts for children.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Leanza made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roslund and carried unanimously. The combined public hearing and board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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