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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Before the roll call was taken, Chairperson Walker asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence for Felicia Manganaro, Mother of Board Member Peter Manganaro, and Evelyn DeCoursey, who served as President of the 110 Precinct Community Council.

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

IV: VOTE: Minutes June 14 Meeting

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

By a voice vote, the Board voted 30 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Before the Chairperson's Report was presented the floor was turned over to D. I. Christopher Manson, Commander of the 110 Police Precinct. D. I. Manson reported crime is even for the year. There was one major crime this year that increased over last year. But, there were decreases in burglaries, robberies, felony assaults and stolen cars.

One area substantially increased was grand larcenies. Showing a huge increase, identity theft rose 120%. Credit cards and cell phone accounts were opened in unsuspecting victim's names, which also includes forged checks. Cell phone snatchings are on the rise and a number of arrests were made. D. I. Manson related a cell

phone snatching where the perp. was on a bicycle. An arrest was made and the perp., which has a serious heroin habit, is in jail.

For years, the 110 Police Precinct averaged six to seven homicides per year. Last year and this year, the count was one. Increase in rapes 25 to 19. Specifically, those rapes are an underage female with an older male having consensual sex. A number of rapes are being reported ten to fifteen years later. As a child, a family member had sex with them. Some forcible rapes were reported such as a couple dating for a while when the male forces himself on the female. Crimes such as those are handled by the Special Victims Unit.

October 1 & 2, two large events will be held in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park-the Maker's Faire and a concert, which averages 50,000 to 60,000 people per day. For past events, the end time was 11:00 p.m.; however, it was cutback to 10:00 p.m. this year.

At this point, D. I. Manson provided details on reporting noise complaints. Subsequently, a community resident reported a noise complaint to D. I. Manson. As summer is ending, noise complaints should lessen said D. I. Manson.

More discussion on noise complaints ensued. As a result, Board Member Damian Vargas reported a noise problem across the street from him.

Board Member Sal Lombardo inquired about blocked garages. D. I. Manson responded blocked driveways and overnight commercial parking is two violations which result in many written summonses.

P. O. Janine Rivera reviewed the parking plan for the upcoming events on October 1 & 2. Maker Faire patrons will use an assigned parking lot in the Park. 2,000 designated parking spaces for Maker Faire in the Park. However, promoters are not advertising the Park parking. In fact, patrons are being told no parking is available and to use mass transit. Although there will be an assigned area, participants are not being encouraged to use it. Mass transit is supported.

Board Member James Lisa brought up there is only one exit off the Grand Central Parkway to come into 111 Street—two northbound exits, one southbound exit. The two northbound exits go into the Park; the other exit comes into Corona Heights. Corona Avenue to 111 Street becomes a parking lot, Mr. Lisa explained.

Pursuing this further, P. O. Rivera explained everyone will use the Park entrance. The vendors in the morning will be coming in through the 111 Street entrance. Vendors have a designated lot. This year organizers are doing a much better job, especially because of the conflicting events. Coordinating efforts are in effect with the Borough with Maker Faire organizers, and Citifield to make it easier for the residents.

Board Member James Lisa pointed out vendors would rather park on 111 Street than in designated parking areas. P. O. Rivera responded it is her job to ensure it doesn't happen and mentioned traffic agents will also be on site. Offending vendors will be summonsed and not invited back next year.

Board Member Judy D'Andrea brought up the Maker Faire is sponsored by the Hall of Science. Suddenly, parkland is being used to park cars as opposed to confining cars to their own property. Who gave the Hall of Science permission to use the Park? She called out to attending electing officials and/or their representatives to listen to these complaints and the issues affecting these events. Specifically, how they directly impact negatively on our community from May until November. She questioned what happens to this parkland? Residents cannot use the Park because parkland will be filled with 2,000 cars.

Next, Assembly Member Francisco Moya reported five of the Bill sponsored by Assembly Member Moya had become law. New legislation is as follows:

Employment agencies operating along Roosevelt Avenue were taking advantage of low wage workers and immigrants by charging them upfront fees for non-existent jobs. The new Bill, waiting to be signed by the Governor in November, prohibits this practice.

Disparity in our community when it comes to quality foods is a problem. Upstate farmers and residents in our community were not united. When the farmers in upstate New York wanted to donate food to the Food Banks, it cost the farmers money. Farmers would rather throw the food out than send it to our residents. This Bill gives tax credits so there is no charge to the farmers and an incentive to work with the Food Bank to ensure the Farm Bureau, the Food Bank and New York City residents, especially Corona residents, can have access to fresh farm food in the State of New York. The Bill has now been passed.

The Utility Worker Assault Bill was signed by Governor Cuomo and is now a law. By making the assault of a utility worker a felony, this law will provide protection to utility workers.

Next, Assembly Member Moya spoke about the trailers in our public schools in use once again. He fought to get the Smart School Bond Act from the State of New York which was over \$2 billion to not only add technology to our schools but also to eradicate the trailers, which were in Corona schools and throughout the City of New York. Because money was brought in from the State, success was achieved in removing the trailers from P. S. 19.

He mentioned two new schools were built on 43 Avenue. Word was received trailers will be again on site at P. S. 28. Playground space is being eliminated to make room for the trailers. It is deplorable our community's children are being forced once again to learn in trailers, stated Assembly Member Moya. The Mayor's office, the School Construction is not listening to our community.

Meetings are scheduled with the Mayor's office to discuss the trailers in our schools, 111 Street, and the Parks Dept. issuing permits to incoming festivals without consideration to the people who live in the community. We must stand together and make an investment in our community. When the Mayor says the Board is only advisory, it is not the case. We are the eyes and ears of the community and know best. We all live here and have a stake in the community. Your participation is very important. Community support is vital.

Before concluding, Assembly Member Moya reported NYPD is conducting a tow operation this week. If there are For Sale cars in your neighborhood, call the Assembly Member's office with the address of the offending car. No license, no registration the car will be towed.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker presented his report. Mr. Walker reported in November the Board will hold its elections. In October, the Nominating Committee will be chosen. On election night, nominations can be taken from the floor. If there is more than one person running for office, specifically for Chairperson, each Board Member will be allowed to ask the candidate one question.

Also, The Department of Transportation has asked the Board to consider additional bike lanes, which will not happen while Chairperson Walker is in office. The location for the bike lanes is Grand Avenue into Queens Boulevard and 111 Street.

District Manager Cassagnol clarified the proposal for the bike lanes are from Queens Blvd. up to Grand Avenue. It is not on Queens Blvd.

Board Member Clara Salas commented as it is now, it is terrible.

Chairperson Louis Walker added the Board did not vote for the bike lanes. Subsequently, the Mayor had overruled the vote. The Board approved the Safety Plan.

At last night's Borough Board meeting, the discussion involved the re-development of LaGuardia Airport which was opened in 1939. In 1947, the Port Authority came in. LaGuardia Airport is the 20th busiest airport with 28.4 million people utilizing it, generating \$15.6 billion annually, and employing 11,000 people.

The current construction project will not be completed until 2022. While under construction, some of the traffic will spill onto the Grand Central Parkway, which will impact our communities. The current cost for the project is \$4 to \$5 billion, which will probably increase.

In 2030, expectations are 34 million people will use the airport. One question asked at the Borough Board meeting was, "Will this become a 24 hour airport like JFK?" The response was no.

Additionally, the air train was brought up at Borough Board. It is in preliminary discussions and plans are to connect the air train to Willets Point, connect to the #7 line and the Long Island Railroad.

VI. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager Christian Cassagnol reported budget consultations are in session. Bioswales were brought up in the discussions. Although the Board was somewhat in favor of the concept, some of them have become garbage pits, and there was the issue of who would maintain them (the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or the homeowner), Over the last few months, constituents have contacted the Board office who had received summonses for garbage in the bioswales. There seems to be a miscommunication between the Departments of Sanitation (DSNY) and Environmental Protection over who handles the maintenance. As a result, at consultations, District Manager Cassagnol spoke to Commissioner Kathryn Garcia, who mentioned the Department of Sanitation knows nothing about this agreement between the agencies. As far as DSNY is concerned, bioswales are tree pits and tree pits are the homeowner's responsibility. During the consultations, the District Manager had suggested that an adjudication letter be provided should the homeowner receive a summons. In this way, it can be fought in court. DSNY is willing to consider it.

District Manager Cassagnol requested the Board to report any dirty bioswales to the Board office as a list is being compiled.

Addressing the Committee Chairs, as well as Committee members, District Manager Cassagnol reported the Capital & Expense items were done as it was every year. In the past, the Executive Committee meets, chooses the items to be funded, and finally a full Board's vote. This year, however, the Committees will directly be involved.

Committee Chairs will meet with their respective committee and one member of a city agency corresponding to that particular committee, which will complete that committee's portion of the Capital & Expense budget. The system for submitting has changed. In other words, the entire Capital & Expense process is now on drop down boxes. Details were given about the submission process. He noted Capital and Expense must be voted on at our October meeting. Committees must meet within the next three weeks. Reach out to the Board office for assistance to connect your Committee with the respective agency representative.

Next, the District Manager announced on October 13 the 110 Precinct Community Council will hold its meeting at the VFW Post 150, 51-11 108 Street, at 7:00 p.m. At the meeting a tribute will be held for Evelyn DeCoursey, who passed away on August 20.

Next, he reported each Board Member was mailed the *FY '18 Community District Needs Statement*, which is the bible of the Board. It is a narrative of what the community feels are the district's important issues. Also, this report can be used to assist with consultations with the agencies.

Subsequently, before the summer Committee Members were informed they *must* serve on two committees. However, there was a change and instead of mandating members to serve on two committees, now you will have the *option* of serving on two committees. Attendance will be taken and handled seriously. Reach out to Chair Walker or District Manager Cassagnol if you wish to serve on a second committee. If there is room on the committee, you will be accommodated.

Lastly, for the first time ever Community Board 4 is holding a Youth Fair on October 1. Flyers were on hand for distribution. The Youth Fair has been in the planning stages since April and ascribes much hard work, preparation, planning, and organization. Outreach was extended to small companies as well as large businesses, namely, a local photographer and Amazon.com Inc. as well as others.

Youth Fair participants are comprised of several city agencies; military organization, health groups colleges, LGBT, and USTA to name a few. Twenty/ to twenty five vendors are expected to attend. Using the office budget, small passports were created. These passports serve as a means for those children who attend the Youth Fair to acquire a raffle ticket. Similar to U. S. passports, passports will have all participants in them. Following this further, full details were provided on how the child will receive a prize and the future value of the passports serving as a resource directory.

For the first time ever, a *Community Board 4 banner* was purchased. This banner can be used in street fairs, parades, and for many other events. It is a 6'x2' banner, white with a navy blue background. Five to ten thousand flyers will be printed at the office.

VII. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Qibin Ye, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, reported if there are any concerns about Elmhurst parks, contact the Council Member's office. Council Member Dromm invites you to attend the following events:

Diversity Plaza Family Day!
Saturday, September 24, 2016
12 PM-5 PM
At Diversity Plaza

Your Life Your Legacy
A LGBT Friendly Presentation To All
On End Of Life Options Led By Conway Funeral Home
Thursday, September 29
6 PM – 9 PM
Jewish Center Of Jackson Heights
37-06 77 Street
Call 718-803-6373 to RSVP

Discussion ensued about the Elmhurst Library and the extensive length of time for its opening.

Next, Aliya Latif, representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's office, reported the Comptroller recently awarded seven workers \$330,000 back pay wages they were cheated out of ten years earlier. An unscrupulous contractor failed to pay them the prevailing wages they rightfully earned. Upon investigation by the Comptroller's office, the company was forced to pay the back wages.

Also, she reported on the Community Action Center, which is a mini 311. The Community Action Center is the constituent services arm of the City Comptroller's Office, and assists New Yorkers with complaints or inquiries about government services.

Lastly, she reported the Comptroller's Hispanic Heritage event is tonight. Coming up is the Italian Community Breakfast on October 14, doors open 8:30 a.m./Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All were urged to attend.

Next, Alexander Bennett, representing U. S. Rep. Grace Meng's office reported thanked the Board for extending an invitation to attend CB4's Youth Fair. Congresswoman Meng will do her best to attend. From Washington, he announced the following two Federal updates:

Fight Against Zika Virus - The Democrats are calling upon the Republican counterparts to approve funding to combat the Zika virus. House Republicans continue to delay. It's very important funding is granted at the level President Obama requested. More than 20,000 cases of the Zika virus have been reported in the United States. 625 cases have been reported in New York. The biggest risk factor is for babies.

Secondly, Rep. Grace Meng wrote a letter to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to hold a hearing on why the price for lifesaving EpiPens has skyrocketed. Thousands of Americans rely on EpiPens. Mylan, the company that manufactures the devices have increased the price by 400%. Since 2007, a two dose package cost less than \$60. The cost is now closer to \$500. The costs are passed on to middle class families, which is a heavy burden. Rep. Grace Meng is a co-chair of the Congressional Kids Safety Caucus. Youth issues are very important to Congresswoman Meng.

At this point, Board Member Lucy Schilero brought up the problems with mail delivery/service Board 4 is experiencing. She asked Congresswoman Meng fight to bring back mail services to the College Point postal facility. She pointed out examples of misdirected or non-delivered mail.

VIII. GUEST SPEAKER: Representative from the Conflict of Interest Board (COIB)

Guest Speaker not in attendance.

IX. REPORT AND VOTE: ULURP/Zoning Committee

421-A Partial Tax Exemption Application For A New Construction

81-05 Queens Blvd., Elmhurst, NY

The project consists of 35 residential condo units as well as retail and community facility space

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported a committee meeting was held on September 19 regarding this application. This exemption would allow the owner for the building to seek property tax abatement. Interesting about this application was the 421-a program had expired January, 2016. Certain applications were grandfathered in and that's why this application is pending for a vote. Parameters are unclear, but this application must be entertained because it was grandfathered in. Notably, this application does not provide affordable housing. The 421-tax abatement was created in the 1970's to bring economic investment back into the city and spur residential development. The program launched in 1971 offered residential developments a tax exemption provided they included a percentage of affordable apartments. ULURP Chair Smith concluded the program worked because this community is saturated with housing.

Questioning what is the point of this application if it will not provide affordable housing, what is the benefit for the community. The owner of the development explained a community medical center is on site. Taking a closer look at this, it would not be a center for the community's use, but rather a doctor's facility to rent/purchase.

As far as eligibility requirements, the applicant had met them based on their submission.

Although a quorum was not present at the committee meeting, those in attendance agreed the application passed the requirements; the fact is it does not allow affordable housing. As a policy, the Committee would not support any 421-housing applications that allowed an owner to reap the benefits without benefit to the community. Neither the owner nor the attorney was present at the Board meeting. It was brought up the condos are already built and the units sold.

The Committee recommendation was as a Board we cannot support any 421a-tax abatements to residential developers who do not set aside a portion of building units as affordable.

Chairperson Louis Walker brought up formulas used to calculate Affordable Housing varies and what is considered “affordable”.

Board Member Judy D’Andrea said, “Whatever city housing guidelines are for affordable housing”.

Discussion ensued.

District Manager Cassagnol stated the 421-a should be granted before the building is constructed. The fact that the units have already been sold is moot.

More discussion ensued.

It was brought up that all 421-a applications that do not meet the city’s criteria for affordable housing should be collectively denied.

However, Board Member James Lisa pointed out 421-a applications should be considered individually since not all applications are the same. Applications should not be denied in advance. Applications may contain different information.

As a result, this application should be voted on separately.

Subsequently, a motion was made by ULURP Chair Alton Derrick Smith, seconded by James Lisa, to deny the 421-a application for 81-05 Queens Boulevard because no affordable housing units according to the City’s housing guidelines were included and there was no benefit to the community.

By a roll call vote the Board voted 29 in favor, 0 Opposed, with 1 abstention. Motion to deny passed.

A special note was made by Chairperson Walker that CB 4’s Youth Fair on October 1 is being partially funded by Queens Borough President Melinda Katz.

At this point, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla complimented District Manager Christian Cassagnol on the FY ’18 District Needs Statement.

X. REPORT AND VOTE: Consumer Affairs Committee

Cabaret License Application: 77-14 Entertainment Corp. DBA “Vanity”

Committee Chair Erica Cruz reported this establishment is a gentleman’s club on the corner of Queens Blvd. The Committee met with the establishment’s attorney. Specifically, the application is for a cabaret license, which the establishment does not necessarily need. The cabaret license covers patrons that dance. Since this is a gentleman’s club, it is covered by their other licenses for their patrons as well as employees who wish to dance. The club is open for business and was coming to the Board for their cabaret license to cover all their bases in case everyone started dancing.

The Committee approved the cabaret license for this establishment based on the fact they are already open, and there is dancing.

Committee Chair Erica Cruz reported the owners are brand new. Renovations on the building were done inside and outside. Also discussed was the proximity of the schools very close to the establishment and a family shelter directly across the street. The applicant's response was they would do their best to be discreet. No type of banners or signage will be displayed in front. Also, they will not have a line out front. Renovations included more lighting was installed. The door was changed so it is not a see-through door as it used to be a glass door you could see right in. The coat check is in the front so even if the door is open, you cannot see inside.

Board Member Lucy Schilero asked will there be pole dancing. Committee Chair Erica Cruz yes, it is a gentleman's club. Ms. Schilero continued she spoke to people in the community, who are very upset about this establishment. Although the club has a legal right to be there, she pointed out this is the fourth owner at this location. Every time they open for business, they don't succeed.

When she asked the owner why you are coming into our community, his response was it's cheap. Predominately families live here and those types of establishments coming in need to be looked at more closely. She asked the Board to consider those facts on this type of entertainment before voting.

Since there are about four nightclubs in that vicinity, the Committee is planning a Friday evening walk-thru to see what is happening within that area. The area is getting very populated with bars and gentleman's clubs. Once the meeting date is set, she will notify the Board if anyone would like to join the Committee.

Board Member A. Redd Sevilla pointed out this establishment is across the street from The Hive, which is where a woman was shot and killed. Also, it is a block away from junior high school I. S. 5 and next to a family shelter, where 200 children reside. The name on the club shows a silhouette of a naked woman. Although they have a legal right to be there, it does mean we must quietly let it happen. We also have a legal right to say no. As a way of making a statement to say we do not like these types of establishments in our community. It must stop. A no vote by the Board can make a statement that we do not like this business here. We live and work here and we do not want this type of business here.

Discussion ensued.

In conclusion, Board Member A. Redd Sevilla said the Board must fight for what we do not want to see, otherwise, we are complaining about what we do not want.

Board Member James Lisa, who seconded the motion to accept the Committee's report, inquired can the motion, be tabled until the next meeting. Committee Chair Erica Cruz replied an immediate answer is needed.

District Manager Cassagnol added the establishment does not necessarily need this license. It is strictly for patron dancing.

To provide clarification, Chairperson Louis Walker explained the motion by the Committee is to accept the application, or the Board can deny it or change the motion to table it.

Discussion ensued about tabling the motion. As far as tabling the motion, the application may have a deadline and by the time the Board votes on it, it may already have been approved stated District Manager Cassagnol.

At this point, Chairperson Walker called for a vote. To vote yes meant to approve the cabaret license, voting no denies the cabaret license.

By a roll call vote, the Board voted 3 in favor, 23 oppose, 2 abstentions. Motion to **deny** passed.

**XI. REPORT AND VOTE – Public Safety
SLA Applications**

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported at the June 14, 2016 CB meeting, a request was made for more police reports.

As a result, her goal was to get D. I. Manson to speak more specifically on police issues the Board members wants to hear besides liquor licenses. She gave an explanation of the Committee’s process of the liquor licenses. 95% of the community problems stem from the night clubs and liquor that is sold in neighborhood establishments. In particular, she gave the Happy Land Social Club fire as an example where 87 people died. She also spoke about the Woodside sting where the nightclub was closed down because of drugs and money laundering. It is hard to apprehend offenders because people are afraid to get involved. The Public Safety Committee is willing to go further and to bring more of a report to the Board. Give the Committee specifics and it will act on them

She pointed to the work Board Member Clara Salas submitted regarding graffiti locations in our community. As a result, reports were given to the Graffiti Officer at the 110 Precinct for cleanup. Subsequently, all were invited to attend the Public Safety Committee meetings to discuss their public safety concerns. Liquor licenses are evaluated by the Committee. A list of establishments is provided. The Committee tries to be fair with everyone. Come and talk to the Committee and the Police Officers. Assaults, knifings, petit and grand larceny, noise and 311 complaints are some offenses taken into consideration by the Committee before a liquor license is granted.

Next, she spoke about the Revenge Porn Law meaning those who share sexually explicit image without the subject’s consent is now against the law. The law makes it illegal to disclose private sexual photographs or film without the consent of the person depicted. Thirty five states passed a law stating this content cannot be sold over the internet. Penalty is \$1,000 fine and a one year arrest.

Gov. Cuomo signed the Brunch Bill into law to legalize sales of alcohol before noon on Sunday. Restaurants and taverns with liquor permits can sell alcohol on Sunday’s beginning at 10 a.m. Prior law blocked Sunday sales before noon.

Next, she reported on houses that are renting out their apartments, and back and front yard for parties. She had discussed this issue with D. I. Manson and the thought to start a portfolio on those parties arose. There was a major problem with the overuse of fire hydrants. The offenders were monitored by the Fire Department and there was some control. She noted there were some outages, but they did not affect Corona and Elmhurst too adversely.

She spoke about a man who was shot on 45 Avenue and National Street. The victim and others were playing with a loaded gun and it went off. This case is under investigation.

Next, Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported on the following liquor license applications:

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NEW APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT’S</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT’S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Queens Seafood Restaurant	82-22 45 Avenue	Approved

Wine, Beer & Cider	Elmhurst, NY	
Sariling Atin Inc. Beer & Cider	89-12 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
82 J&J Food Corp. "Food Court 82 nd "	40-36 82 Street Elmhurst, NY	Approved

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT'S ADDRESS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Mirinea Inc. "Timmy's Deli" Beer & Cider	111-02 Roosevelt Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
Mini Picanteria El Guayaquileno Inc. Beer & Cider	94-52A/54 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
PiNong Inc. "Tommy Thai" Wine, Beer & Cider	85-32 Grand Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Yin Yang China Bistrol Inc. "Nunoodle" Wine, Beer & Cider	89-10 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Tropicana Restaurant Inc. Wine, Beer & Cider	40-42 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Denied
Chronic noise complaints from the establishment – 21 between 2014 and 2016 is negatively impacting the surrounding residences.		
N and D Restaruants LLC "The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #4443" Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	92-10 59 Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Rare Hospitality International, Inc. "Longhorn Steakhouse #5453" Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	92-30 59 Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Queens Center Apple, LLC "Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar" Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	90-15 Queens Blvd., Space 1001 Elmhurst, NY	Approved

Public Safety Committee Chair Lucy Schilero made a motion, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Carrow, to **approve** the Committee's report as presented.

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

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental

Committee Chair Giancarlo Castano reported the Committee has not met. However, a meeting is planned to discuss budget consultations.

Parks

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

Transportation

Committee Chair James Lisa reported it was a quiet summer.

Health

No Report.

Youth

No Report. Committee Chair not in attendance.

XIII. PUBLIC FORUM

Good & Welfare Of The District

At this point, Consumer Affairs Committee Chair Erica Cruz inquired about the unfinished bike lanes. Her question was directed to Transportation Chair James Lisa.

Discussion ensued.

Next, BurroughsX (Muhammed) a resident on 53 Avenue, reported the illegal mechanic working on his block is gone. The Board was thanked for its help.

However, on the corner of 103 Street and 53 Avenue there is a serious signage problem. Buses and trucks making a right turn cannot see the sign. The sign should have been placed on the north side of 103 Street, but it was placed on the south side of 103 Street. Residents are being summonsed that don't deserve tickets.

District Manager Cassagnol asked Mr. BurroughsX to see him and provide more details.

Next, Marilyn Herr, a resident of 52 Avenue reported on an issue with a young woman yelling and using bad language and displaying disorderly conduct. A neighbor's window was broken. The woman has defecated and urinated on the street. Children reside on the block. The residents have contacted the Police department, but have not seen any results. The offender's behavior also includes banging her against the wall. More unruly behavior was described, which included damaging cars. Furthermore, the woman has broken into a house and caused serious damages. No doubt, the woman is a danger to the neighborhood families, children and to herself. This has been continuing for about a year and a half. Clearly, something has to be done.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol responded this issue will be discussed at the September 21 District Service Cabinet meeting.

Board Member Clara Salas said since this is a mental health issue, Elmhurst Hospital has a mobile crises team, who will respond to the report given.

Discussion ensued.

Next, Sara Baral, Partnerships for Parks, spoke about a new initiative, Parks Without Borders. Flushing Meadows Corona Park wins funding for major improvements. A meeting to share your ideas is planned for October 20, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the New York Hall of Science. Parks Without Borders is a new design approach to connecting open spaces to neighborhoods across the city.

Next, Chairperson Louis Walker announced next month's meeting is scheduled for October 18.

Before the adjournment, Ms. Pat Rosero invited all to the opening of an atrium on Tuesday, September 27, at Queens Borough Hall. The atrium will be renamed in honor of former Queens Borough President Helen Marshall.

Since there was no further business, Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Lucy Schilero, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.