

Community Board 1, Queens Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

Board Member Attendees – List Attached.

Opening – 7:00 pm

Joseph Risi, Chairperson: The Chairman greeted everyone and wished them a Happy New Year. Mr. Risi welcomed everyone to Community Board 1's first meeting of the 2016 calendar year. He introduced Caryn Schwab from Mount Sinai Hospital who spoke about the Mount Sinai Queens Ambulatory update.

Presentation (See Attachment)

- Caryn Schwab, Executive Director, Mount Sinai Hospital: Ms. Schwab updated the Board on their "New" Queens Ambulatory Building with a PowerPoint presentation. She expressed that they are honored to be at our first meeting of 2016. She said they have been talking about this project for 15 years with the Community Board. Ms. Schwab said 30th Avenue will have a new look in the fall. There will be a new entrance, emergency room, new ambulatory imaging and operating room. The whole building will be refaced and they will have 6 floors. The 2016 Opening Timetable is planned as follows: February - Emergency Department, March - Imaging Suite, April – Operating Rooms, May – Physician Offices, and September – New Entrances and Refaced. They will also have a Pediatric Outpatient Department.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked since the old Astoria Hospital days, how many patients do they treat in the ER and in the hospital overall.
- Caryn Schwab: She said they see over 50,000, almost unheard of.

*There was a Q&A with Board members.

- Joseph Risi: The Chair thanked Ms. Schwab for attending and for the presentation. He expressed that it is reassuring to know that we have a first class hospital in our district.

Public Hearing Items

Department of City Planning

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman announced item: **C 050319 MMQ – An application, submitted by The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation for the establishment of Socrates Sculpture Park.**
- John Hatfield, Executive Director, Socrates Sculpture Park: Introduced himself and Jose Lopez, Deputy Director, Technical review Division-Parks Department. He gave a description of the park and the ULURP. Mr. Hatfield and Jose Lopez presented a PowerPoint presentation sharing a time line of the park along with the changes to ensue.

*Mr. Lopez spoke while showing a slide presentation and there was a Q&A session with the Board members.

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman introduced Elizabeth Erion.
- Elizabeth Erion, Board Member/Chair, Land Use & Zoning Committee: She began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Ms. Erion shared information about the joint meeting with Land

Use/Zoning and Parks & Recreation Committees which took place on January 4th. She said there was an issue with the amount of development rights being swapped for lot 31, the entrance to the park. She said the amount of development rights were insignificant compared to the Costco site itself. The Costco site is zoned R5, somewhat lower density residential zone. If we assume 1,000 feet per unit, the 28,000 square feet would equal 28 new units. In effect, the number of new units the increased development rights would create would be insignificant when compared to the total lot size of the "Costco" property. Ms. Erion said the consensus was that it would not trigger any redevelopment on the site. She stated the committee did not have quorum at the meeting and therefore could not take an action on the recommendation but they would meet later during the meeting and would have a vote. She indicated that in general the meeting was favorable. Ms. Erion clarified the mapping and demapping of Socrates Sculpture Park.

- Joseph Risi: The Chair asked Richard Khuzami to share his comments.
- Richard Khuzami, Board Member/Chair, Parks & Recreation Committee: He shared that they met as Elizabeth Erion noted and the Parks Committee did have quorum. Mr. Khuzami said the Parks Committee recommended approval of the ULURP action although they are not part of the process but they felt it was appropriate. He clarified what John Hatfield spoke about in regards to the demapping and giving air rights to the Costco developer in exchange for the small parcel of land at the entrance. Mr. Khuzami stated that we should keep in mind that Socrates Park had come to us about trailers that were donated and will be used for office space and to host children's programs which is important because their current office space will not be available soon. The trailers would be placed on the land that this action intends to turn into park land. He said it is important to facilitate that as well.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked if anyone in the public/audience wanted ask any questions or speak for or against this application. Hearing none, he closed the item and stated they would have a vote after the Committee meets. The Chair turned the meeting over to John Katsanos.

Department of Consumer Affairs

Item: #2010802-DCA Astoria Brick, LLC D/B/A Brick Café 30-95 33 Street, Astoria. An application to renew the license to operate an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 26 Tables and 60 Chairs.

- John Katsanos, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee: Greeted everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He asked the applicant to sign in, state their name and give a little background information about the business.
- Brian Connell: Introduced himself as one of the 2 owners of Brick Café.
- Margaret Farrell: Stated that she lives in the building next door at 30-91 and has lived there for 38 years. Expressed her discontent with Halsey's bar next door. She said they are very noisy on Trivia night mainly during the spring and summer.
- John Katsanos: Stated saying this application is for Brick Café.
- Margaret Farrell: Said she understood they are co-owners of the bar and part of the same building.
- John Katsanos: He asked what time it occurs and what days of the week.
- Margaret Farrell: Trivia night is only on Thursday nights. It is supposed to end by 9:30pm and sometimes it runs over.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman told her he appreciates her comments and asked the applicant to make an effort to reduce the noise on Thursday Trivia night. He asked him if that would be acceptable.

- Brian Connell: He said it would be acceptable.
- Joseph Risi: The Chair asked if anyone else in the audience would like to speak for or against this application.

Item: #1311304-DCA Ifeta Corp. D/B/A DiWine 41-15 31 Street, Astoria. An application to renew the license to operate an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 6 Tables and 16 Chairs.

- John Katsanos: He introduced the applicant and asked them to sign in but no one from the business was present. He stated that the application is not complete and that he needs to see an amended application before they can consider it. He recommended to table it.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked if everyone is in favor with the motion to table it until next month. Motion was seconded by Nancy Silverman. The Chair approved the motion.

Item: #1414518-DCA 3801 Broadway Restaurant Corp. D/B/A Las Margaritas 38-01 Broadway, Astoria. An application to renew the license to operate an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 11 Tables and 44 Chairs.

- John Katsanos: He introduced the applicant and asked them to step up to the podium but no one from the business was present. He recommended to table it until the applicant appears and stated his motion.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman clarified that John Katsanos wants to postpone the determination on the application. Mr. Risi asked to motion and table this application. Seconded by Norma Nieves-Blas. The Chair approved the motion.

Item: #2001325-DCA Oliver's Astoria LLC D/B/A Oliver's Gastro Pub 37-19 Broadway, Astoria. An application to renew the license to operate an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 18 Tables and 36 Chairs.

- John Katsanos: He asked the applicant to introduce himself and explain his role with the business.
- Robert Williamson: Introduced himself as a partner and general manager.
- John Katsanos: He asked him to describe their hours of operation as well as their method of operation.
- Robert Williamson: He said the bar is open from 11 am until 4 am and they have a restaurant.

*Discussion ensued.

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked if anyone had any questions for or against this application. No one in attendance responded. Mr. Risi asked John Katsanos to continue with the next item.

Item: #15465-2015-ASWC Garage Astoria LLC D/B/A The Bonnie 29-12 23 Avenue, Astoria. An application for a new Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 10 Tables and 19 Chairs.

- John Katsanos: He introduced the applicants, asked them to sign in and introduce themselves.
- Ruariri Curtin: Introduced himself as one of the owners.
- Michael Krawiec: Introduced himself as one of the owners and general manager.
- John Katsanos: Thanked them for coming in. He asked them to please give us a quick synopsis on your hours, method of operation, number of tables inside, etc.

- Michael Krawiec: He said they are open 12 noon to 4 am, during the week and 10:30 am to 4am, on the weekends. He said they have a full kitchen, full bar and have 52 seats in the restaurant, about 12 tables or so depending on the day.
- John Katsanos: He asked if they are you wheelchair accessible.
- Michael Krawiec: He said yes.
- John Katsanos: He asked how long they have been in operation.
- Michael Krawiec: He said just over a year, they opened last October.

*Discussion ensued.

- John Katsanos: He stated he had no further questions.

*Board Members asked questions. Steve Wygoda, Architect to the applicant, also answered some questions.

- John Katsanos: He asked if there were any further questions from the Board or if anyone in the audience is for or against the applicant.
- Joseph Risi: The Chair said the Committee would meet to further discuss it. Mr. Risi said someone from the audience would like to speak regarding the application.
- Demetrios Karides: Introduced himself and elaborated on several concerns if the café were placed. He stated he had no objection however he would like to see a plan in place to prevent hardship to residents.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman acknowledged Dr. Karides' concerns and directed him to his options should there be a problem down the road. Mr. Risi explained this is a new application with no history.
- Demetrios Karides: He said there is already a little bit of a problem.
- Joseph Risi: The Chair said in anticipation of this perhaps the applicant should take appropriate measures to alleviate this.
- Michael Krawiec: He said these are valid concerns and are willing to work with the community on this. He said that up until that day, they have not received any complaints for any reasons but are open to listening.
- John Katsanos: Thanked him.

Item: DCA- An application to renew a Cabaret License- Astoria Complex Catering Inc. D/B/A Astoria Complex Dining Services 34-38 38 Street, 4th floor, Astoria.

- John Katsanos: Introduced him and asked to state his name and his role with the business
- Steve Polisen: He introduced himself and said he is the owner of Astoria Complex Catering along with the Astoria Sports Complex and have been there for 40 years.
- John Katsanos: He asked him to describe is hours of operation.
- Steve Polisen: Mr. Polisen said it depends on the event that they are hosting. Generally open 7 pm to 4am, more frequently 2 am.
- John Katsanos: He said he may have some outstanding complaints and/or violations with respect to his business. He asked what his relationship is with the 114th precinct and has he had any problems within the last 2 years with any governmental agency.
- Steve Polisen: Replied, no to both questions.
- John Katsanos: He said he was going to have the 114th precinct come up to discuss this further and asked if his business is wheelchair accessible.

- Steve Polisen: Answered, yes.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked if any Board Members had questions.

*There was a Q & A with Board Members in regards to their security and solely operating the catering hall. Mr. Polisen's son, Victor Polisen also spoke and answered questions regarding operations.

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked anyone in the public would like to speak for or against the application. Mr. Risi invited Detective Negrn to come up to speak.
- Detective Eddie Negrn, Community Affairs, 114th Precinct: Introduced himself. He said he has noticed that they rectified some of the issues that have taken place there in the past. He was not coming in with the intention of giving them a clean bill of health because of their past history. He said that he has on record he has only 4 reports of crime that took place in 2015 and is minimal. He recommends that they improve the security issue and add an additional person. He stated that after listening to the Q&A with the Board Members a lot of his concerns and questions answered.
- Steve Polisen: Assured everyone that the crime reports are not when he was at the helm of the business. He said they have been in the community for so many years and no one is allowed to walk outside during events.
- John Katsanos: Asked Mr. Polisen if he is willing to sign an amended stipulation addressing some of the issues discussed at the meeting.
- Steve Polisen: He said yes.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked again if anyone would like to speak for or against the application. Hearing none, the Chair introduced Sergeant Moynihan from the 114th precinct.
- Sergeant Moynihan, Domestic Violence Supervisor: Introduced himself as the new Domestic Violence Supervisor in the 114th Precinct and said he has been in the NYPD for 9 years. He said he is new to Astoria and very different from East New York where he worked for 8 years. He did Domestic Violence there for about 2 years. He said he will set up a couple of presentations at community groups along with Detective Negrn. He said they are open from 7 am to 11:30 pm and there are 5 officers that work in the unit with him. He said they can help with orders of protection, legal/civil advice, locks changed, safety plans, etc. They work with discretion. Sergeant Moynihan gave his office number and said he primarily works 4-12. His number is: 718-626-9316 and said he shares an office with Detective Negrn and Officer Coleman. He said Community Board 1 had about 14,000 incidents in 2014 and this year we finished the year with 4,900 which includes public housing and Roosevelt Island. Thanked everyone for their time.

*He had a brief Q & A with the Board Members.

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman thanked him for speaking with the Board and to the community. He said there will be a 5-10 minute break so that the Land Use and Zoning Committee and the Consumer Affairs Committee break-out.

***Board Back in Session**

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked if the Land Use Committee and Parks Committee have a recommendation for the Board.
- Elizabeth Erion: She said the Land Use Committee is incorporating the Parks Committee and that there was a motion. She said with 12 members present, the recommendation is to approve the application to map Socrates Sculpture Park and all of the additional items within that application. Motion seconded by Nancy Silverman.

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman said the motion was seconded, are there any objections. He clarified that the motion for the application was to demap.
- George Stamatiades: Roll Call, **40-Yes; 0-No; 0-Abstentions.**
- John Katsanos: He said the Consumer Affairs Committee met and voted unanimously subject to a stipulation and they recommend approval for Brick Café. He asked if anyone seconds that. Norma Nieves-Blas seconded the motion.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked if all are in favor and does anyone oppose it? It is unanimously in favor of the application.
- John Katsanos: He said the Consumer Affairs Committee motioned to approve Oliver's Gastro Pub unanimously. It was seconded by Rose Ann Alafogiannis.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman said the application was approved unanimously and was there any opposition. He said it was seconded. Hearing none, they moved on to the next item.
- John Katsanos: He said the Consumer Affairs Committee recommended approval by unanimous vote for The Bonnie and not subject to a stipulation based on working with the residents to raise the noise issue. It was seconded by Rose Ann Alafogiannis.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman stated there is a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded and asked if anyone is in opposition to the motion. He stated that Frances Luhmann-McDonald was in opposition to the motion therefore had to take a roll call.
- George Stamatiades: Roll call: **39, Yes; 1, No**
- Joseph Risi: The Chair said the motion is approved.
- John Katsanos: He said the Consumer Affairs Committee recommended unanimous approval for a Cabaret License for the Astoria Complex Dining Services with heightened stipulations addresses increased security personnel and noise levels. These are new terms from their prior stipulations of 2013. It was seconded by Norma Nieves-Blas.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman said the motion is to approve the application for renewal and subject to a new stipulation. He said the motion was seconded and he asked if there anyone is against it. He stated it is unanimous. The Chair asked if there was a motion for approval of minutes. It was seconded by Antonio Meloni.

Chairperson's Report: Joseph Risi

I attended a meeting at the Borough President's Office yesterday. We met with the COO of the USTA NTC. When you drive on the Grand Central Parkway you may notice something that is hanging over the Parkway but in fact it is not. We were told it is an optical illusion. The new stadium which was being discussed is named the Grand Stand. We were informed they plan to finish the construction of the Arthur Ashe Stadium for the 2016 tennis season. The USTA will be doubling the size of the Louis Armstrong Stadium, the project will begin in the fall of 2016 and will be completed in 2018. The USTA generated \$80 million last year. The COO (Dan Zausner) stated if we know of any schools which would like to hold a graduation at the USTA, they would be held free of charge. They can hold up to 2,300 people for a graduation. The USTA provides numerous children's programs. I will gather further information and share it with you at our next Board meeting. Thank you all.

District Manager's Report: Florence Koulouris

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. This month we are four weeks between the meetings. The office facilitated in setting up the Land Use meeting on the 4th and the Consumer Affairs meeting on the 11th. Due to the holidays, outreach to meetings were limited. Our office has been in contact with the Durst Organization, aiding in the invitation list for the Board Members to their event.

In your folder you will find an informational handout from Buildings Department regarding backyard usage. Today, I attended the Borough President's Cabinet meeting. Topics of discussion were DEP Storm water Management, ways to curtail litter and waste and improve the quality of water entering our waterways. Also, New York City Health Insurance and Affordable Healthcare Act, for more information on this topic you can call, 1-855-355-5777. Thank you.

Committee Reports

- Daniel Aliberti, Access and Disability Concerns: No report.
- Rose Marie Poveromo, Airport Access: No report.
- Norma Nieves-Blas, Capital and Expense/Community Development: No report.
- John Katsanos, Consumer Affairs: Discussion ensued on liquor license applications. In addition he reported that the Consumer Affairs Committee met last night. They had to review 3 application amongst several others. The first one was Scandals which is a topless entertainment in the LIC area located at 24-09 Queens Plaza North. He said the 114th Precinct reported they are a good neighbor and have no complaints. Consumer Affairs voted unanimously in favor for approval of their liquor license I would like to make a motion to that effect. It was seconded by Nancy Silverman.
 - Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked if all were in favor. The Board said yes. He asked Florence to send a letter to the State Liquor Authority.
- John Katsanos: He said the next applicant is Sweet Afton located at 30-09 34th Street. He said they were before us at the last Community Board meeting where the Board denied their unenclosed sidewalk café. He said they have me with their neighbors on all issues and they are being very proactive so the Consumer Affairs Committee are recommending for approval of their alteration of their liquor license. He asked to make a motion recommending approval of that alteration. It was seconded by Edward Babor.
 - Joseph Risi: The Chairman said the motion is carried and asked Florence to send a letter.
- John Katsanos: He discussed the 3rd item, Heaven Sports Bar. He said they reviewed it at the break-out session. He stated they are located at 28-26 Steinway, they have recorded music, and they have a Disc Jockey as well as topless entertainment/bikini bar. He said they are not a good neighbor and have issues with security inside and outside. He stated there was a MARCH order in 2015 and they had a number of violations. He said the Consumer Affairs Committee voted 10-2 to deny recommending approval of their renewal of their liquor license. I would like to make a motion to that effect.
 - Joseph Risi: The Chairman said the motion is to send a letter to the State Liquor Authority recommending to disapprove the renewal of the liquor license. He asked if there was a second on that motion. It was seconded by Jean Marie D'Alleva. The Chair asked Florence to prepare a letter.
- Linda Perno, Education: No report.
- Joan Asselin, Environmental Protection: No report.
- Judy Trilivas, Health and Social Services/Senior: No report.
- Mary O'Hara, Housing: Reported on a hot topic that most recently Hunter's Point Crossing which is considered affordable housing development. She said that many residents are renting their tax subsidized apartments for as much as \$500 a night. She shared that Jimmy Van Bramer revamping legislation to establish penalties. Councilwoman Helen Rosenthal has also introduced a bill which will impose \$10,000-\$50,000 fines.
- Tom Ryan, Industrial/Commercial: No report.

- Elizabeth Erion, Land Use/Zoning: No additional report.
 - Richard Khuzami, Parks and Recreation/Cultural Affairs: Reported on a couple of items. He said that on January 6th there was a scoping meeting sponsored by Parks Department about the new dog run under the Triborough Bridge and it was well attended. He said the meeting was held so that the community can give their input on ideas of what they want to see in this facility. He stated that Parks will put together a proposal which will be brought up with the Community Board and hopes to schedule a Parks Committee meeting where they will make a presentation, hopefully within a few months. The Dog Run is funded by both the Borough President and Councilman Costa Constantinides. This project came in second place in the Councilman's 2015 Participatory Budget Voting. He added that there will be a meeting on February 2nd with Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski sponsored by the Astoria Park Alliance at the Bohemian Hall to answer questions with the community having to do with the district. He urged people to attend and added that one of the hot topics will be the playground in Astoria Park. He thanked everyone.
 - Antonio Meloni, Public Safety: No report.
 - Ann Bruno, Street Festivals: Reported on the San Antonio Abate Street Festival for this year. She said last Thursday they had a committee meeting and the President of the organization was there. She said the main complaint is the loud noise. She said it takes place between 35th and 38th Streets on Ditmars Boulevard and it takes place for 3 days. She stated that the people in that area complain about the noise, that they are open too late; which is usually until midnight and too late according to the community and the music is very loud. She said they got them to agree to stop the music by 9 pm and to start closing by 10:30 pm, they were closing down at midnight which is much too late, and they agreed to get more porta sans, they had 4 but were asked to get 6 and they agreed to that. In addition, she said, they asked them to get smaller generators, "green" generators because they were very noisy and the fumes were a big issue as well with the businesses and residents and they agreed to that. She said they also agreed to be fully closed by 11 pm. She stated that since they came to those agreements she thought we should okay them but to keep in mind that they had the okay for this year already. She told them that if they do not comply with their agreements they will not get approved for next year and they have to follow through on their commitment with the Board.
 - Joseph Risi: The Chairman said there was a motion to recommend the reissuance of their permit to conduct the San Antonio Abate Festival of the Castrofiliippo Society subject to an earlier closing, "green" generators, 6 porta sans, and music ending by 9pm. He asked if there was any discussion or amendment to this motion and that it should be monitored closely.
- *A couple of the Board Members went back/forth on the discussion.
- Robert Piazza, Transportation: No report.
 - Jose Batista, Youth: No report.

New/Old Business

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman indicated that they can now discuss new/old business.
- Nancy Silverman: She announced that Playground 35 is the recipient of a Mayoral Community Partnership, receiving money for renovations, located on Steinway and 35th Avenue. She said she has been working with Richard Khuzami and Partnership for Parks. They shared that they are having a little event on February 14th which is Valentine's Day it is mostly for children but of course the adults are welcome. They will make cards for the bear at the park, will have hot

chocolate, cookies and some other things that some of the local businesses are sponsoring. She said the time is not determined yet but more likely will take place in the afternoon, about 2 to 3pm. She said she will have Florence put it on the website.

- George Alexiou: Thanked everyone for their donations for the Greek American Homeowner's Association Thanksgiving Celebration. He said they served over 2,000 portions and donated 527 turkeys.

Public Comments

- Nancy Perez: Introduced herself as a resident and said she works with "Astoria 5" a local group and the 27th Street Block Association. She said her neighbors and her family are concerned about the restaurants that have food deliveries and their delivery people were on bikes, now on scooters and that they do not wear florescent vests with the names of the establishment they work for. She said they are not using their head lights especially now in the winter months when it is getting dark earlier. She said her husband almost hit a delivery person and had that happened he would have been at fault. She wants this addressed in the community and said it is a growing concern.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman suggested that Florence send a letter or contact the 114th Precinct to see what type of enforcement is being done about this issue. He said he was under the impression that they are illegal and were going to be confiscated. He agrees with her concerns.
- Florence Koulouris: The District Manager told Ms. Perez that she can call the office to discuss further and that she can address this issue with the Captain at the 114th Precinct meeting that takes place at Riccardo's. She told her that Ann Bruno can give her the date and time of the meeting.
- Ann Bruno: Told Ms. Perez that the next meeting is at Riccardo's on January 26th at 7 pm.
- Robert Piazza: Added that it is getting a lot worse and that the license plate is not legitimate.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman told the Board Members that they may have noticed that the Borough President is sending out letters about attendance and asking if they would like to remain on the Board. He asked all the Board Members to please try to attend the Board meetings as well as the Committee meetings and if you cannot make a meeting please try to notify the office so that Florence can excuse them
- Anthony (last name inaudible): Greeted everyone and said he is a 12 year resident of Astoria, a frequent volunteer of multiple community organizations, his daughter attends a public school in the neighborhood and they just became first time homeowners in Astoria this past year. He wanted to address a critical problem about the restrooms closure in the Astoria Park Playground. They were closed since early last year and are still closed today which is coming into the 2nd full year of the restrooms being closed to the children of this community in the most important park in Astoria. He said he started a petition on [Change.org](https://www.change.org) asking fellow residents to speak out to the Community Board, Parks Department and Councilman Constantinides voicing their displeasure about the closing of the bathrooms and requesting prioritization. He said in 5 days he had over 450 residents that have signed the petition. A spokesperson for the Parks Department responded through the media that this is a Capital Project that will not be dealt with until 2019. He read a couple of the comments from parents.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman stated that the entire Board supports what he is doing. He requested a copy of the petition to be given to Florence our District Manager so that we can do our very best to try and make sure these restrooms are reopened.
- Edward Babor: Reminded everyone that Commissioner Lewandowski will be at Bohemian Hall on February 2nd to address this issue.

- Anthony: He said he was aware of the meeting because he is part of the Astoria Park Alliance group but wanted to make the Community Board aware as well as asking for support.
- Richard Khuzami: Expressed his support of the petition as well as the Civic organization he is involved with.

Election of Officers:

Chairperson, Joseph Risi; 1st Vice Chair, George Stamatiades; 2nd Vice Chair, Norma Nieves-Blas; 3rd Vice Chair, Jean Marie D'Alleva; Executive Secretary, Richard Khuzami and Sergeant-at-Arms, Edward Babor.

- Joseph Risi: The Chairman announced that they had election of officers for 2016 year.
- Ann Bruno: Asked to make a motion requesting that the existing slate remain the same for the remainder of the term. It was seconded by Rose Anne Alafogiannis.
- Joseph Risi: The Chairman asked if there are any other discussions or amendments to the motion. He clarified that the motion was to nominate the existing slate of officers for 1 year. He asked if all were in favor of the motion. All Board Members in attendance agreed. The Chair asked if there were any oppositions. Hearing none, the Chair thanked everyone on behalf of the Executive Board. He told the Board he will send out the Committee Assignments by Friday.

***Unanimous vote.**

Meeting Adjourned – 9:25 p.m.

15-Oct COMMUNITY BOARD 1, QUEENS

Attendance Record

DATE 1/12/16

- YES- Present
- NO- Absent
- EXC.- Excused

Community Board Member	YES	NO	Exc.
Rose Ann Alafogiannis	✓		
George Alexiou	✓		
Daniel Aliberti	✓		
Joan Asselin	✓		
Edward Babor	✓		
Jose Batista	✓		
Ann Bruno	✓		
Gerald Caliendo			✓
John Carusone			✓
Jean Marie D'Alleva	✓		
Joanna D'Elia		✓	
Dolores DeCrescenzo	✓	✓	
Mary Demakos		✓	
Antonella Di Saverio	✓		
Katie Ellman	✓		
Elizabeth Erion	✓		
Mackenzi Farquer	✓		
Dean Feratovic	✓		
Evie Hantzopoulos	✓		
Amy Hau	✓		
Pauline Jannelli			✓
Vanessa Jones-Hall	✓		
John Katsanos	✓		
Richard Khuzami	✓		
Nancy Konipol	✓		

Community Board Member	YES	NO	Exc.
Jerry Kril	✓		
Melanie La Rocca	✓		
Vincent G. Marsanico	✓		
Frances Luhmann-McDonald	✓		
Antonio Meloni	✓		✓
Prabir Mitra			✓
Kevin Mullarkey	✓		
Stella Nicolaou	✓		
Norma Nieves-Blas	✓		
Mary O'Hara	✓		✓
Linda Perno			✓
Robert Piazza	✓		
Rose Marie Poveromo	✓	✓	
Gus Prentzas		✓	
Joseph Risi	✓		
Yawne Robinson	✓		
Thomas Ryan	✓		
Rudolfo Sarchese	✓		
Nancy Silverman	✓		
George L. Stamatiades	✓		
Dominic Stiller	✓		
Danielle Tharrington	✓		
Marie Torniali	✓		
Judy Trilivas	✓		
TOTALS			

NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT 41

COMMENTS _____



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The **NEW** Mount Sinai Queens



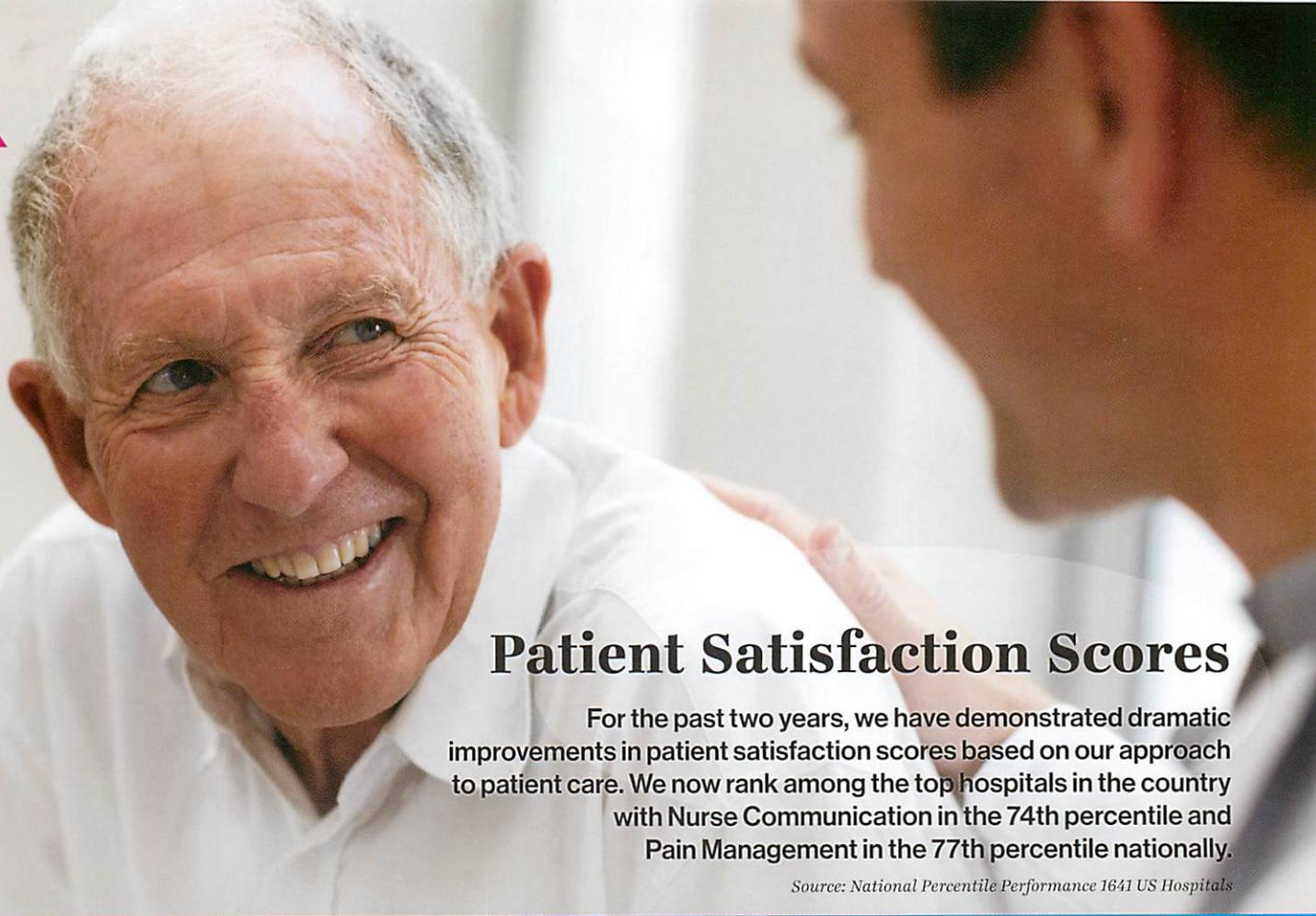
The **NEW** Mount Sinai Queens is a \$150 million project with 140,000 square feet and will feature:

- **An expanded, state-of-the-art Emergency Department (ED)** with 37 patient bays, seven observation beds, and a “drive-through” ambulance bay that will offer a covered entrance and privacy to those patients, a separate walk-in entrance, and a new imaging suite
- **Six new operating rooms plus a new Interventional Radiology Suite with the latest technology** – for a total of ten OR suites – together with holding, recovery, and waiting rooms
- **Expanded outpatient medical services**, including:
 - An integrated, multi-specialty medical practice:
 - New primary care physicians in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Ob/Gyn, and Pediatrics
 - New specialists including Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Pulmonology, Orthopaedics, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery
 - A full imaging suite, including MRI, PET/CT, bone density, mammography, X-ray and ultrasound
 - Integrated laboratory services

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Patient Satisfaction Scores

For the past two years, we have demonstrated dramatic improvements in patient satisfaction scores based on our approach to patient care. We now rank among the top hospitals in the country with Nurse Communication in the 74th percentile and Pain Management in the 77th percentile nationally.

Source: National Percentile Performance 1641 US Hospitals

Magnet

- The Magnet Recognition Program® designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center is health care's most prestigious honor for nursing excellence. Fewer than 8% of hospitals nationally earn Magnet recognition. Mount Sinai Queens, a campus of the Mount Sinai Hospital, has joined the ranks of distinction with its Magnet designation.



Patient Safety

- We do no harm: persistently low fall rates, hospital-acquired pressure ulcers, central line, surgical site and catheter associated urinary tract infections comparable to or exceeding national benchmarks.
- Implemented a robust Stop Sepsis program on Inpatient Service and Emergency Department with a focus on rapid identification and early goal directed therapy for patients with suspected sepsis.

Infusion Center/ Cancer Care

- Our interdisciplinary team of medical oncologists/hematologists and surgeons work together closely to provide patients with the highest quality of specialized and personalized care. We focus on a simple guiding principle: to treat the entire person, not just his or her illness. Our skilled team of specialists treats most forms of cancer and many hematology (blood) disorders, including Anemia, Clotting disorders, Hemochromatosis, Myelodysplasia, and Myeloma.

Primary Stroke Center

- Mount Sinai Queens is the only hospital in Queens recognized by the Joint Commission and the Department of Health as a Primary Stroke Center. We have also instituted a stroke support group for stroke patients and their caregivers.

- Recently named a 2015 Get With The Guidelines Silver Plus Stroke Award recipient from the American Heart Association | American Stroke Association.

<http://www.mshq.org/about-us/newsroom/press-releases/mount-sinai-queens-recognized-for-excellence-in-stroke-care-by-the-american-heart-association>

Technology

- Epic: Mount Sinai Queens has been paper free since April 2013. In recognition of the exemplary work done to achieve this level of technology, Mount Sinai Queens received the HIMSS Level 6 award. This designation is enjoyed by only 11% of the hospitals in the United States. Remote access is available to community physicians on request.