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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

TIME: 7:25 P. M.

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

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. District Manager Christian Cassagnol took the roll call. A quorum was present.

IV. VOTE: Minutes of January 14, 2014 Meeting

Board Member Jennifer Lagos made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula, to **accept** the minutes of the January 14 meeting.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

To move the meeting along, Chairperson Louis Walker moved to the next agenda item "Report of the District Manager".

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager Cassagnol reported two Board Members have not submitted applications for renewal-- Marcella Testa, and Gurdip Singh Narula.

Next, he reported on February 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., non-profit organizations will have the opportunity to go to Borough Hall to request Council funding. Log to queensbp.org and register online.

VII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Joel Trinidad Santos, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras, reported on the services and screenings offered at the Council Member's office. Flyers were available. He presented the following:

CUNY Citizenship NOW Immigration Services
Services by appointment
Mondays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Urban Justice Center Domestic Violence and Family Court Screenings
Fourth Wednesday of every month from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Human Resource Administration (HRA Screenings)
Fourth Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Call for appointments and further inquiries.

A Free Citizenship Workshop is being offered by Catholic Migration Services. This was being announced tonight because currently appointments at the Council Member's office are booked until March 10. This event is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 249 9th Street, Brooklyn, NY. Call 646-597-8797 to register.

Additionally, the Council Member's office along with the Food Bank for New York City is offering free Income Tax Services. Services are offered at the Transfiguration of Christ Greek Orthodox Church, 38-05 98th Street, Corona, NY. Hours of operation are: Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-7p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9 am-5pm. March closed Mondays and Fridays. Services offered on January 17 until April 15.

Next, he announced a celebration of Dominican Independence is planned for Friday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at P. S. 19's Auditorium, 98-02 Roosevelt Avenue.

Subsequently, he spoke about Council Member Ferreras' State of the District address on February 4 which she spoke about all the changes coming to the District.

One of the changes is now Lefrak City encompasses the Council Member's district. Council Member Ferreras will offer a mobile office at the Lefrak Library. He turned the floor over to his colleague, Ivan Acosta, Director of Constituent Services & District Office Director, to provide more details.

Mr. Acosta reported because of redistricting Lefrak now encompasses part of the 21 Council District. A mobile office will be situated at the Lefrak Library every Tuesday from 2 pm to 7 pm every Tuesday and Thursday through the summer. He urged all to stop by. A staff member will also be on site.

He reminded all the Council Member's office is open until 7:00 p.m. on Mondays for the convenience of people working until 5 p.m.

At this point, Mr. Santos explained the discretionary funding processing has just initiated. Log onto the City Council website for more information. Not for profit organizations can apply for discretionary funding through Council Member Ferreras.

At this point, Board Member Judy D'Andrea asked about the Council Member's position on the proposed mall on the Citifield parking lot.

Mr. Acosta reported the proposal passed under the Bloomberg administration, passed through the ULURP review procedure, and passed the City Council.

Board Member D'Andrea mentioned the lawsuit brought on by the individuals located at Willets Point.

Mr. Acosta was uncertain about Council Member Ferreras' initial reaction to the lawsuit. He did state, however, the Council Member voted for the application in the City Council.

Board Member D'Andrea questioned the Council Member approved using parkland for profit and private development.

Discussion ensued. Some of the discussion centered on the creation of jobs the project would bring in.

Board Member D'Andrea stated she is tired of legislators and elected officials ramrodding these proposals down our throats without any say. All they keep saying is its bringing jobs. How many jobs, what kind of jobs (are they union jobs) are they low scale paying jobs? Those questions are not answered said Board Member D'Andrea.

More discussion ensued.

Board Member Alirio Orduna requested Council Member Ferreras be invited to address the Board to provide an update on this matter.

Mr. Acosta responded the application went through a process where the affected Community Boards voted on it, next the application went to the City Planning Commission, and then it was before the City Council where there was a public discussion. Council Member Ferreras voted in favor of the proposal, mentioning the construction and union jobs it will bring to the area.

Board Member D'Andrea responded those are temporary jobs.

Board Member Sandra Munoz said she had read this Board had voted for the proposal. Other Board members disagreed and ULURP/Zoning Committee Chair Miriam Levenson said it was not brought before the Committee.

Board Member D'Andrea said last year Board Member James Lisa spoke out against the proposal and questioned how parkland was able to be now utilized for this development without going through the process, which is why there is now a lawsuit. Justice will be served in favor of the people who live here, not the people who want to make millions, continued Board Member D'Andrea.

Board Member Sandra Munoz said next time we need to unite our voices and speak louder because she did not think the Board did. A lot of decisions were made before the proposal was presented to the Board.

Mr. Acosta explained the Council Member voted for the proposal because it is a very underdeveloped area which will be improved by bringing in affordable housing and jobs.

Board Member D'Andrea countered the affordable housing component was pushed back to 2025. Affordable housing would be brought in ten years from now and explained the whole picture must be presented.

At this point, Chairperson Walker said Council Member Julissa Ferreras would be invited to a meeting so that she can provide more information to the Board on this issue.

Next, Mr. Alexis Rodriguez, representing Senator Jose Peralta's office, reported on free legal clinics in Jackson Heights. Flyers were on the back table. Get free legal consultations from nonprofit attorneys on matters related to:

Family Law
Immigration Health Law
Housing
Employment Law
Tax Law
Public Assistance
Disability Benefits
Small Business
And more.....

The clinics are scheduled every second Tuesday of the month, from 5-7 p.m. Upcoming clinics are planned for: March 11, 2014 and April 8, 2014. Call Senator Peralta's office for more information.

Next, Ms. Louise Emanuel representing Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry's office, wished Queens Borough President Melinda Katz much success in her new position and mentioned the Borough President's Safe Haven Program for Children. It is very much needed again.

At this time, Chairperson Louis Walker introduced Queens Borough President Melinda Katz.

The Borough President thanked the Board for its support throughout the years. As an Assembly Member, a Council Member, and working for Queens Borough President Claire Shulman, she is entering her 21st year in politics on February 15.

Staff members Lisa Atkins was acknowledged from the Borough President's staff as well as Cathy Moore. The Borough President's staff is pretty much complete, she said.

The Queens Borough President's office along with the Queens Chamber of Commerce holds a cabinet meeting every month. The month's meeting was held this morning at the Marriott Hotel. It was a beautiful event and very well attended. People are excited about the future for the next four years with a new Comptroller, Public Advocate, Queens Borough President, and many new council members (in other districts). Borough President Katz congratulated Council Member Julissa Ferreras on becoming the Chair of Finance in the City Council. This appointment is very important not only for the entire borough but also for the district.

Queens Borough President Katz acknowledged the hard work of District Manager Christian Cassagnol and the leadership of Chair Louis Walker and the efforts of the entire Board.

Queens Borough President Katz said we have a great future for Queens. Those promises she made on the campaign trail, she intends to keep. Interaction is very important, which is why she has hired a great staff.

We are a dynamic, diverse, up and coming, thriving community in this borough, and we have the greatest diversity on the planet. This is the greatest asset we have in the City of New York. We are Queens with very distinctive features!

Borough President Katz reflected on Queens' diversity remarking it is such that it should be celebrated throughout the entire city.

Restaurants from every culture in the entire world are found in Queens. Cuisine from every corner of the world can be located in the borough's neighborhoods. Queens is the upcoming place to be. It is not only dynamic for its cultural events and shopping but also it is a growing economy. Small businesses are becoming a main force in the borough. People are coming from all over the world to start their businesses here. Queens is ready to take over Brooklyn's boom.

Next, the Borough President spoke about affordable housing. There must be a balance. Everything we need should be found in the borough. We should be able to educate our children, find jobs and access transportation. There is a frustration. We need to create jobs right here. Any entity coming into the Borough President's office to fill out an application for any reason, for example housing or retail, questions will be asked: are you hiring from the neighborhood, will neighborhood residents be given priority living in the affordable housing, will we be able to grow the industry in this borough or once it is successful, will the business move to Long Island or to another state.

Borough President Melinda Katz spoke about school overcrowding in the district and the need to educate our children. At the State of the City address by the Mayor, she spoke about the proposal to tax the wealthy to provide for universal pre-K. She was impressed this issue is now acknowledged in the city and being addressed. We should have the opportunity, no matter what neighborhood you live in, no matter what your income bracket is, no matter what you can afford, to get pre-K for your child. Pre-k is very necessary, and no mother or father should be faced with the decision to either pay the rent or send their child to pre-k. Economically, it allows people to work. Children are not only socializing in pre-k but also parents can hold a job and not pay day care. She also spoke about the difficulties of obtaining day care when parents work.

A "War Room" will be restarted in the Borough President's office, which was implemented by former Borough President Claire Shulman, to help solve overcrowding in the district. There should be no need to wait for the SCA to find a location, then wait for the location to be bought by the City, and wait again for the construction to begin, which could take many years. Leasing spaces and sites for children in the Borough are very important, especially if there is an influx of pre-k.

Next, Borough President Katz spoke about the New York State Pavilion. The city-owned site in Flushing Meadows Corona Park has fallen into disrepair over the years. Plans were in the making to either restore or demolish the Pavilion. Borough President Katz reported although it needs a lot of work, it should be saved and not be torn down.

According the Parks Dept., it would cost \$53 million to restore and \$14 million to tear it down. The \$14 million should be spent on repairing not destroying it. Borough President Katz supports preserving and saving the structure, and a Task Force has been started to preserve our history in the Borough.

On the fun side, last Friday she pronounced it, on radio station 104.3, Beatles Day in the Borough of Queens.

To contact the Borough President, e-mail her at katz@queensbp.org. Forty days into her administration, she said great headway has been made with communities, and they always have a place at Borough Hall.

The Queens Borough President looks forward to working together to solve problems, launch new initiatives, and make the communities better places to live, work, and raise a family.

At this point, Priscilla Carrow asked about the homeless population in Elmhurst. Borough President Katz responded there are no new homeless shelters being built. The Borough President is aware of the homeless problem and working with the De Blasio administration to determine what his policy will be because every Mayor has his own policy. Lisa Atkins would coordinate with Board Member Carrow to see if there are any policy statements in effect and a follow up done.

Next, Board Member Rovenia McGowan asked if the General Assembly Committee would be continued. Borough President Katz responded yes and a meeting is forthcoming.

Next, Board Member Pat Martin thanked the Borough President for her support of the Queens Library.

Borough President Katz responded libraries are very important. There is an obligation to the libraries that are funded by the City of New York. Libraries must be transparent and answer to the Borough. They are places where seniors exchange news and children go after school and it is also a place to use computers. There is a need that trust me be given back to the public. The trustees need to look at the library system. The Borough President supports six to seven day week library service. She is working very closely with her trustees on the Board to restore public confidence to the system.

Board Member Clara Salas brought up the online directory needed to be updated. She inquired if the Borough President's staff would do an update. Board Member Salas would be glad to assist.

Borough President Katz said yes the directory would be updated. Board Member Salas will coordinate with Ms. Cathy Moore to share information.

Next, Board Member George Onuorah asked about the Borough President's direction relating to youth and youth programs. How can the youth understand they have a role to play in our communities? How can they contribute more to society?

Borough President Katz spoke about an Internship Program at Borough Hall. Contact Mr. George Zhuo, Director of Youth Development and Internship at Borough Hall.

All emails at Borough Hall are first letter and last name. Mr. Zhuo can be e-mailed at gzhuo@queensbp.org. The Borough President continued parents desperately want something for their children to do, especially parents with teenagers. It is very hard for teens to get part-time jobs in the summer time.

Mr. Zhuo's job is to get teenagers involved. It is extremely important to get teenagers involved and off the streets. Assignments can include an office placement making phone calls to city agencies or involved with cleanup programs such as graffiti or sidewalk or highway clean ups.

The Borough President continued this is a very active internship program. Additionally, participation serves a dual purpose--getting teenagers into active involvement and the experience can help build their resume. Call Mr. Zhuo at 718-286-2849 for more information.

Next, Board Member Jennifer Lagos commended Borough President Katz on the Internship Program. With her 16 year old brother in mind, she said this would look great on his resume.

Borough President Katz added placements can be with the Boy Scouts who are seeking summer camp counselors, which does not require experience.

Next, Board member Lucy Cerezo-Scully asked what is the age requirement for the Internship Program.

Queens Borough President Katz answered no doubt senior/junior high school aged. Internships are performed to get school credit or add the experience to the student's resume she explained. Hours do not have to be 40 hours/week. They can be as minimal as 5 hours/week.

In conclusion, Queens Borough President Katz appreciates the Board's hard work and dedication given to the Borough and looks forward to the next four years.

At this point, Chairperson Walker called for additional Legislator's Reports.

Mr. Michael Mallon, representing Council Member Dromm's office, reported on the Lunar New Year Celebration planned for February 16 at 12 Noon (Sharp) in Elmhurst. Starting off with a parade, participants will line up at Moore Homestead Park at Broadway and 45th Avenue, participants will march to the Elmhurst

Memorial League at 88- 24 43 Avenue. At approximately 2:30/2:45 p.m., a community fair is planned with performances and appearances by our elected officials. This event is one of the most popular and best attended. All were urged to attend.

Also, Council Member Dromm held his first education committee hearing today on universal pre-K. The hearing was very well received and attended. It is a very much needed goal and the Council Member looks forward to working with the Administration in making this a reality.

Next, Ms. Jacqueline Hsieh, representing Congresswoman Grace Meng, reported for the first time the House of Representatives is holding its first annual Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) competition. The competition is open to high school students only and the Congresswoman is participating along with hundreds of representatives across the country. It is a nationwide competition for high school students to create and exhibit their software. Reaching out to high school principals, registration began February 1. All high school students are encouraged to participate. The year the challenge is for an “app”. High school students create an app. Or have an idea for an app. One of the greatest perks is the student will have his/her idea showcased in the Capitol.

If you have a high school student who is interested, please contact Ms. Hsieh.

Next, she spoke about the Congressional Art Competition, which is open to high school students only. It is a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district.

If any high school student is interested, please contact Ms. Hsieh at 718-445-7860 or e-mail her at Jacqueline.Hsieh@mail.house.gov.

VIII. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Report and Vote:

Election of New Executive Committee

Term of Office March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2016

The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee Giancarlo Castano reported the Nominations Committee met on January 30 to discuss and choose a slate of officers for CB 4 from March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2016.

The following Board Members were chosen:

Chairperson	Louis Walker
First Vice Chairperson	Albert Perna
Second Vice Chairperson	Alton Derrick Smith
Executive Secretary	Lucy Schilero
Treasurer	Giancarlo Castano

At Large Directors:

Debra Clayton
Roseann Geiger
Gurdip Singh Narula
Lucy Cerezo Scully

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker said candidates would be voted on office by office.

For the Office of Chairperson, the Nominations Committee selected Louis Walker.

Chairperson Louis Walker called for nominations from the floor. The Chairperson called again for nominations. Since there were none from floor, the Board cast its vote.
By a voice vote, the Board voted 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.
Louis Walker is elected Chairperson of the Board.

Next, the Office of First Vice Chairperson was announced. The Nominations Committee selected Albert Perna. Chairperson Walker called for nominations from the floor. The Chairperson called again for nominations. Since there were none, the Board cast its vote.
By a voice vote, the Board voted 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.
Albert Perna is elected First Vice Chairperson.

Next, the Office of Second Vice Chairperson was announced. The Nominations Committee selected Alton Derrick Smith. Chairperson Walker called for nominations from the floor. The Chairperson called again for nominations. Since there were none, the Board cast its vote.
By a voice vote, the Board voted 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.
Alton Derrick Smith is elected Second Vice Chairperson.

Next, the Office of Treasurer was announced. The Nominations Committee selected Giancarlo Castano. Chairperson Walker called for nominations from the floor. The Chairperson called again for nominations. Since there were none, the Board cast its vote.
By a voice vote, the Board voted 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.
Giancarlo Castano is elected Treasurer.

Next, the Office of Executive Secretary was announced. The Nominations Committee selected Lucy Schilero. Chairperson Walker called for nominations from the floor. The Chairperson called again for nominations. Since there were none, the Board cast its vote.
By a voice vote, the Board voted 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.
Lucy Schilero is elected Executive Secretary.

Next, the Office for At Large Directors was announced. The Nominations Committee selected:

Roseann Geiger
Lucy Cerezo-Scully
Gurdip Singh Narula
Debra Clayton

Since there were four candidates, Chairperson Walker requested the nominees stand when their name was called.

At this point, Chairperson Walker called for Nominations from the floor. A second call by the Chairperson for nominations was given.
Since there were none, the Board cast its vote.
By a voice vote, the Board voted 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions.
All four nominees were elected as At Large Directors.

The Nominations Committee report was accepted and there were no nominations from the floor, stated Chairperson Louis Walker before moving on to the next agenda item.

IX. ULURP COMMITTEE

Vote: 78-02/14 Roosevelt Avenue – Subject matter was tabled.

X. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Vote: SLA Applications

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Committee met on February 5. For the first time ever, the Public Safety Committee has no Denied applications.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

February 2014

NEW APPLICANTS

<u>Establishment’s Name</u>	<u>Establishment’s Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Chiflez Corp. Liquor, Wine and Beer	95-02 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Approved
Edita’s Bar & Restaurant Liquor, Wine and Beer	85-10/12 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Giancarlo Castano, to **accept** the Committee’s report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 33 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental

Committee Chair Giancarlo Castano reported Board Member Giancarlo Castano reported the Environmental Committee met twice since the last Board meeting. Coordinating with the Parks Committee, events are being planned. A clean up event is planned for Frank O’Connor Park (tail--a small triangular park). Right now, the plan also includes the Youth Committee. The target date is Saturday, April 12.

District Manager Cassagnol added this plan has been discussed over the last few months. It is still in the early stages and the Youth Committee has just been involved very recently. Outreach will come from the Board office. The District Manager provided more details. Currently, three Board committees are involved, but as the time draws closer more participants may be involved.

Board Member Redd Sevilla applauded CB4’s Environmental, Parks and Youth Committees for their efforts.

Health

Health Committee chair Clara Salas reported on the following:

1. For answers to your questions about your Health Plan and to find a Consumer Navigator Program that can help you register with a Health Plan call 1-855-355-5777.
2. St. Mary’s Healthcare System for Children in Bayside will end its 20 year Early Intervention Program in May due to lack of adequate funding from the state. The program will close May 5, 2014, and will relocate 750 children (some from CB4 Queens). The workers will be placed with other agencies. The

program treats children with complex medical issues. The decision to end the Early Intervention Program was made after the state Dept. of Health made multiple cuts to its reimbursement rates, “and with no additional funding included in the proposed 2014-15 state budget.” Queens Ch. Th. @/6/2014 pg. 22

3. A meeting of the CB4Q’s Health Committee will be scheduled for April 2014. Date, time and location will be announced. Contributions of ideas for this meeting from CB4Q members will be appreciated.

Copies of the Health Committee report were distributed to the Board members.

Before concluding Health Committee Chair Clara Salas reported on the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program. Flyers were passed out.

At this point, Board Member Judy D’Andrea asked if anyone has had a problem with raccoons/possums. Discussion ensued.

The Committee reports resumed:

Transportation

Committee Chair Joseph DiMartino reported because of weather conditions, no meetings were held.

Youth

Committee Chair Lucy Cerezo-Scully reported a meeting was held February 6 simultaneously with Parks and Environmental Committees. At the Youth Committee meeting they spoke about the Internship Program Borough President Katz spoke about and how the Committee can also institute a program. Activities to get children involved are a priority for the committee. Community centers do not exist. We need to find activities and places for youth to go to. She also mentioned the Committee’s involvement in the upcoming cleanup for Frank O’Connor Park.

Board Member Pat Martin added the Queens Borough Public Libraries have a wealth of activities for our youth. Input was requested.

Board member Roseann Geiger brought up the lack of sports for children in this area. Other towns have so much more. We are so populated with young children and severely lacking in sports, which hurts the area.

Discussion ensued.

At this point, A. Redd Sevilla asked when the Board voted on the Citifield Mall.

Chairperson Louis Walker replied the vote went to Community Boards 3 and 7. It was on their side.

Consumer Affairs

Board Member Pat Martin reported due to weather and scheduling, the Committee did not meet.

At this point, Chairperson Walker announced because of changes to the committee structure such as resignations and non-reappointments, committees must be realigned. Committees as they are now are unbalanced. Some committees have more members serving than others, which needs to be corrected.

Postal

Chairperson Walker announced Board Member Gigi Salvador will now serve as the new Postal Committee Chair. Committee Chairperson Stephen Castro had resigned due to health reasons.

Parks

Committee Chair Al Perna commended everyone for their attendance at meetings. He also reported on the newly formed Green Team. He hopes to see everyone on April 12 doing their part at the parks clean-up. Also, he reported on the New York State Pavilion expressing the right direction is to save it. Although it needs much work, it should not be torn down. It should be restored for future generations. Committee Chair Al Perna is also on the Task Force to preserve the New York State Pavilion.

Discussion ensued about the area parks cleanup of snow and ice removal.

XII. PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public asked about the recently sold Pan Am Motor Inn on Queens Blvd. Will it become Section 8 housing?

District Manager Cassagnol responded nothing has been confirmed yet.

Next, Board Member Clara Salas reported on the LaGuardia Community College Justice Community Program, which offers community benefit projects and civic engagement, transferable job skills to build an individual's resume, career counseling, job readiness workshops, mentoring and leadership opportunities and a chance to earn up to \$300 a month and metro cards for achieving program goals (\$1,350 max). In order to qualify an individual must: be between the ages of 16-24, have had some type of criminal involvement within the past year/ an individual who is at risk of having criminal involvement, and someone who is on probation/parole. Contact Vanessa Jarvis at 718-482-5171 or vjarvis@lagcc.cuny.edu. Flyers available.

Board Member Sandra Munoz brought up the Citifield Mall was not in our district as stated earlier. She thought, however, it was the soccer proposal that the Board took a vote on.

Chairperson Walker said the soccer proposal never came to the Board for a vote.

Next, Agatha Funes reported Samaritan Village is funded by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Samaritan Village Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program assists at-risk veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. Outreach and case management services are designed to improve veteran families' housing stability and prevent at-risk families from becoming homeless. Details were provided on services/eligibility. Flyers were available.

Next Board Member Board Member Alirio Orduna reported the New York Military Cadets is having an Open House on February 25 and March 1 at P. S. 19. Details were provided on this and other activities. All were invited to P. S. 19.

Next, Board Member Pat Martin announced on February 21 at 5:30 p.m. the Friends of Lefrak Library are having their Black History event at which Council Members Daniel Dromm and Julissa Ferreras will be honored and recognizing the work of Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry and Senator Jose Peralta in our community. She noted it is a fund raiser to raise money. The children will be the entertainment. Please come out and support our community at the Lefrak City Library.

Mr. Giovanni Matos , Community Relations Event Planner, for Emblem Health announced it is a health and wellness organization which also offers health insurance policies under the health care reform. Past events were coordinated with Senator Peralta and Council Member Dromm's offices and other elected officials from the area. Community activities include an RV in Corona every Thursday. There are seven mobile computers which the community can utilize. Since there are several different locations every Thursday, call Mr. Matos to see where the RV will be stationed. He can be reached at 646-629-7094 and he will let you know where the RV is stationed.

Next, Board member Jennifer Chu asked if the March CB meeting can be held at Elmhurst Hospital.

Board Chair Louis Walker responded last time the meeting was held at Elmhurst Hospital attendance was OK, but there were many Elmhurst people missing.

Chair Louis Walker said he would need to see what the schedule of the hospital is.

There being no further business, Board Member Judy D'Andrea made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Cerezo-Scully, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.