



## COMMUNITY BOARD # 4Q

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### COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. District Manager Christian Cassagnol took the roll call. A quorum was **not** present.

Chairperson Walker announced since a quorum was not present, no votes could be taken on any matters.

#### IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

During this segment, Chairperson Louis Walker called on D. I. Leyson to address the Board. D. I. Leyson reported Crime is down-44% last week and crime is down substantially for the 28 day period ending 2013 with an overall crime decrease. The men and women at the 110 Precinct work very hard for the community and have a great partnership with the Community Board, elected officials, and civic and block associations.

Although there can be decreases in crime, there can be increases in quality of life. The quality of life enforcement is directed in the right areas—not many enforcement complaints were received. All enforcement done is with the goal to better the quality of life and make a positive change in the community served. Whether it is being done for quality of life enforcement through criminal court summonses, traffic summonses both parking (summonses written for double parking, bus stops, and fire hydrants—summonses written are safety related and also help to increase the traffic flow) or for moving violations, which is geared to the hazardous violations that cause the greatest amount of injuries. A decrease in injuries results when hazardous moving violations are enforced, noting there are over 20 hazardous violations on the list.

Subsequently, he reported Capt. Forgione is in charge of the traffic program. This year, a dramatic decrease was shown in both injury and accidents. Also speeding summonses increased. In addition, Capt. Forgione is in charge of towing cars those For Sale cars to open up parking spaces in the community. Since parking is at a premium in the community, it is frustrating to have prime parking spaces taken up by those cars parked illegally on our streets.

He reiterated the men and women are doing a fantastic job at the 110 Precinct because of a successful community relationship and partnership.

D. I. Leyson encouraged all to contact him for assistance with an issue. Also, he attends community meetings to hear all concerns and to address those concerns.

Board Member Lucy Schilero complimented D. I. Leyson on his work in the community as well as working with CB4's Public Safety Committee.

Board Member Alirio Orduna brought up the prostitution problem on 80/82 Streets. D. I. Leyson responded much has been done to address this problem. Working with local legislators, the law was changed to give police more enforcement ability to monitor and watch clientele. If a certain amount of chica-chica cards are handed out, the distributor can be arrested for prostitution. It is a very difficult task because the wording on the cards is being changed. He also spoke about street-level prostitution. Undercover police officers act as prostitutes to arrest the johns. Working with the Vice enforcement unit who come in and to arrest the prostitutes. Dozens of arrests for prostitution have been made in the 110 Precinct in 2013. Much work is being done on this prevalent problem.

D. I. Leyson spoke about the new administration coming in and provided details about the differences of how issues are addressed in respective precincts and to collaborate on how to address the issues on the borders.

Call Community Affairs at 718-476-9310 and speak to P. O. Janine Rivera or P. O. Dave Saponeri or leave a message. Or call D. I. Leyson at 718-476-9337 for assistance or call the Community Board 4 office.

## **V. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

District Manager Christian Cassagnol thanked the Community Affairs officers for their help. He reported on the Citizens Police Academy training, both he and Board Member Minwen Yang are in the final week and will graduate on December 23.

Next, he reported a Community Board member in the Elmhurst area was trying to help someone in need and was mugged. Please be more aware of your surroundings he cautioned.

Following, he spoke about speed humps by the schools. P. S. 14 located at Corona and Otis Avenues was approved for a speed hump to be installed about February, 2014.

Also, City benches will be installed at 107-24 Corona Avenue, at the intersection of 51 & 52 Avenues, and at 108-74 Roosevelt Avenue at the intersection of 108 and 111 Streets.

Succeeding this information, he spoke about the homeless outreach population estimate coming up soon. The Department of Homeless Services does a count of the homeless population in the Board area. January 27 is the targeted date for the count, and the hours of operation are from 10:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Call 212-607-5366 or log on to [nyc.gov/dhs](http://nyc.gov/dhs) for more information.

Next he reported Board Members Laraine Donohue and Ann Melchiorre have resigned.

Thereafter, Board member attendance at committee meetings was brought up. Two committee meetings were held during the past month and only the Committee Chair was in attendance. When the committee notice states please RSVP To the Community Board 4 Office To Confirm Your Attendance At This Meeting, it is very important to respond. Both the District Manager and Committee Chair waited 40 minutes for the Committee members. No one came nor called and the meeting was cancelled. Attendance is very important at those meetings. Notices are mailed two weeks in advance of the meeting, which allows plenty of time to respond, again emphasizing a response is vital.

Before concluding, he mentioned NYPD Community Affairs checklist, which are on the back table. Please fill it out if you would like to learn more about police programs or events and return to D. I. Leyson.

Also, District Manager Cassagnol is being honored by the Corona Lions for The Community Service Award. The District Manager also noted Board Member Al Perna, who was not present, extends best wishes to all for a happy holiday season.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker reported Borough President-elect Melinda Katz will establish clear-cut guidelines regarding Board and Committee attendance. Board Members who do not attend meetings will be removed from the Board.

**VI. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS**

Joel-Trinidad-Santos, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras’ Office, reported on the Three Kings Event planned for January 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details are still being planned. If you would like to volunteer for the event, please call the office at 718-651-1917.

Tomorrow at 4 p.m. a volunteer meeting will be held to brief staff on the event.

Next, Bruce Eiber, representing Council Member Karen Koslowitz’s office, greeted the Board and stated this is the last meeting he will be attending. However, if you ever need assistance, please call Council Member Koslowitz’s office. He had enjoyed his term at the Board and thanked the Board for its support.

**VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Lucy Schilero reported the Committee met on December 3. The denied applications were read to the Board.

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

December 2013

**NEW APPLICANTS**

<b><u>Establishment’s Name</u></b>	<b><u>Establishment’s Address</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
Alvarez Family Inc. Wine and Beer Only “Guayacos Restaurant”	81-42 Baxter Avenue, 1 Fl. Elmhurst, NY	Denied.
Failure to show. No paperwork was submitted to Committee ( C of O, proof of ownership, corporation papers)		
Tacos Y Quesadillas Mexico Corp. Wine and Beer Only	104-40 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Denied.
Failure to show. No paperwork was submitted to Committee (C of O, proof of ownership, corporation papers)		

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**NEW APPLICANTS** (cont'd)

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Establishment's Address</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
The Hive Sports Bar & Grill Liquor, Wine and Beer	79-15/21 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst, NY	Approved
Tempo Libero Bar Corp. Liquor, Wine and Beer	88-08 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

**RENEWAL APPLICANTS**

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Establishment's Address</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
Rancho Tipico Corp. Wine and Beer Only	98-53 Corona Avenue Corona, NY	Approved
Jardinova Corp. "Tortoras" Wine and Beer Only	90-31 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY	Denied
Failure to show. No paperwork was submitted to committee (C of O), proof of ownership, corporation papers etc)		
Sweet Yummy House Ince. Wine and Beer Only	83-13 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Approved
104 <sup>th</sup> Street Restaurant <i>Tony's Pizzeria Restaurant</i>	45-18 104 Street Corona, NY	Approved

**RECONSIDERATIONS**

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Establishment's Address</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
Pico de Gallo, Inc. Wine and Beer Only	82-12 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Approved

**CORPORATE CHANGE**

<b><u>Establishment's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Establishment's Address</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
Cavico Corp. "Sabor Deportivo Restaurant" Wine and Beer Only	40-32 National Street Corona, NY	Denied
311 Noise Complaints – 3/25/13, 10/21/13		
3/7/13 – Complaint of Assault in front of location with a bottle.		
3/13/13 – Complaint of Assault inside of bar resulting in an arrest.		
7/26/12 – 2C Summonses' Failure to check ID. Obstructed view of bar.		
10/22/12 – 1 C Summons; Failure to check ID.		

Now, permits are being asked for all-nighters for New Year's. Those establishments are:

<u>Establishment's Name</u>	<u>Establishment's Address</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Mango's Steak House	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied

No paperwork was submitted to Committee (C of O, proof of ownership, corporation papers, etc.)

Numerous 311 noise complaints

Problems in previous years, up to the present time. Most of the summonses issued were for Sale to Minors.

High Flying Birds	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY	Denied
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Failure to show. No paperwork was submitted to Committee. (C of O), proof of ownership, corporation papers, etc.

Recently opened within a year and already having problems.

Discussion ensued about sending out the letters from the Board regarding the denials since a quorum was not present.

## **VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

**Marguerite Manela, Project Mgr.**

**NYC Compost Project, Queens Botanical Garden**

**--NYC Compost Project Programs and Outreach**

Ms. Manela reported the NYC Compost program has been in existence since 1993 and funded by the Dept. of Sanitation and there is a team in every borough that does compost outreach and education throughout the city. She explained compost is very common on farms and gardens. Some cities and around the world are starting to figure out ways to deal with organic waste (such as food scraps and yard waste) to create a soil amendment to have those materials decomposed in a controlled process—the feed, the temperature, and the finished product. It is very important for our soils throughout the world because they are disappearing and also lacking life and nutrients which are important for feeding the world.

Some people can compost in their backyards or in a bin. There are also sites in Queens, mentioning Big Compost in Western Queens, which collect food scraps from the public at farmer's markets and composting them at a site under the Queens Borough Bridge.

Ms. Manela and her colleague provide technical assistance to anyone who is looking to compost in their garden, and they also work with schools, hospitals, and churches. She spoke about a workshop conducted in a school which taught composting. More examples were given about workshops that were held.

Ms. Manela also reported they are looking to find the best ways to reach the community to promote their workshops, services and resources.

Courses are given on composting. She mentioned Board Member Giancarlo Castano who had graduated from the master composter course. It is an eight week training course taught at the Queens Botanical Garden, late winter into spring. Applications for this year's course are being accepted until February 7 consisting of eight classes followed by a volunteer community service component (30 hours). Master composters help get the word out throughout all of Queens.

She asked for the Board's assistance to reach out to promote the course, including which community groups are receptive to posting flyers and greening, and to reach out to community gardens. There are no limits to the groups she can work with.

Ms. Manela pointed out the organic pilot initiative from the Mayor's Office. The goals are recycling diversion rate for 2017 and other goals targeted for 2030 and she also mentioned the pilot programs coming to Queens. Think of the NYC Compost project as education and outreach. They are separate from the curbside collection rolling out around the city. It's all sanitation, but separate groups.

At this point, Ms. Manela took questions from the Board.

The District Manager said the Environmental Committee discussed different initiatives including visiting local schools. Recently, the Environmental Committee met with the Youth Committee looking for different ways to involve the youth in community outreach such as composting projects.

Board Member Jennifer Chu commended the workshops held in different languages.

A member from the public asked about the cost of bins. Ms. Manela responded bins are sold at the Queens Botanical Gardens at a cost of \$65.00.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Transportation***

Committee Chair Joseph DiMartino reported on the renewal of a base license for Santo Domingo Car Service, located at 96-28 Alstyn Avenue. The Committee had not met on it yet, but will discuss it at the next Committee meeting. It will be voted on at the January, 2014 CB meeting.

### ***Health***

No report. Committee Chair not present.

### ***Youth***

No Report. Committee Chair not present.

### ***ULURP/Zoning***

No Report. Committee Chair not present.

### ***Environmental***

No Report. Committee Chair not present.

### ***Postal***

No Report. Committee Chair not present.

### ***Parks***

No Report. Committee Chair not present.

### ***Consumer Affairs***

No Report. Committee Chair not present.

At this point, Board Member George Onuorah introduced Ms. Michelle Dunston, the crossing guard at Junction Blvd. and 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, who greeted the Board.

## **X. PUBLIC FORUM**

No speakers.

At this point, Mr. Mike Liquori mentioned people walk at night dressed in all black clothing. Darkness compounded with bad street lighting makes people wearing dark clothing impossible to see by motor vehicle drivers. One night while down his street, he almost had an accident because he did not see a woman in dark clothing crossing in front of him. Wear something white with dark clothing to prevent an accident, he advised.

There being no further business, Chairperson Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Holiday Party followed and a good time was had by all!