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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

TIME: 7:30 PM

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

I. Chairperson Louis Walker opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Chairperson Walker asked the Board to remain standing while First Vice Chairperson Patricia Terranova read the following tribute to Anthony Caminiti who passed away this year.

Happy 100th Birthday
Tony

Anthony "Tony" Caminiti was born in Corona, New York, on December 13, 1911, to Natale and Angelina Caminiti, who immigrated to New York from Italy in the early 20th century. Tony grew up in Corona, Queens, attending Public School 14 and Newtown High School during the Depression era. As a boy, Tony grew up on Elm Street, which is now known as 48th Avenue with his sister, Frances.

When World War II started, Tony served his country in the European Theater of Operations with the 42nd Rainbow Division. In Germany, his outfit liberated the concentration camp of Dachau, freeing over 32,000 starving prisoners. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star and the Conspicuous Service Cross. Upon his return from overseas, Tony continued to serve his country by fighting for human rights and the quality of life in his Queens community, holding many auspicious leadership positions, where he gave time and heart to improve qualities of living for his neighbors.

In 1946, Tony became a member of St. Leo's Holy Name Society, where he served as their president for several years and as an Usher at Sunday mass. Tony also jointed the Northside Democratic Club in 1946 and served as their President, State Committeeman, and for twelve years held the elective office of District Leader in Corona and Elmhurst. Tony has been a member of Community Board 4 for 40 years. As Chairman of their Parks

Committee, he has fought hard for parks and recreational improvements. Tony has also been a Chairman of the Corona Task Force, where he helped secure low-income housing for seniors.

Tony served as Executive Director of the Corona Taxpayers Civic Association and as Project Director, helped to provide after school programs with the NYC Youth Board at PS 14, PS 19, IS 61 and St. Leo's Roman Catholic School. He has been a past president of the Columbia Association of America, St. Leo's Holy Name Society, St. Leo's War Veterans, Corona Boys Club, and on the Board of Directors of the Queens Village Chamber of Commerce.

In 1978, Tony married his soul mate, Josephine. Josephine was also a strong community advocate. When Tony and Josephine met, worlds collided. They worked together on projects like the NYC Partnership Housing and many various community enhancements projects. Tony and Josephine remained married for over 20 years, until her untimely death in 1994.

Tony is a member of the American Legion and life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 150, located in Corona, Queens.

As a businessman, Tony ran Central Queens Furniture, one of the largest independent furniture showcases in Queens. He retired as the President in 1981, after 45 years of service.

Tony has three married daughters: Virginia and Ronald Yaniro, Nancy and Roger Carrano, Rita and James Lumia. He has six grandchildren: Jennifer, Chris, Doreen, Melissa, Lauren and Stephanie, as well as two great grandchildren: Sophia and Alexa. He will be greatly missed.

At this point, the Chairperson asked the Board to be seated. Subsequently, First Vice Chair Patricia Terranova took the roll call. A quorum was present.

III. Vote: Minutes of February 7, 2012

Ms. Priscilla Carrow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tom McKenzie, to **accept** the minutes of February 7, 2012.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 34 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Walker reported on the District Manager Job Vacancy Notice, noting two board members serving on the Executive Committee had to recuse themselves because they would be applying for the position. Those board members were Robert Rothschild and Al Perna. The Executive Committee will function with two Board members less, noting they cannot be replaced.

Next, Chairperson Walker reported on correspondence from the United States Postal Service regarding the U. S. Postal Service's decision to consolidate mail processing operations at the Queens Processing & Distribution Center located at 142-02 20th Avenue, Flushing, NY with those of the Brooklyn Processing & Distribution Center, located at 1050 Forbell Street, Brooklyn, NY. Once the transfer of operations is completed, the Queens P&DC will be closed. There will be no change to the Queens Business Mail Entry Unit, at the Queens P&DC locations at this time.

Also, Chairperson Walker announced the District Manager's position was advertised in the *Times Newsweekly* and the *Queens Tribune* as well as the *City Record*, and posted on the Internet through the Queens Tribune. Additionally, the Job Vacancy Notice was sent out in a separate Board mailing.

There are specific instructions for applying for the position. A resume was received which did not adhere to those specific guidelines. It was not addressed to Mr. Louis Walker, Chairperson, as clearly stated in the Job

Vacancy Notice. This particular resume was generally addressed to the Board office. This resume may have to be disqualified. It could be opened by mistake and it should not be opened.

V. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATORS

Ms. Emily Paez, representing, Senator Jose Peralta's office, reported on the following events:

- 2012 Women's Month Celebration, Friday, March 16, 2012, 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., P.S. 69 Auditorium, 77-02 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY, Co-sponsors State Senator Jose Peralta and Assembly Member Francisco Moya. Flyers were distributed.
- Poetry Reading for Dominican Writers, Friday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Corona Library.
- Grant Writing Seminar for non-profit organizations only, Thursday, March 29, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Elmcour Recreational Center, 107-20 Northern Blvd., Corona, NY. Flyers were distributed.

Next, Ms. Ari Espinal, representing Assembly Member Francisco Moya's office, also announced the Women's Month Celebration. All were urged to attend. The first week of April, the Assembly Member's mobile office will be available in Jackson Heights. Last weekend, National Women and Girls HIV Awareness Day was held. The health fair was a huge success. A project renewal van was present and was available to perform HIV testing. The public was also educated on the prevention of HIV, and the importance of getting tested for HIV. Contact her for more information.

Next, Ms. Christina Long, representing Council Member Julissa Ferreras' office, invited all to attend:

- A Self-Defense Workshop for Pre-Teen Women By The Center For Anti-Violence Education, on March 20, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., at the Langston Hughes Library, 100-01 Northern Blvd., E. Elmhurst, Flyers were on hand.
- Women's Heart Health & Fashion Event, Wednesday, March 21, 6:00 p.m., at Elmcour Youth and Activities Center, 107-20 Northern Blvd. Corona, NY. This event is presented by Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras and Diet Coke in conjunction with Elmcour, Honoring Queens Borough President Helen Marshall.
Event features: Heart Health screenings, Red fashion show by JC Penny, Zumba instruction, and nutritional demo. Flyers were available with more information.
- Free Tax Preparation site at 38-05 98 Street, Corona, NY. Income limits: Persons claiming dependents - \$50,000; persons not claiming dependents - \$18,000. Closed on Monday and Friday during the month of March. The hours of operation were given. Flyers were on hand.

Next, Ms. Carolyn Tran, representing Council Member Daniel Dromm's office, invited all to attend the Elmhurst Transportation Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at St. James. Flyers are in the process of being prepared. Once done, flyers will be sent to the Board.

VI. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Board Treasurer Joseph DiMartino reported on the Sunshine Fund. Dues are \$15 annually. Cards, baskets and flowers are sent to Board members for special occasions or either through an illness or death of a loved one. Also, the money is used to fund the Board's annual holiday party. For those who have not yet paid their dues, please see Mr. DiMartino at the end of the meeting.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker reported on the Board’s internal operating budget. Presently, the Board is operating within its budget parameters. However, for FY ’13 the Board faces a proposed cut of \$12,000.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Vote: SLA Applications

Since Committee Chair Lucy Schilero was not present, Committee Member Edgar Moya presented the Committee’s report.

Mr. Moya reported the Committee met on March 12, 2012 regarding the following applications:

New Applicants

<u><i>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</i></u>	<u><i>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</i></u>	<u><i>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</i></u>
Yingyong Food Corp. Wine and Beer Only	71-30 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Denied. No representative present. No C of O submitted.
Cevicheria El Rey/ 85-16A Food Corp. Wine and Beer Only	85-16A Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Approved.
El Sancho Restaurant Inc. Wine and Beer Only	71-30 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Approved.
Noches Allegres Bar & Rest. Liquor, Wine & Beer	92-02 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. New application must be submitted by new owners. Denied Due to “Incomplete Application”
High Bird Inc. dba Chevillot Liquor, Wine & Beer	78-14 Roosevelt Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. Application incorrect/ incomplete. Denied due to “Incomplete Application.
Pata Pa-Plean Corp. Liquor, Wine & Beer	76-21 Woodside Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved
Jardinova Corp. dba Tortoras Liquor, Wine and Beer	90-31 Corona Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved
MGM Billiards Corp. Liquor, Wine and Beer	40-33 82 Street Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved
Kido Sushi Queens, Inc. Wine and Beer Only	90-15 Queens Boulevard Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved

Renewal Applicants

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>
Coatzingo Enterprises dba California Sports Bar Liquor, Wine and Beer	79-18 Roosevelt Avenue Jackson Heights, NY 11372	Denied. No representative present. Denied for “Sales to Minor” Violation
El Caramelo Coffee Shop Wine and Beer Only	99-27 43 Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. Sales to Minors. Several arrests made.
Delicias Cuencanas Wine and Beer Only	41-07 99 Street Corona, NY 11368	Approved
Don Francisco Restaurant Wine and Beer Only	40-56 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY 11368	Approved
Zacapoaxtla dba Poblano Bar & Café Wine and Beer Only	86-22 Whitney Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. Lawyer asked that application be tabled until April, but application was denied by Committee. Application Considered withdrawn.
Frontera Chicana Rest. Corp. Beer Only	40-42 Junction Blvd. Corona, NY	Approved.

Reconsideration

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>
City Snooker Poolhouse, Inc. Tavern Wine	75-32 Broadway Elmhurst, NY 11373	Approved

Corporate Change

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT ADDRESS</u>	<u>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>
La Marina Restaurant Liquor, Wine & Beer	101-17 43 Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373	Denied. Representative withdrew application.

Mr. Tom McKenzie made a motion, seconded by seconded by Ms. Laraine Donohue, to **accept** the Committee’s report as presented,

By a voice vote, the Board voted 34 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

At this point, Mr. Tom McKenzie announced at the end of May his civic association will host a sporting event between the 110 Precinct and all the firemen in Elmhurst and Corona for their families at Newtown Field.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Rayna James - WIC Program
Plaza Del Sol

Ms. James reported Urban Health Plan Inc WIC program at Plaza del Sol is now open at 37-16 108 Street, Corona, NY. Informational packets on the WIC program were passed out. WIC is the acronym for Women's Infants and Children, which is a supplemental nutrition program. The purpose of the program is to prevent health problems and improve the health of participants during critical times of growth. WIC serves women who are pregnant, breast feeding women, or those who have recently had a baby, infants under 12 months of age, and children under five years of age. For children under five years of age, it could include foster children, grandchildren or any child of a family member under the age of five.

Also, WIC serves low and moderate income families. Families with parents who work may be eligible for WIC. For example, if a person qualifies for food stamps they would qualify for WIC. Foster care automatically qualifies you for WIC.

WIC provides checks to buy healthy foods, education sessions, breastfeeding help and referrals. Types of food included on the program are: milk, eggs, cheese, juice, cereal, peanut butter, dried beans, peas, tuna, carrots, infant formula, and cereal.

WIC also provides a peer counseling program—mothers helping mothers. Mothers are hired in the community who has successfully breastfed their infants. They are hired to help other participants to encourage them to breast feed.

When people visit the WIC site, they are educated on how to have a healthy life style or give them the tools to create a healthy life style for their families. Group or individual sessions are available. Group appointments are classes on different ways to feed the infant and different ways to do things with your family. Staying active with your family is also taught.

Individual sessions include contact with a nutritionist. Everyone who comes to the WIC program meets with a nutritionist.

More information is included in the packet. Please pass it on to friends, family and co-workers.

WIC is a referral agency, which means referrals are made for community as well as health services. Referrals are made to pediatrics and ob-gyn services as well as legal, transportation, women's shelters or any type of social services for participants.

At this point, Ms. James took questions from the Board members.

Ms. Ann Coyne asked if a new WIC program was started at Elmhurst Hospital. Ms. James responded each hospital or other health agencies may have its own WIC program.

Next, Ms. Priscilla Carrow brought up the WIC check allows a participant to buy so much milk, pointing out it is too much milk for a child to consume. Consideration should be given to the fact the child is in school all day.

Ms. James responded the agency is aware of this fact and said cheese can be substituted for milk.

IX. CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Vote: Gaming Cafes – Revisited

Chinatown #1 Gaming Corp.

D&S NY Enterprise Corporation

Committee Chair George Onourah reported on hours of operation for the *Chinatown #1 Gaming Corp.* On Saturday, March 3, he and Mr. Melvin Morgan visited the site located at 83-31 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY, the proposed location for the Internet Café. At the time of the revisit, the Office Room remained in the same condition it was found during prior visit of 2/3/12. No sign of renovation, no work in progress was evidenced. Also observed another establishment on the lower floor was shut down by the Board of Health.

Before the visit and thereafter, efforts to make contact with calls to the telephone number listed were futile. Mr. Onourah was told he had reached the wrong number.

The Committee's recommendation was to **deny** the application until someone appears before the Board or Committee to answer relevant questions about this proposed establishment.

On the second application, *D&S NY Enterprises Corporation*, a site visit was made on Saturday, March 3, 2012, to 108-08 Roosevelt Avenue, Corona, NY to ask their hours of operation as requested by the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Onourah arrived at 11:45 a.m. and waited until 12:10 p.m. The business did not open and he left.

On March 8, 2012, he telephoned Sam, the manager, and he stated their hours of operation were 12 Noon to 10:00 p.m. The application stated their hours of operation were 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

During his visit, Mr. Onourah noticed a banner with SWEEPSTAKE Internet Café hanging in front of the establishment. Asked how the Sweepstakes works. Sam responded people win prizes, cash prizes and trips to Florida. When Mr. Onourah asked How, Sam answered people have to purchase internet time paying about \$3.

The Committee's recommendation was to **approve** the application. Sam, the manager, had clarified its hours of operation.

Note: Monday night at 9:35 p.m., a call was placed and someone answered and stated they close a 12 PM.

At this point, Ms. Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alirio Orduna, to **accept** the Consumer Affairs Committee's report as presented.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 34 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks

Committee Chair Al Perna reported a meeting was held with Eileen Connolly and John Fitzgerald, Dept. of Parks and Recreation, on Saturday, February 25, to discuss cleaning the parks by Parks Dept. personnel. Staffing is very low and the parks are not cleaned as well as they should be. Also, at CC Moore Park on Broadway vendors are selling in the park, putting up tents, without proper licenses or permits. The Committee is working on this problem.

Moreover, a tour of all the Queens parks is planned with Ms. Connolly.

Health

Committee Chair Priscilla Carrow reported the Committee is planning a health fair, probably end of July. A park is needed for this event.

Youth

Committee Chair Clara Salas reported the Queens Parent Leader Training forum will be held Saturday, March 24, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at Queens UFT, 97-77 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, NY. Flyers were on hand with more information.

Additionally, the United Federation of Teachers will hold its 5th Annual Early Childhood Conference, on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at 52 Broadway, 2nd Fl., New York, NY. Flyers with a registration form were on hand.

At this point, the floor was turned over to Board Member Nancy King Wang regarding 33 school closings. Ms. Wang reported the Department of Education had submitted proposals to “turnaround” eight high schools in Queens: William Cullen Bryant, Grover Cleveland, Richmond Hill, John Adams, August Martin, Flushing, Long Island City, and Newtown High School.

The plan requires that half of a school’s teachers be replaced. The City would close 33 schools and reopen them immediately, with new names and identification numbers. Up to 50% of the teachers may have to re-apply for jobs. Of course, the number may be 5% or 10% depending on the selecting committee.

A team of educators would then be selected for the “new” school and would hire a new staff. One major difference between the typical school closure and the turnaround one is that students at the turnaround schools would not be displaced. Students are guaranteed a seat.

The same students will be in the schools, but teachers and administrators must re-apply. Most likely, principals would be replaced. The move is all about money.

Ms. Wang announced Newtown High School will hold a town hall meeting on April 17 at 6:30 p.m. She urged all to attend and express your opinions about the schools turnaround. The following questions arise:

- How will we get new staff immediately for summer school or the following year?
- Where will teachers go that are already tenured for unsatisfactory teachers, which are only a few?

The DOE’s proposals will be voted on by the PEP, a committee composed of 30 members assigned by the five Borough Presidents and the Mayor April 26. After April 26, people will start to re-apply for jobs. She added the name “Newtown” will be kept in the school’s new name.

Board Member Rovenia McGowan explained the school closes, the staff is eliminated, however, the student population remains the same, Then, the school reopens and the new school is re-named. More details followed, noting the proposal has nothing to do with the student body, but significantly affects teachers.

At this point, Dean Morgan, Community Outreach NYPD, commented students are not leaving. Teachers are leaving.

Board Member Nancy King Wang continued her report. In the new proposal, it states in September, a new school will be in place with a new name. For 2013-2014, there will be a small school in Newtown building which will serve the ESL. This is just a proposal, it is not certain as yet.

At this point, Mr. Tom McKenzie mentioned the \$500 grant every school in Elmhurst received from the Elmhurst Memorial League.

Transportation

Committee Chair Joseph DiMartino did not report. However, next month a meeting will be held.

At this point, Mr. Anthony Moreno reported DOT's Borough Commissioner Maura McCarthy, had called him on the Corona Plaza project. Needed are sites to hold meetings to speak to the community about the project.

Subsequently, Transportation Committee Chair Joseph DiMartino spoke about the ongoing problem of trucks parking at meters at Corona Plaza all day and night.

Mr. Moreno suggested inviting Commissioner McCarthy as a guest speaker to address the full Board. The Borough Commissioner is requesting community input for use of the Plaza. In addition to comments from neighbors and residents, the Board should include its recommendations. An invitation should be extended.

Environmental

Committee Chair Tom McKenzie reported on the water freezing on the sidewalk from the LIRR. The President from the LIRR called Mr. McKenzie and said it will be looked in and taken care of.

Thursday, March 15, at 9:00 a.m., the Congressman, City Council Member, will inspect the problem area and check the rest of the Railroad for the new station on Queens Blvd.

On the noise from the Hess gas station, Mr. McKenzie was in contact with the Commissioner's office, a violation was issued but could not be given to Hess Gas Station on site. It had to be sent to the Hess Corporation and in two to three weeks it will be in court. The fine will be \$150, or it would have been fixed. If the vacuum is not fixed the Corporation is fined \$150, and immediately issued another summons for \$300.

Finally, loose cable wires from telephone companies such as Verizon, and Time Warner are all over and still a mess.

Mr. McKenzie asked that representatives from Verizon and Time Warner attend the Board's District Cabinet meeting on these problems. Cables are wrapped around trees and poles instead of properly removing them. Not only is this a neighborhood eyesore, but also a dangerous condition.

Chairperson Louis Walker commented Time Warner will attend, but Verizon will not.

In that case, said Mr. McKenzie the Board should file a complaint with the Public Service Commission against Verizon for not cooperating.

Ms. Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alirio Orduna, to write to the Public Service Commission about hanging Verizon wires that are not properly removed.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 34 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

ULURP & ZONING

Committee Chair Miriam Levenson reported on the ULURP meeting held on February 21, 2012. The Architect for the St. John's Queens Hospital property explained the layout of the site and what types of businesses and residential units would be allocated to each of the former hospital's six floors.

Floor assignments are as follows:

Cellar – Retail Space

First and Second Floors – Retail/Commercial Space

Third and Fourth Floors – Professional Offices/Community Facilities/Doctors' Offices

5, 6, and 7th Floors – Mixed Residential (Studios 1, 2, and 3 bedroom rentals)

The applicant is seeking Board approval on two Board of Standards and Appeals variances.

- Re-Opening of BSA Cal. No. #365-79 BZ
89-52 Queens Blvd., Elmhurst, NY 11373
Building Formerly Known as St. John's Hospital
- BSA Cal. No: #25-89 BZ Accessory Garage Structure to St. John's Hospital at 58-04 Hoffman Drive

Committee Chair Miriam Levenson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tom McKenzie, to **grant** the variances for the accessory garage structure and to establish mixed use building for property formerly known as St. John's Hospital.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 34 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Tom McKenzie reported he met with the Buildings Inspector for Community Board 4. 40 violations were written for Elmhurst on illegal occupancies. Mr. McKenzie asked how he could obtain a copy of the list of violators. Information can be obtained from the Buildings Department's website, but you must have the exact address. Mr. McKenzie is requesting a copy of the list of those violations for illegal apartments or no permits in the Board area.

Mr. Anthony Moreno made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Miriam Levenson that the Department of Buildings responds to the Board's requests for violators.

By a voice vote, the Board voted 34 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Postal

Committee Chair Helen Landaverde, said a report will be given next month.

At this point, Chairperson Louis Walker announced it is very important that all Board members attend the May 8 Community Board 4 meeting. At this meeting, the vote will be taken for the Board's next District Manager.

The three finalists will be in attendance, questions will be asked, and the vote cast for who will become the next District Manager of Community Board 4.

Mr. Walker continued in April, the Executive Committee will nominate three people who, subsequently, the Board will interview for the position.

Next, Mr. George Onuorah paid a special tribute to Mr. Anthony Caminiti who served his community for over 40 years, noting he was a veteran who served his country. Since the Board meets at the VFW, it is a fitting tribute to see his name in the VFW Hall. Mr. Caminiti lived to be 100 years old.

Mr. Gurdip Singh Narula suggested a Special Plaque with Mr. Caminiti's name on it.

Chairperson Walker explained the Sunshine Fund is only \$15 dues collected from each Board member. From that money, the Holiday Party expenses are paid, flowers, and fruit baskets are sent. There is not much money in this account for other types of expenditures.

Mr. Narula offered to contribute separately from the Sunshine Fund.

Also noted was Queens Borough President Helen Marshall will present a plaque to Mr. Caminiti's family.

Ms. Rovenia McGowan suggested a park or street re-naming to honor Mr. Caminiti.

Mrs. Catherine Moore explained the 102nd Street Park is dedicated to Josephine Caminiti. Mr. Caminiti had told Mrs. Moore when his time had come and he joins Josephine, he would like the name of the Park to be changed to Josephine and Anthony Caminiti Park.

Mr. James Lisa added he had asked Mr. Caminiti's family about the park dedication. He is awaiting their response.

XI. PUBLIC FORUM

Good and Welfare of the District

Mr. Dean Morgan, Community Outreach School Safety, NYPD, reported on the programs he operates, noting he will be attending the Board's meetings.

Mr. Tom McKenzie asked about awarding school crossing guards for their longevity.

Mr. Dean replied school crossing guards fall under the jurisdiction of the NYPD. More details were provided.

Next, Mr. Javier Ramos brought up a dangerous situation at P. S. 16 on 104 Streets. Drunks are passed out, urinating within 100 feet of the school, harassing both parents and teachers, arguing among many other problems. The school is located across from a park. There are two grocery stores selling alcohol in the area.

Mr. Dean said he had responded to calls about PS 16 in the past and is aware of the situation. He would speak to the CO about this matter. Perhaps, additional officers can be placed in and around the building.

Board Member Al Perna reiterated this is a serious matter and said he wanted to work closely with School Safety on this issue. This is an ongoing problem which needs immediate attention.

Discussion ensued.

Next, the Queens representative for the Big Apple Rx Prescription Card explained details of the program to help NYC residents save money on prescriptions.

Next, a Corona resident reported on the illegal activity of selling Social Security cards and prostitution in the vicinity of 97 Street and Roosevelt Avenue. She had contacted many city agencies and had not received assistance from anyone about this serious problem in the neighborhood. It is an ongoing situation and the activity is increasing tremendously. Seeking help for over a year, any advice from the Board is appreciated. The 110 Precinct was contacted, but has not assisted.

Discussion ensued

Next, Marta Lebreton, new Chairperson, of Community Board 3, reported on the Business Youth Convention, on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at IS 227, 32-02 Junction Blvd. E. Elmhurst, NY Free raffles and giveaways.

Next a resident reported that 37 Avenue and 73 Street were blocked between Roosevelt Avenue and Broadway according to a recommendation by DOT. The result of this has been Sanitation cannot get in to clean the area and it has created a serious health problem. Details were provided.

He mentioned "The Angel of Queens" who hands out free food every night at 9:30 p.m. The recipients of this food do not consume it but throw it all over, creating a rat and garbage problem. It needs to be cleaned and this person stopped from this practice.

Discussion ensued.

Next, a letter carrier spoke about the closing of the U. S. Postal Service at 142-02 20th Avenue, merging with those of the Brooklyn Processing Center in Brooklyn. Details were provided, adding the closing would cause major mail delays and 280,000 job losses around the country.

There being no further business, Ms. Laraine Donohue made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miriam Levenson, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.