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February 14, 2017

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Board Members Attending:

Damian Vargas
Priscilla Carrow
Giancarlo Castano
Chaio-Chung Chen
Debra Clayton
Ann Pfoser Darby
Marialena Giampino
Ingrid Gomez
Salvatore Lombardo
Peter Manganaro
Patricia Martin
Rovenia McGowan
Edgar Moya
Sandra Munoz

Gurdip Singh Narula
Georgina Oliver
Shwe Zin (Winny) Oo
Alirio Orduna
Alexa Ponce
Ashley Reed
Oscar Rios
Cristian Romero
Clara Salas
Gigi Salvador
Lucy Schilero
Alton Derrick Smith
Marcello Testa
Minwen Yang
Lester Youngblood

Board Members Absent:

Lucy Cerezo Scully
Safat Chowdhury
Erica Cruz
Judy D'Andrea
Maria D'Amico
Jennifer Gutierrez

Hector Hernandez
James Lisa
Albert Perna
A. Redd Sevilla
Patricia Terranova

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager
Margaret Silletti, CB4 Community Coordinator
Christina Long, CB4 Community Assistant
D. I. Christopher Manson, 110 Police Precinct
QiBin Ye, Council Member Daniel Dromm's Office
Alexander Bennett, U. S. Rep. Grace Meng's Office
David Burgoa, Senator Jose Peralta's Office
Matt Sollars, NYC Campaign Finance Board
Tse Tam Crun, World Journal
Ernestine McKayle, 97-28 57 Avenue
Nick Genovesi, 97-11 Horace Harding Exp.
Barbara Jackson, U. S. Rep. Joseph Crowley
M. Lord, Queens Chronicle
L. Coral, 102-20 46 Avenue, corona, NY
Lou Ceran, NYC Parks Dept., 1234 5th Avenue
Odelia Lee, NYC Parks Dept., 1234 5th Avenue
Jimmy Apostolatos, PO Box 737939, Elmhurst, NY
Fayanne Betan, Sheldon Lobel PC
Tom Hurtubise, Queens Zoo
Andy Collado, 102-37 46 Avenue
Jennifer Ochon, NCA/ESP, 89-08 43 Avenue
Sergio Bobadilla, NCA/ESP, 89-08 43 Avenue
Paul Tapogna, Queens Zoo
Gilles Lubeth, 73-01 41 Avenue

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

I. Chairperson Damian Vargas opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Before the roll call was taken, Chairperson Vargas asked all to remain standing to observe a moment of silence for Sarah “Sally” Vivona, Cathy Moore’s Mother, and CB4 Board Member Joseph Di Martino who passed away.

At this point, District Manager Christian Cassagnol read an acknowledgement from Cathy Moore to thank the Board for its kindness on the passing of her mother.

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

IV. **VOTE:** Minutes January 10, 2017

Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Board Member Alirio Orduna, to **accept** the minutes.

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

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Damian Vargas reported last week CB4 held an Executive Board meeting where a few subjects were discussed. Although no vote was taken, discussion involved a new Community Board meeting site. There were some dialogue about a larger meeting space and Elmhurst Board Members would like a meeting site closer to them. Also, parking is an issue at the Corona meeting site. Both he and the District Manager are actively pursuing other meeting sites. Furthermore, he mentioned the Board meetings will now be live streamed. Another subject brought up by the Chair was the Board’s bylaws. No decisions have been made, but the formation of a Bylaws Committee is needed to review the bylaws to see the Board is current so that the Board can operate more efficiently and if there are any changes needed to be made.

Regarding the Board’s Committees, attendance needs to be improved at meetings and members need to be more involved. The Committees are being reviewed and public members are being asked to join committees. If Board members know of anyone who would be an asset to their respective Board Committee, please let us know. Public members are needed on all Committees.

Next, he spoke about the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. This is the City of New York, Office of the President of the Borough of Queens, policy prohibiting employment discrimination, sexual harassment, disabilities rights, anti-retaliation, filing claims and any accommodations. The Board members are required to receive copies of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and show proof of receipt. Receipts for the EEO Policy were passed out for each Board Member’s signature.

At this point, District Manager Christian Cassagnol thanked the local Council Members for providing the funding for the live streaming. Video cameras were present making this meeting and future meetings available on WNET, YouTube and the Board's website. Sometime tomorrow the Board will receive a link. Call the Board office and we will send you the link.

Next, he announced as of today ten Board members have not renewed their CB membership applications. The applications must be completed tonight. Those Board members who are in jeopardy of not being reappointed are:

Giancarlo Castano
Cristian Romero
Gigi Salvador
Edgar Moya
Judy D'Andrea
Sandra Munoz
Lucy Cerezo -Scully
Hector Hernandez
Alirio Orduna
Salvatore Lombardo

Additionally, a letter was received today Board Member Hector Hernandez resigning from the Board as well as Board Member Patricia Terranova who also resigned.

At this point, the floor was turned over to D. I. Christopher Manson, 110 Police Precinct Commander. D. I. Manson reported crime is up as well as down in a couple of categories for example up in robberies. He talked about stolen cars, mentioning at least 14 stolen cars for the year. Of those 14, in eight or nine cars keys were left in the ignition. Last year, one hundred cars were stolen with 20% of those cars the keys were left in the ignition. When the cars are recovered, they are damaged and personal property is stolen.

Robberies usually happen between midnight and 6 a.m. and in many cases victims are walking on the street and get hit in the head.

He reported an 80 per cent decrease in felony assaults this year.

Next, he discussed phone scams. Usually phone scams involve the IRS or a family member that has been arrested or Con Edison that your power will be disconnected. The victim is asked to purchase iTunes gift cards. No agency operates that way. Recently, a victim lost \$6,000 on one of those scams.

Next, he reported (Immigration Customs Enforcement) ICE does not inform the 110 Precinct if they are operating in the area. He reported on an immigration scam on the street. The victim had to pay money to the perps or he would be deported. Immigration does not work that way. Call 911 as this is a scam.

At this point, D. I. Manson took questions from the Board.

A Board Member asked D. I. Manson to confirm that police do not ask a person's immigration status.

D. I. Manson responded the Police Department does not ask if someone is illegal or undocumented in the country. There is an Executive Order in place where the Police Department is forbidden to ask. It is not the NYPD's job and they would not want people to not call the Police Department because of their immigration status.

Next, D. I. Manson responded to Board Member Chen's question about assaults. D. I. Manson cited statistics in the Board area. In the last few weeks, 12 people were arrested for crimes.

Robberies are occurring between 74th Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Junction Blvd. to 108 Street, and both sides of Roosevelt Avenue after midnight to 6:00 a.m. reported D. I. Manson. The 110 Precinct shares Roosevelt Avenue with the 115th Precinct. Many arrests are being made he said. Of all the arrests made last year for robberies 62% are made from the 110 Precinct or the 115 Precinct. The other 38% were from 29 other New York City precincts.

Guns are on the street. Last year, 38 gun arrests were made, which was a dramatic increase from the previous year.

Chairperson Vargas asked about immigration scams where people are impersonating immigration officials.

D. I. Mason responded most of it takes place over the phone.

What does a person do if there is a suspicion someone is impersonating law enforcement, asked Chairperson Vargas.

D. I. Manson responded there is a unit in NYPD devoted to people impersonating police to commit robberies. More details were given by D. I. Manson. Do not get aggressive or hostile with the perpetrators or challenge them physically. Ask for identification and walk away. And call 911 and get a good description of the perps.

Board Member Lucy Schilero asked about the Neighborhood Community Officers. Will the 110 Precinct have them?

D. I. Manson responded he had no idea. Officers are added to Precincts and they are devoted to sections. They deal with residents, store owners, and hold meetings. Those officers are slated for the future, but as yet no timeframe has been determined.

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen asked about solutions for the robberies.

D. I. Manson responded 12 new officers have been assigned to the Precinct. Extra officers have been assigned to patrol at night to deter robberies.

Moreover, D. I. Manson concluded this year felony assaults are down.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported on the Veteran's Grove Playground. Officially open, but no ribbon cutting as yet. Details will follow when the Board is notified.

Capital and Expense Reports

Responses received from the agencies. All Committee Chairs should make the Capital & Expense their next agenda item. Committees should formulate a response to the agency reply. In this way, we can work on it for next year. The form will be fully open year round and can be submitted when the time comes. He urged the Committee Chairs to make it a priority.

Borough President's Budget Hearing

The Board can choose certain items from its Capital & Expense priorities that received favorable responses that could be funded by the Borough President and/or elected officials. Along those lines, four parks were chosen, two are along Roosevelt Avenue (Triangle 90 and Answer Triangle). Those two parks were recommended by the Parks Department and are within walking distance of each other. Both Parks were submitted as a package deal.

American Triangle and Veterans Square Parks are two triangles located near Corona Plaza. Since a good deal of funding has been allocated to Corona Plaza, those two small parks serve as a gateway to Corona Plaza which is in the process of a complete makeover. Both parks were submitted as a package deal.

Queens Library

Implementation of a Library along the south Corona Area

Renovation of 110 Precinct Building

Fire Safety Education Unit

Contingent on local support from private and electoral funding. The Fire Safety Education Unit brings education and confidence to our constituency by reassuring them the FDNY supports their safety needs. Special emphasis must be put into providing campaigns in multiple languages reflective of our district.

Next, he reported Community Board 4 is electronic oriented as well as sending mail. Go to the Board's Facebook page and click on the Sign Up Now Button or Call to Action Button and it will automatically sign you up for the Board's e-newsletter. To facilitate e-mails, Board Members should consider an e-mail address specifically tailored for Community Board 4 such as first name, last name, CB4@gmail/yahoo/hotmail, he suggested. It will make it easier for the Board office, and will not fill up your spam folder because it will be for information only coming from CB4. It is strictly optional, but will make things a lot easier, he noted.

Following, he reported on the corner of 104 Street and 46 Avenue. In the last year, accidents have occurred. Acting as a Good Samaritan, he assisted with helping two children out of the damaged car. The other accident was with a school bus, and another involving a bike. District Manager Cassagnol has been working with the NYC Department of Transportation, but DOT's numbers do not reflect improvement is needed at that corner. The Board will aggressively pursue safety measures for this corner.

Subsequently, he reported the Boulevard Homeless Shelter in Elmhurst is doing fine. They are receiving funding, and producing programming. District Manager Cassagnol attends its Community Advisory Board meetings. The Board's Youth and Health Committees should also attend those meetings. He mentioned the Board's successful Coat Drive, noting the shelter did not need coats offered to them by the Board which reflects how much help and support they are receiving.

VII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

QiBin Ye, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, reported on the Lunar New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 11. It was very well attended, with 30 city agencies and organizations. As a reminder, Council Member Dromm's office holds a bi-weekly free, legal community clinic. All were urged to take advantage of this service if needed.

Next Alexander Bennett, representing U. S. Rep. Grace Meng's office, reported on additional support for our veterans. Regular monthly office hours are being held with a representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs present. Veterans and families must live in Congressional District 6. Wednesday, February 22 is the date for this month to meet. Any families in need of those services such as benefits and claims please have them call the office.

Congresswoman Meng wishes all a Happy Lunar New Year. Thanks were extended to Council Member Dromm and all those who hosted a great Lunar event in the district. Additionally, he reported U. S. Rep. Grace Meng led the change to sponsor a bill to for the creation of a school holiday for Lunar New Year.

No official response has been received from the U. S. Post office regarding the College Point postal facility. They are trying to push for a response, but to date nothing has been received. Dialogue will be shared with the Board office when news is received. However, it was noted requests and follow-ups were sent to postal officials. Congresswoman Meng's office will work with Congressman Crowley's office to ensure the district gets the best service it can.

Next, David Burgoa, representing Senator Jose Peralta's Office, wished all a Happy African-American Heritage Celebration.

At this point, District Manage Cassagnol reminded Board Members who came late they must sign, date, and initial the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy receipt.

VIII. SPEAKER: Matt Sollars, Director of Public Relations
NYC Campaign Finance Board
Public Financing Program

Mr. Sollars reported the NYC Campaign Finance Board operates a public matching program that provides city taxpayer dollars to candidates vying for office, noting the program is one of the largest in the country, In 2013 in the last city-wide elections, 38.2 million dollars was given out to candidates running for office. This is accounted for about 45% of all the money they spent in the election. It is a mixture of private contributions and public financing, which comes from small finance contributions.

Explaining it is a six to one match for contributions raised for candidates from city residents. The match does not apply for people that live outside the city. For example, a \$10 contribution would be \$70 to the candidate's campaign. Without having to rely on special interest groups, the candidate can run his campaign. In 2013, 90% of money raised for the candidates came from individuals, 60% coming in from NYC residents.

When candidates are in office, they are listening to concerns of the constituents such as crime, traffic, and open space. The program is about empowering voters, making sure the candidates are raising money and talking to New York City residents when they are starting their campaigns and getting involved. It makes the donors feel more empowered to get involved as a contributor. In the 2013 elections, voters are three times more likely to vote in the election if they have given a contribution to a candidate.

A voter participation crisis is faced in the city and state. As a contributor, a person is much more likely to participate in the election. It is very important to the candidates because if they can reach out and get those people involved in their campaigns, they probably have a voter too.

Next, he spoke about the voter engagement programs. A voter guide has been published and will be sent to every registered voter in the city in September but before the November election, which will include information on all the candidates on the ballot and where to find your poll site. The guide will also be available online.

Subsequently, he discussed the city-wide debates program where the candidates for Mayor, Public Advocate, and Comptroller etc. will be on television face to face talking to each other so they can be compared by the voter to get a sense of who to vote for.

Also, he spoke about voter registration programs. Tonight, there was a special election in Harlem. Over the weekend there was a Days of Action program where people were encouraged to vote. Door to door campaigns are also held to get people to register to vote before elections. Volunteers are enlisted to assist with those programs to go out to NYCHA and large buildings to help encourage people to vote.

Subsequently, he spoke about another program called Vote Better NY where volunteers are taken to Albany in May to advocate for better election laws. We have some of the most retrograde election laws in the country, noting some of our elections laws are so bad legislators in other states are looking to roll back legislation about their early voting programs cite New York State election law as a reason for doing so. Early voting and an on line robust voter registration system is essential which allows everyone to register and participate in elections.

In conclusion, he spoke about people getting involved in their community. A voter preservation crisis has been in the state a long time. He urged all to take a look at its programs and get involved. Try to volunteer. Our democracy is important and you take time to protect it, Mr. Sollars stated. He continued, the more voices heard in our democracy, the stronger it is.

At this point, Mr. Sollars took questions from the Board.

Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula asked about the ballot, which he said was very confusing.

Mr. Sollars said you can take someone in to with you help you to understand the ballot and vote.

Discussion ensued whether or not it was legal to take someone in to the voting booth to help the voter understand the ballot.

Board Members asked about various programs available and mentioned voting turnout such as the difference in presidential elections vs. state and local elections.

IX. REPORT AND VOTE: ULURP COMMITTEE

1. 85-08 57TH Avenue-Waiver of GCL Section to permit the construction of six 4-story, 3 family residential buildings within the bed of a mapped but unbuilt portion of Haspel Street.

2. 97-27 57th Avenue (Food Bazaar Supermarket) – Extension of term of variance for 10 years. Existing term to expire on February 27, 2017.

ULURP Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported the Committee met on both applications and both were approved by the committee. Approval for 85-08 57th Avenue application was granted subject to the applicant acquiring comment letters from the Department of Transportation and the Fire Department.

For the second applicant 97-27th 57 Avenue (Food Bazaar Supermarket) the extension was approved by the Committee with no exceptions.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Clara Salas, to **approve** the Food Bazaar application.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 26 in favor, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Next, the Board took its vote on 85-08 57th Avenue.

ULURP Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to **approve** the application.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 26 in favor, 3 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Subsequently, Board Member Sandra Munoz inquired if area residents are notified of this meeting.

District Manager Cassagnol responded the only time the local community is notified is when a Public Hearing is held. Because these items are clear cut, they did not warrant a Public Hearing. The Committee can also decide if the application warrants it.

Board Member Sandra Munoz continued if you live in the neighborhood it can affect you.

District Manager Cassagnol answered the radius of the residents affected to receive notices must also be taken into consideration adding every meeting notice is posted on the Board's website. Board Members can also attend the ULURP Committee meetings. Simultaneously, he added the application was as-of-right.

ULURP Chair Alton Derrick Smith added it is a routine application. It's a map on a city site that was there years ago and the city is not doing anything with it.

Before the presentation by the Queens Zoo, District Manager Cassagnol explained this presentation is an addendum to the agenda to explain a project it is doing, which includes a small extension to the barns in the rear of the Park. The members of CB4's Parks Committee approved the project.

Following, Mr. Thomas Hurtubise from the Queens Zoo, and the lead architect for the project, addressed the Board. He explained the site includes a current building which houses one of the classrooms and office space and another building which is a barn. Funding is in place to move forward to reconstruct and improve one building with the classroom space and take the barn and turn it into additional classroom space, which will improve the Queens Zoo to reach out to the community.

With the aid of diagrams, the Board was shown some of the existing structures to give them an idea of what's there currently. Barns housing some animals were described, which included different views. Space also is being used as an office and classroom.

Plans include:

Two buildings adjacent to each other (north building & south building)

Extensions will be added to the buildings, increasing the space

Three dimensional prospective shown

Existing and Proposed Extensions

The goal is to provide programming to the community and for school groups and different groups that the Queens Zoo works with.

A barn being converting to two classrooms

The Education Center converted to new classroom on the first floor with many amenities including toilet amenities for the farm area and public

Barns will not be used for animals anymore. They will be used for education.

The Board members raised concern about the movement of the animals. Mr. Hurtubise explained, "The animals aren't going anywhere. We're not giving up one of the other."

The converting buildings are not currently used for animal care, Mr. Hurtubise explained.

Additionally, the project is in the design stage, with construction expected to begin late this year. More details were presented to the Board for its review.

At this point, Mr. Hurtubise took questions from the Board.

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, Chairperson Damian Vargas stated the Queens Zoo is seeking a letter of support for the project from the Board.

Conversely, Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to **approve** the project that would double classroom space at the Queens Zoo.

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

At this point, Board Member Ann Pfoser Darby made a motion for the newly opened Elmhurst Library to be named for the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. She explained Justice Scalia lived in Elmhurst across the street from the Library and also was a Corona resident. Additionally, he was close friends with Judge Joseph Lisa. The Scalia family is an honorable memory to our communities of Elmhurst and Corona. As a longtime Board Member, it is her pleasure to make this motion. Since Elmhurst is an historic district, this motion is notable for our community.

Board Member Lucy Schilero seconded the motion.

Chairperson Damian Vargas asked if there were any discussion on the motion. The general consensus was yes.

The Board also called for a roll call vote.

Discussion ensued.

During the discussion, some of the Board members were not familiar with Justice Scalia. As a result, District Manager Cassagnol suggested a bio. At the next meeting a motion can be made.

Chairperson Damian Vargas clarified since there is a motion on the floor, it must be voted on regardless if it is approved or denied. If the motion is denied, it can still be brought up again, he said.

Board Member Edgar Moya suggested other prominent people should also be considered.

By a roll call vote, the Board voted 15 in favor, 3 opposed, with 13 abstentions. Motion passed.

District Manager Cassagnol stated before a support letter is written, a bio is needed at the Board office.

X. REPORT AND VOTE: Public Safety Committee SLA Applications

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero report at the February 7 Committee meeting, the entire Committee was not present for various reasons. Board member Chaio-Chung Chen was in attendance, although he is not a Committee Member and could not vote. Therefore, each liquor license application must individually be voted on by the Board tonight.

Before the liquor licenses were presented, Committee Chair Schilero reported on the CERT Team. Whenever there is a snow emergency or a fire in the community, the CERT Team is always on standby. Members of the CERT Team include Board Members Georgina Oliver and Ashley Reed, and the team just celebrated its tenth year anniversary.

From One Police Plaza, she reported on the website handy.com, where you can hire repair people to do jobs around the house such as painting, installing curtain rods, furniture assembly, electrical etc. This website has been employing people that have stolen from the clients. The Police Department wants the consumer to be aware of it and the NYPD will monitor it. She cautioned make sure you are home when a repair person enters your home. Valuables such as checkbooks, jewelry and cell phones have been stolen.

Be aware, she reported on mail “phishing” scams which is ongoing. There have been incidents where mail is being stolen from residential and U. S. Postal mailboxes. Using sticky mouse traps or other sticky objects attached to a long string, criminals will take mail to get your checks, credit cards, and personal information. Using a process known as “check washing”, criminals erase the ink on a check using assorted chemicals and then rewrite the checks payable to themselves, increasing the amount payable by hundreds and thousands of dollars.

Subsequently, illegal surveillance cameras were brought up. In particular, was a restaurant who installed an unlawful surveillance camera. She also spoke about the positioning of the camera. You cannot install a surveillance camera facing your neighbors’ doorway. Point it around the front and back of your property; street level, but only on you property. By facing your neighbors’ front or back doors, it is illegal. Work with the Precinct if you suspect any illegal activity. Some homeowners and business owners are using those cameras to spy on people hurting their business. Laws must be followed when installing surveillance cameras.

Next, the liquor license applications were presented.

First, establishments with Clean Police Reports are:

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

<u>ESTABLISHMENT’S NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT’S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Hua Rong Inc. Wine Beer & Cider	83-23 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approve
El Toro Bravo #1 Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	88-12 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approve
Delicias Cuencanas Bar Rest. Corp. Wine, Beer, & Cider	41-07 99 th Street Corona, NY	Approve

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Alirio Orduna, to approve the Committee’s report as presented for the above establishments.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions to approve the Committee’s report. Motion passed.

Second, No Shows establishments are:

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
El Rincon Criollo Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider Unlawful surveillance camera complaint resulting in an arrest.	40-09 Junction Blvd., Corona, NY	Denied

CORPORATE CHANGE

Chiflez Corp. Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	95-02 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
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Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula, to **Deny** the No Shows.

Before the vote, Board Member Sandra Munoz questioned applicant #7—El Rincon Criollo Inc.

Since Board Member Munoz knew the applicant #7 personally, she recused herself from the vote, adding she *does not* have a financial interest in the establishment.

Discussion ensued regarding the vote and its effect on the restaurant.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 27 in favor, 1 opposed, with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Third, Questionable establishments were presented:

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
<i>Mangos Steakhouse & Bakery Inc.</i>	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied

Applicant has a long history of criminal complaints-2/27/16-Assault Complaint, 12/23/15-Assault Complaint, 2/3/14-Petit Larceny Complaint, 7/3/14-Petit Larceny Complaint, 12/1/14-Assault Complaint resulting in an arrest.

Numerous SLA violations (2/15/14 for IC for contaminated alcohol; 4/22/14-IC failure to check ID; 8/7/14- IC sale to intoxic; 11/30/14-3C sale to intoxic, unlicensed security guard, employing an unlicensed security guard; 6/18/15-3C unlicensed security guard, failure to check ID, employing an unlicensed security guard; 10/2/15-sale to minor; 4/9/16-2C Failure to display alcohol license, sale to intoxic, 6/4/16-2C unlicensed security guard, no capacity sign, 7/9/16-1C failure to produce business records; 8/7/16-1C failure to display street numbers; 10/28/16-1C sale to minor; 11/18/16-6C failure to maintain emergency lighting, failure to provide hangers for fire extinguisher, failure to maintain proprietary insurance, failure to maintain fire extinguisher service tags, failure to maintain lighting in stairway, failure to replace burned emergency red lights; 1/8/17-2C sale to minor, no cabaret license.

The Public Safety Committee's recommendation was to deny.

Board Member Alirio Orduna made a motion to deny, seconded by Board Member Lester Youngblood. By a voice vote the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

<i>High Flying Birds Inc.</i> <i>NY Chevillotte</i> Liquor, Wine Beer & Cider	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
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Applicant has a long history of criminal coplaints-2/8/16 Assault complaint resulting in an arrest; 8/17/15- Assault complaint; 3/6/14-Criminal possession of a weapon complaint resulting in an arrest; 5/24/14 Robbery complaint; 11/13/14-Assault complaint

Numerous SLA violations (3/9/15-IC failure to check ID; 1/8/16-1C sale to minor; 3/25/16-2C failure to maintain proprietary security, failure to maintain security log; 7/31/16-1C accepting improper ID; 1C sale to minor.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero said this establishment is owned by the same owners/same address as Mango's Steakhouse.

Board Member Alexa Ponce made a motion, seconded by Board Member Gigi Salvador to deny. By a voice vote, the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

NEW APPLICANT

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Chimy Express Restaurant Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	101-17 43 Avenue Corona, NY	Denied

Public Safety Committee Chair Schilero reported construction on site and possible exit blockages. The Committee does not usually approve applications unless the Department of Buildings process is cleared.

The Committee's recommendation was to deny, but the final decision was left to the Board.

Discussion ensued.

At this point, Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow, to deny the application.

By a roll call vote, the Board voted 22 in favor, 3 opposed, with 3 abstentions. Motion to deny passed.

RENEWAL APPLICANTS (cont'd)

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
P&N Pub Corp. <i>Paddy's G's</i> Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	86-34 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approve

4/25/16 – Petit Larceny complaint; 5/18/16-Assault complaint resulting in an arrest.

At this point, Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow, to **approve** the application.

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

District Manager Cassagnol pointed out when a Committee fails to come together each item must be voted on individually by the Board.

<i>Mama Catalina Corp.</i> <i>dba Carmen's Lunch</i> Beer & Cider	111-20 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approve
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Harassment complaint

Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula made a motion, seconded by Board member Alexa Ponce, to **approve** the application.

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

<i>El Tucan Inc.</i> Wine, Beer & Cider	43-24 91 st Place Elmhurst, NY	Approve
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10/09/16 – Assault complaint resulting in an arrest

Board Member Alirio Orduna made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lester Youngblood, to **approve** the application.

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

RENEWAL APPLICANTS (cont'd)

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Page II Corporation <i>Parkside Restaurant</i>	107-01 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Approve

05/14/15 – Petit larceny complaint; 6/3/15 – Noise Complaint

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Georgina Oliver, to **approve** the application.

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

<i>La Fusta Inc.</i> Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	80-32 Baxter Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approve
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10/2/16 – Noise complaint

Board Member Gurdip Singh Narula made a motion, seconded by Board Member Edgar Moya, to **approve** the application.

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

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consumer Affairs

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Environmental

Committee Chair Giancarlo Castano reported presented an update on the community gardens. Reaching out to Green Thumb, he was not able to get in contact with its Director.

So far, he was able to research online Corona has two community gardens. However, Elmhurst does not have any. As a long time goal, he will try to find a community garden, through the Parks Dept. or another agency, for Elmhurst.

Second, he has been following long-time Corona Cement. When they clean their barrels, water is draining along the curb. Cement is starting to build up against the curb, trickling down to the catch basin resulting in the catch basin being halfway filled with cement. When it rains, the catch basin will flood.

The contamination produced from the cement factor is very hazardous. I. S. 61 and the new school will be exposed since they are located directly in front of the business. He suggested bringing this problem to their attention.

Health

Committee Chair Sal Lombardo reported a meeting will be held in the spring.

Parks

Since the Parks Committee Chair is not in attendance, district Manager Cassagnol discussed the outcome of the last Parks meeting. Community Board 4 currently is trying extremely hard to raise awareness on the historical history of Elmhurst. He spoke about Newtown Playground and the headstones discovered there. He and Board Member Marialena Giampiano conducted a full walk through from Queens Blvd. up to CC Moore Park. The historical value of Elmhurst is vast.

District Manager Cassagnol urged the Board to look out for the Parks Committee notices.

He spoke about Newtown Playground. The Parks Dept. presented the plan to the Parks Committee of CB4, but never presented it to the full Board. It is in full design without the Board's approval. District Manager Cassagnol has invited the Parks Department to present the plans the Board, but so far they have not agreed. The Board wrote a letter to the Parks Commissioner and cc'd several elected officials.

Transportation

Since the Committee Chair was not in attendance, District Manager Cassagnol presented the Committee's report.

A Base renewal for Santo Domingo Car & Limo was on the Committee's agenda. The owner was in attendance at this meeting. For the record, the Board office has not received any formal complaints regarding this Base, said District Manager Cassagnol.

Board Member Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to **approve** the Base renewal license for Santo Domingo Car & Limo Service.

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

Youth

Committee Chair Cristian Romero reported a committee meeting is scheduled for February 16 at 7:30 p.m., at the Board office.

District Manager Cassagnol added a new charter school may be coming to the CB4 district. No location has been determined. A representative will be in attendance at the February 16 meeting to present information.

XII. PUBLIC FORUM

Board Member Sandra Munoz announced at St. Bartholomew's Church, located on Whitney Avenue, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. Catholic Migration Services will give a presentation on know your rights, especially in light of the travel ban and laws President Trump is trying to pass banning immigrants.

Next, Board Member Alirio Orduna gave an update on the New York Military Youth Cadets.

Next, Board Member Clara Sala reported Elmhurst Hospital Center recently opened a state of the art women's pavilion. An upcoming tour is planned. Details will follow. All are invited to attend.

Board Member Chaio-Chung Chen suggested Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero work together with the 110 Precinct for a neighborhood watch program.

Public Safety Chair Lucy Schilero spoke about the need for block watchers and tenant associations which is planned, adding officers are being trained but have not yet come to the 110 Precinct

Board Member Lester Youngblood reported currently there is more police presence on 57th Avenue.

Since there was no further business, Board Member Edgar Moya made a motion, seconded by Board Member Sandra Munoz, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.