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February 10, 2015

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: VFW POST #150
51-11 108 STREET
CORONA, NY

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. Executive Secretary Lucy Schilero took the roll call. A quorum was present.

IV. Vote: Minutes 01-13-2015 Meeting

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Narula, to **accept** the minutes of January 13, 2015.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Louis Walker reported it is important that Board Members attend as many meetings as possible. The Chairperson also said Board Member John Peters had resigned due to family issues. He thanked the Board for his time spent as a Board Member. Also, Chairperson Walker advised Board Members to respond to the letter received from Borough Hall regarding attendance.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported:

- DOT had approved two CityBench sites in the Board 4 district. Sites are located at 82-66 Queens Boulevard and 86-15 Queens Boulevard.
- If you know of any sites that need benches, please contact the Board office.
- Benches are typically installed along bus routes, near senior centers, on commercial corridors, and near municipal, commercial, and recreational destinations said the District Manager.
- The vicinity around Elmhurst Hospital (82 Street) Time Warner Cable will be doing excavation work upgrading their systems, effective now through the second week of March.
- Good News! A Green Street has finally been brought to our Board area. An item on our Capital budget for about 5/6 years, the Department of Environmental Protection has approved the location at 85 Street between 56 and 57 Avenues. The Bioswales constructed will not be the standard, small sized systems, but rather much wider and larger—about 20 ft. long. Additionally, to improve the area the District Manager had contacted DOT to do a lighting study because the area was extremely dark. Also, the area lacked garbage receptacles. He is also working with the Department of Sanitation to establish an Adopt a Basket Program. Area residents are already working on cleaning the area.
- IDNYC—District Manager Cassagnol urged all to apply for the new, free identification card available to all New York City residents, which gives all of us the opportunity to show who we are—New Yorkers. He recommended booking an appointment now. It may take a while to receive an appointment because of the many people applying, but it is well worth it. IDNYC provides many benefits to cardholders, including a free one-year membership at many of the City’s leading museums, zoos, concert halls, and botanical gardens.
- CB 4’s Meet and Greet Event. Sometime during March and April planning will begin.
- District Manager Cassagnol reported being “slammed” by ESCO. He relayed how the ESCO representative opened his mail, filled out the ESCO application using his Con Edison account number, and wanted his father to sign off on it because he was not home at the time. Luckily, his father called him before signing the application. District Manager Cassagnol urged all consumers to be cautious and protect themselves against deceptive marketing practices.
- ESCOs compete with Con Ed and can sell electricity and natural gas. Ask for identification.

VII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Jackie Hsieh, representing Congresswoman Grace Meng’s office, reported U. S. Rep. Grace Meng, in conjunction with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will hold an informational forum on President Obama’s recent executive actions on Immigration, which seeks to protect five million undocumented immigrants from being deported. The seminar will be held on Monday, February 23, at Elmhurst Hospital. Also, the audience will have the opportunity to meet and speak with representatives of Immigration Services.

Translators will be available in Spanish, English, Chinese, Korean, and Bengali. Flyers were on the back table.

Next, Emely Paez representing Senator Jose Peralta’s office reported free tax preparation is available. Guidelines do apply. There are two tax preparation sites available in the community. Flyers were available on the back table.

Since February is African American and History month, a celebration will be held on Thursday, February 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Langston Hughes Library. The event is open and free to the public. Refreshments will be served. Keynote speaker Bertha Lewis, President of the Black Institute.

Next, Ari Espinal, representing Assembly Member Francisco Moya's office, reported a celebration will be held on February 26 to commemorate Dominican Heritage Month. The culture and heritage of the Dominican Republic is observed. The celebration will be held at P. S. 19, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All were invited to attend this beautiful event.

Next, Michael Mallon, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, reported the office has been very busy addressing potholes on our roadways caused by the severe winter weather with DOT.

Additionally, speeding issues around Elmhurst Hospital are being addressed. Many people have asked for speed humps around the Hospital, but it is not feasible since it would impede ambulances. Working with DOT, other ways to address this issue are being explored to remedy the problem.

Lastly, all were invited to a Lunar New Year Celebration on February 28. The event will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 84-07 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY. At 11:00 a.m. free arts and crafts are planned for children and at 12 Noon drumming, lion dancing, and other performances are scheduled to enjoy.

At this point, Board Member Lucy Schilero inquired about the requirements needed for obtaining the Municipal ID card. Specifically, is a driver's license needed?

Michael Mallon replied you are not required to have a NYS driver's license to obtain the Municipal ID card. The program is voluntary.

Board Member Schilero brought up the long wait list.

Michael Mallon agreed to the lengthy wait list because only \$10.5 million was allocated for resources, but he said there is talk of adding an additional center in Queens.

At this point, District Manager Cassagnol stated there are talks for several centers to be opened in Queens. He mentioned offering the office as a site, but the amount of foot traffic may be excessive. However, the Board is working with the Mayor's office.

Michael Mallon urged everyone to obtain the card, plus it gives you thousands of dollars in benefits to cultural institutions.

Joel Trinidad-Santos, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras' office, reported Council Member Ferreras will hold her State of the District address on February 18 at Langston Hughes Library, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Subsequently, on February 24, at Langston Hughes Library, a Black History Month celebration will be held, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Next, he spoke about the free pre-tax services offered at Transfiguration Church. Shortly after our meeting, the Church suffered water damage and the site was no longer available. As a result, the location had to be moved to P. S. 19, from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To offer extended hours, another site is being explored.

A request was received from the Department of Education to spread the word about the Community Education Council's (CECs) election process. Mr. Trinidad-Santos explained CECs are education policy advisory bodies responsible for, among other things, reviewing and evaluating the district's education programs, approving zoning lines, and holding public hearings on certain matter. Flyers were on the back table or call 311 to get details.

Lastly, Mr. Trinidad-Santos reminded all of the services offered at the Council Member's office.

Before proceeding to the next agenda item, Chairperson Louis Walker announced the new Chairs of the following Committees:

ULURP & Zoning Committee – Alton Derrick Smith, Committee Chair

Health Committee – Salvatore Lombardo, Committee Chair

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. David Chen, Executive Director

Chinese-American Planning Council

--Opening of a home for individuals with Developmental Disabilities within CB4

Since Mr. Chen was unavailable to make the presentation, Michelle Liu, Director CPC Queens, addressed the Board. As an introduction, the organization has been in existence since 1965, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The organization provides a wide range of social services to Chinese immigrants and their families. Starting from the youngest there are child care centers, youth services, and a workforce division assisting adults who are seeking employment and senior centers where recreation is provided and meals.

The Community Services Division helps people with HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and developmental disabilities.

The Chinese-American Planning Council under the auspices and licensed by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is working to establish an Independent Residential Alternative for individuals with developmental disabilities at **55-11 97th Street, Corona, NY.**

The funding is in partnership through Medicaid.

The plan is to house six individuals with developmental disabilities. Developmental disabilities includes mental retardation, autism, and cerebral palsy. The rates of mental retardation are increasing. This is a service that helps families who are looking for a stable home for their children.

The residents are adults within an age group of 40 to 50 years old. CPC is experienced operating these homes and currently operates a home in the Board district. Four individuals currently reside at this home. The home will be moved from Elmhurst to Corona and the number of beds will be expanded. Twenty-four hour care is provided such as a night and day staff. A staff member is also in the home with the residents.

During the day the residents attend day rehabilitation programs, sometimes called schools. Residents travel to these schools and learn various activities of daily living, which include cooking skills, personal grooming skills, or money management skills. Many of those individuals have hopes of becoming employed in the near future.

The address of the Elmhurst location is **54-58 83 Street, Elmhurst, NY** The plan is to move into 55-11 97th Street, Corona, NY.

Currently, the Elmhurst house has four women and the plan is to move six individuals to the Corona address.

A Board Member asked what happens to the Elmhurst residence.

Ms. Liu responded it returns to its owners.

Board Member A. Redd Sevilla inquired what type of engagement is required with the family.

Ms. Liu responded none is required. Everyone is over the age of 21. They are their own guardians and they maintain relationships as they choose.

All participants have family members who are involved. They go home for the holidays or picked up for dinner, Ms. Liu explained.

For more information, contact Ms. Michelle Liu at 718-358-8899, ext. 106.

Before concluding her presentation, she added if anyone knows of someone with a developmental disability, there are quite a few services available from various service providers. She stated this is a population that does not get enough support, and she was seeking the Board's support on this site.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker commented the Board may approve the site recommended
or;
Suggest one or more alternate sites;
or;
Object to the establishment of a residence at the site.

At this point, Board Member Alirio Orduna made a motion, seconded by Board Member Minwen Yang, to **approve** the residence at 55-11 97th Street, Corona, NY.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 28 in favor, 1 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

IX. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Vote: SLA Applications

Before Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on the liquor license applications, she informed the Board CERT held a meeting January 15 and there were six new members that attended. One new CERT member was Board Member Georgina Oliver's daughter. Four people were dismissed from the team for non-attendance.

Committee Chair Schilero reported there were liquor license applications that were denied by the Board, but granted their licenses by the State Liquor Authority. When the Public Safety Committee denies the applicant, a letter is written by the Committee to the SLA informing them of the denial. However, the SLA does not wait for the Board's letter and many times grants the license, even though the Committee has a police report on the establishment.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

February 2015

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Tres Ardillas Jugando Corp. Beer Only	102-02 43 Avenue, Rear Corona, NY	Denied
No paperwork submitted, (C of O, corporation papers, proof of ownership) Public Safety Committee asked to see paperwork showing that the space this establishment will be occupying is in fact legal and up to building code. Also the committee had questions regarding what type of "club" it would be operating as.		
Cyber Bar & Billiard Corp. Wine and Beer Only	102-02 43 Avenue Corona, NY	Denied
Public Safety Committee asked to see paperwork showing that the space this establishment will be occupying is in fact legal and up to building code.		
Hua Rong, Inc. Wine and Beer Only	83-23 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Kendrick 93 Inc. "La Pollera Colorado 3"	40-15 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Baxter Fellows Corp. Liquor, Wine and Beer	82-16 Baxter Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Denied
2 Assault complaints and 2 Criminal mischief complaints (1 resulting in an arrest) from 1/20/13-1/11/15 2/7/13 – 3 C summonses for obstructed view into bar, employing a security guard without a registration guard, security guard working without a registration card. 2/11/13 – 3 C Summonses for obstructed view into bar, employing a security guard without a registration guard security guard without a registration card. 2/17/13 – 2C Summonses for security license not on file, no max occupancy sign displayed.		
El Tucan Inc. Wine and Beer Only	43-24 91 Place Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Page II Corporation "Park Side Restaurant"	107-01 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Denied
Did not submit paperwork despite numerous requests.		
Italian Charities of America Liquor, Wine and Beer	83-20 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS (cont'd)

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
El Sardinero Liquor, Wine and Beer No show. No paperwork submitted (C of O, corporation papers, proof of ownership) 1/15/14 – Complaint of Robbery outside of location 7/5/14 – Complaint of Petit Larceny 8/15/14- Complaint of Assault, resulting in an arrest	75-18 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
Emilio Heredia "Restaurant Emilio III" Liquor, Wine and Beer	42-18 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Approved
Mangos Steakhouse & Bakery Liquor, Wine and Beer 19 noise complaints from 3/24/12-Present 7 criminal complaints for Petit larceny, 3 for assault, 2 criminal possession of a weapon dating from 1/17/14 11/30/14, resulting in 6 arrests. 17C Summonses from 2/11/12-11/30/14	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue, Store #2 Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
Sabor Latino Corp. Liquor, Wine & Beer	95-35 40 th Road Corona, NY	No Committee Decision
Los Tres Hermanos Potrillos Inc. Liquor, Wine and Beer 10 Criminal complaints from 5/1/12 to present (including 6 arrests) 2 SLA C Summonses on 10/12/14 for failure to check ID and sale to visibly intoxicated person.	111-16 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Denied

Regarding the status of Sabor Latino, Committee Chair Schilero reported this establishment has had a history for many years. At the meeting, the police officers were asked about grand and petit larceny charges. She asked for a report, but never received one. The representative from the establishment said it was a small charge (maybe a cellphone), but the Committee Chair said she needed confirmation from the complainant about what happened. It was never sent. Meanwhile, the noise complaints decreased somewhat. There were some problems in 2013, but the Committee Chair felt since there is a history with the establishment we should know more about the grand and petit larceny complaints. There was a difference of opinion between herself and a committee member to make the final decision to approve or deny the application. Since a quorum was not present at the Committee meeting, Committee Chair Schilero voted to deny the application while Committee Member Gurdip Singh Narula voted to approve it. Now, it's up to the Board to make the final decision.

When asked why he voted to approve the application, Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula said the infractions were minor and dated back two years ago and nothing since had been reported.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker opened the floor to discussion.

Discussion ensued.

Following District Manager Christian Cassagnol gave a brief history of this establishment during the past years.

Conversely, Committee Chair Lucy Schilero suggested writing a letter to include the Board will monitor the establishment.

District Manager Cassagnol added the Board letter can state we approve the application, but with the proviso the Committee is monitoring the business and they must improve conditions.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Eduardo Medrano-Salas, to **approve** the application with the stipulation.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 28 to approve, 1 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

At this point, Board Member Patricia Terranova brought up the denial given to the Parkside Restaurant. She stated although the Parkside had received its license, the Board should not vote no on the application because it does not look good for the Board. The restaurant has been in the community more than 30 years and is a positive influence in the neighborhood. If the Board is going to give a chance to Sabor Latino, we should offer the same opportunity to a restaurant with a five star rating. The Board should not give a no vote because a document was not submitted. Additionally, the restaurant is very clean, the food is delicious, and its role in the community is excellent, plus there are no complaints against the establishment.

Discussion ensued.

Subsequently, Board Member Patricia Terranova made a motion to **approve** the application for the Parkside Restaurant with the stipulation to submit the documents requested by the Public Safety Committee. Motion seconded by Board Member Edgar Moya.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Following this vote, Board Member Patricia Terranova made a motion to **accept** the Committee's report on the remaining license applications presented tonight, with the exception of Sabor Latino Corp. and Parkside Restaurant. Motion seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

At this point, Police Officer Janine Rivera of the 110 Precinct reported crime is down for the week and the 28 day period, and down for the year. For assaults in the 28 day period, there is a slight increase, and most of the assaults that are occurring are domestic related. The Domestic Violence Unit is going out doing outreach, home visits and follow-ups. The Domestic Violence Unit team has been increased to six officers.

The 110 Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m., at the VFW Post 150, 51-11 108 Street.

P. O. Rivera reminded all to follow the 110 Precinct on Twitter, @nypd110pct. and read about events, crime statistics, crime prevention, safety tips and more.

Subsequently, Board Member Jennifer Chu informed P. O. Rivera about the overnight commercial vehicle parking on Queens Blvd. P. O. Rivera asked for locations.

Before proceeding to the Committee Reports, Chairperson Louis Walker announced next month's meeting will be held at I. S. 61.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consumer Affairs

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

Health

No Report. New Committee will schedule a meeting.

Parks

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Youth

Committee Chairperson Lucy Cerezo-Scully reported a meeting is planned for end of February. She also spoke about Governor Cuomo's budget and funding public education. A meeting will be held on this on February 27, at 3:15 p.m., at I. S. 5 hosted by the UFT. Many people will be speaking about the funding that is not happening for New York City and other public schools within the state. Just to recap, \$2.2 million is owed public education and is not distributed. It's not about public school vs. charter school, it's about education. If you stop funding something, it's not going to work, she added.

The Governor wants to raise the cap on charter schools, where there is no oversight. The principals are not licensed and neither are the teachers. Basically, they are people managing a school. Unfortunately, charter schools are not regulated to employ licensed professionals.

Environmental

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Transportation

Committee Chair Joseph DiMartino reported a meeting is scheduled for February 24, at 6:30 p.m., at the Board office.

Postal

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

ULURP/Zoning

No Report. New Committee Chair will schedule a meeting.

XI. PUBLIC FORUM

First, a representative from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) addressed the Board. If you own a business, shop in a business, or work in a business DCA affects your life. DCA enforces the rules governing more than 80,000 businesses across the City and regulates 55 different kinds of industries. Aside from licensing and regulating businesses, DCA also helps New Yorkers with free tax preparation.

The Earned Income Tax Credit and free tax prep. was mentioned including the site to apply in Community Board 4. A free tax prep. center is located at Make the Road NY, 92-10 Roosevelt Avenue. The phone number is 212-505-3482. Call to make an appointment.

Guidelines were provided in order to qualify. A trained volunteer will file your taxes free. Details were also provided on the Earned Income Tax Credit. You cannot get a refund if you do not file your taxes.

Please spread the word about free tax prep. and the EITC to your friends and family. Pamphlets were in the back with more details.

Second, Mario Matos the Assistant Principal at Maspeth High School, reported Maspeth High School is located about half a block over from Elmhurst Park and serves students from District 24. Quite a number of students come from Elmhurst and Corona. This year will be the first graduating class, and the Regents pass rates so far are in Living Environments 97.6%, English 96.8%, Global History 90.3%, U. S History 98.3%: and the college readiness percentage for the class of 2015 is 77% on track to graduate and demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics a defined by CUNY's standards. There are seventeen PSAL teams, two of which boys varsity basketball and the girls varsity basketball made the playoffs this year. The boys' varsity basketball team has gone undefeated for two years in a row. He noted Maspeth High School is a public high school.

Mr. Matos spoke about community events the students participated in. Recently, the students raised \$1,000 by walking with the Municipal Credit Union in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign in Central Park. Also, the future doctors club works with the American Cancer Society. Students raised money for the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross. The Key Club has raised money for the Thirst Project, which provides fresh water in third world countries. Additionally, one of the clubs raised money to send students in Central America to school.

Maspeth High School also participates in cleanups in Maspeth. Students also participated in Memorial Day parades with the New York Restoration Project. Moreover, students raised money for the Philippines Relief Fund after the tsunami, about \$1700 was collected. Maspeth High School is involved with the veterans in Maspeth. Students also read to patients in hospitals, for example, Shriners Children Hospital and St. Jude Children's Hospital. The average total SAT score 1431 is the third highest in District 24, and forty fifth in New York City.

A Talent Show is planned for Friday, February 13 and a Pancake Social will be held on Saturday March 7, which is open to the Public.

Third, Taylor Kuhn, representing an organization called Commune which is developing a digital directory of public meetings throughout the five boroughs in New York City to be more accessible for residents supporting their participation in local districts. To finalize the tool for people to access this data base an iPhone pilot is being developed. People are asked to join and provide feedback to understand their needs for meetings and what type of information they are looking for. If you have an iPhone and are interested in civic participation, please sign up. Also, you can submit your own meetings to the data base. For example, if you follow housing, you can upload any meetings in that category plus other categories as well.

Fourth, John Schaeffer, a resident of Elmhurst, NY, needed help on garbage at the Boulevard Family Shelter a/k/a Pan American Hotel. The garbage is being stored outside in plastic bags. He read the NYC Health Law to the Board. According to the law, all garbage and other waste and recyclable materials shall be deposited in tightly covered, watertight receptacles made of material type and grade that is resistant to rodents, insects and other pests until such time that garbage and waste materials are moved to an area for a scheduled pickup. Mr. Schaeffer had made a complaint on the condition attracting rodents, but the Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene upon inspection did not find any violation. The property passed inspection. Mr. Schaeffer is asking the Community Board for help, in particular, why proper receptacles can't be obtained to prevent rodents from infesting the neighborhoods. Local businesses have complained about more rodents. Bags of garbage are piled high by the Boulevard Family Shelter.

District Manager Cassagnol replied photographs would help and continued the Board was aware of a garbage problem in the past. The Dept. of Sanitation did acquire the contract to pick up garbage at that location, which is a plus, and the garbage was picked up.

However, the problems described here tonight are new. He said there are members of the Community Board including himself who serve on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Samaritan Village and the sole purpose of the CAB is to hear what the community wants and what can be done to remedy the situation.

District Manager Cassagnol asked Mr. Schaeffer to provide to the District Manager all information he had and it will be presented at the next Community Advisory Board meeting.

Mr. Schaeffer added garbage is stored on pallets in plastic bags, and photos can be seen on Elmhurst United.org.

Fifth, Suzy Wong asked if the public is invited to the Community Advisory Board meetings for Samaritan Village.

District Manager Cassagnol replied no and added no one in this room is in charge of who is appointed to serve on the CAB.

Ms. Wong said can he ask if a member of the public can serve also.

The District Manager said he would, and added if she had any concerns to call the Board office with them and he would present them at the next CAB meeting. The Community Advisory Board usually meeting once per month. So far, the CAB has been receptive to our concerns.

Board Member A. Redd Sevilla said he also serves on the CAB, and to bring up any concerns to him as well and he will present it at the CAB meeting.

Next, she asked about the status of the contract for the Boulevard Family Shelter. Will it become permanent, she inquired.

District Manager Cassagnol said he would inquire about its status.

Before concluding, Ms. Wong brought up the increase in the property tax assessment.

District Manager Cassagnol said to bring the matter to the attention of the elected officials.

Discussion ensued.

Board Member Jennifer Chu inquired if minutes can be obtained from the CAB meetings.

District Manager Cassagnol did not know, stating he was a member as she is. But, he would ask.

Next, Aaron Hernandez, St. Nicholas Work Force Development Center, reported the Center offers no cost employment services.

The Center provides comprehensive employment and training services at its facility, which provides skill training in your field of interest or you can apply for one of its recognized training programs such as Environmental Remediation Technician Training or Commercial Driver's License Training (CDL). Those with some work experience can come to the St. Nicholas Alliance to secure licenses and career development. The Center is located at 790 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY (J & M trains to Flushing Avenue). Come down Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. to the free informational service. Call 718-302-2200 for more information.

There being no further business, Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula made a motion, seconded by Board Member Patricia Terranova, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.