

Community Board 1
June 19, 2012

Mr. Vinicio Donato, Chairperson of Community Board 1, commenced at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Donato opened the meeting by introducing Guest Speaker Dr. Dora B. Schriro, Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. Dr. Schriro introduced herself to the Board and gave a brief overview of the Department of Corrections (DOC). The DOC is 1 of 4 uniformed agencies in New York City government. She stated that Rikers Island currently employs 10,000 men and women and manages 12,500 inmates. Majority of inmates are pre-trial, and the other 3rd are City sentenced less than a year. A majority of the prisoners are housed in 1 of 10 jails on Rikers and there are also 4 borough houses throughout the city. In February, they reopened the Brooklyn House of Detention and next January they plan to reopen the Queens House of Detention, coupled with the Bronx and Manhattan House of Detention represents all of their facilities. The DOC is also responsible for the security of these prisoners throughout the city. The DOC is like a little City within NYC, everything you would expect NYC to do for you they do for themselves. They have their own power plant, hospital beds at Elmhurst Hospital, firefighting equipment, bakery, and their own transportation department carrying prisoners and clean their own streets as well as their emergency management need. They are able to sustain themselves and provide assistance to the City as well. They had an active role during Occupy Wall Street protests. Their job is to take care of themselves, but also to pitch in and do whatever they can for the City. The Department of Education is one of their partners and Rikers has a publically accredited High School on the island. It is in several different locations so they can continue their education. They partner with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene who provides all the health care for the inmates throughout the DOC. The inmates have a variety of health care needs, some of which have mental illnesses. Overall, the inmate numbers have decreased over the years, but the group that they have now is more challenging than ever. The inmates are being charged with serious crimes and have official mental health issue challenges as well. She added that there is a lot to do and they have a great workforce and they are committed to getting that job done. Mr. Donato thanked her for coming and asked about the construction being done on the site and how would they taking material off or on. Commissioner Schriro stated that as she made a commitment to the neighborhood before, there will be the demolition of a minimum of 2750 beds and the debris will be taken off by the water and new equipment and new materials will be brought on by water. No further discussion.

Mr. Donato went on to the public hearing item from the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA). Mr. John Carusone, Chair of the Zoning and Variance Committee, read item #13-12-BZ – Premises 22-21 33rd St. (Astoria Islamic Center). An application to legalize the conversion of the Mosque space and to permit an enlargement. Ms. Isabel Vaccara, Attorney, came up on behalf of the applicant. She stated that they are present to legalize the conversion of the Mosque. The enlargement would be of the 1st and 2nd floors and a new addition of a 3rd floor. They are requesting that a variance for one 8' side yard instead of two as required. There are no issues with the front yard and the parking requirement. The 3rd floor would be for the women worshippers. They have daily prayers, 5 times a day with 30 to 40 people and on Friday they have 250 people. During Ramadan there are nightly prayers and the Mosque reaches the maximum occupancy limit and many pray in the backyard. They have monthly seminar sessions done nightly and interpretations of the Koran every Friday. There is weekend school on Saturday and Sunday and has summer school 4 days a week for a duration of 8 weeks. Ladies religious classes are held every other Friday. That is why they will need an enlargement so that they can accommodate their growing constituency at the mosque. Mr. Carusone asked when they hold the worship activities how long do they run and are they held at the same time. Ms. Vaccara stated that Ramadan nightly prayers which 250 attend and are 2 ½ hours. She reviewed several events and length of time and attendance when the premise is used in addition to Friday prayers which are most difficult due to capacity restrictions. A small group of constituents use the Mosque daily. There is limited space for women on Friday during evening prayers. The maximum capacity for the entire building is 250. Mr. Carusone stated that there were 2 violations issued and asked if they were resolved. Ms. Nayis Georgopoulos, Architect, stated that once the variance is granted then the violations will be resolved. Ms. Joan Asselin asked what the total capacity would be with the enlargement. Ms. Vaccara stated that the current space only allows a small number of women to attend and the enlargement will allow the women who do not come to attend the services. Ms. Frances McDonald asked are they in compliance with the fire laws with the renovations. Ms. Georgopoulos stated that there are 2 egresses and are in compliance. Mr. Donato asked for those in the audience to raise their hand if they were in support. Approximately 50 hands were raised. He then asked if there was anyone opposed to raise their hands. There were no show of hands. No further discussion. Item closed.

The next item #139-12-BZ – Premises 34-10 12th Street. An application to permit the enlargement of an existing non-conforming manufacturing building within a residential zone. Mr. Eric Palatnik came up on behalf of the applicant and stated that the premise is the NY Bagel Company. They are requesting a special permit to enlarge and add a 1,500 sq. ft. to the 2nd floor to a building that is approximately 4,500 sq. ft. in an R5 zoning district. You are not allowed to have a bagel manufacturing company in an R5 zone unless you are grandfathered in and this premise has been grandfathered in. This is a great company that has been around for 20 years and they employ people within the neighborhood. They want to take

the offices on the ground floor of the building and move them to the second floor of the triangular shaped building. He then provided illustrations of the proposed enlargement. Mr. Carusone asked if the bulk regulations comply with the R5 zoning district. Mr. Palatnik replied "Yes". Mr. Donato asked what the hours of operation were. Mr. Palatnik stated that the company is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Mr. Donato stated that the Board has received complaints from people who live in the area, regarding the noise and disturbance from this establishment, especially in the evening hours. Mr. Palatnik stated that the baking takes place during the evening hours and the trucks don't come until 6am to pick up. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone on the Board who had questions for the applicant. Ms. Linda Perno asked where they keep their trucks. Mr. Palatnik stated that they do not have any trucks; they have delivery trucks that drop off supplies. Mr. Donato asked how many bagels are made. Mr. Palatnik stated that 15,000 dozen are made a day. Mr. Stephanos Evangelinos is the owner of the company. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. Mr. Joseph Suizo, next door neighbor, stated that he has lived there for 50 years and that there are hundreds of trucks there all day and night. He said that you can't leave your window open due the smell of diesel fuel. You are unable to walk by because there are forklifts and pallets on the sidewalk. He is against the expansion. He added that the company sells more than just bagels. Mr. Donato asked what other product do they sell. Mr. Palatnick stated that the company primarily makes bagel and sell other bread products (rolls and English muffins). There are 12-15 trucks that come to pick up the products during the day. He added that the gentleman did not mention is that behind them is the Mr. Softee truck parking lot, which has a lot of the diesel smell and a lot of activity. No further discussion. Item closed.

Mr. Donato went to the next item from the Landmark Preservation Commission Premises 31-01 Vernon Blvd. (Formerly the Sohmer Piano Factory.) A proposal by Verizon Wireless to upgrade and replace the existing 14 panel antennas on the roof of the building. Ms. Tammy Nosa, Engineer, came up on behalf the applicant. She stated that due to recent construction in the back of the building with rooftop apartments, they would like to relocate their existing antennas from the center to the end of the building and raise them 6' and move the remaining antennas to the exterior of the building and reduce their size to 2' in height to match the current equipment. She provided an illustration for the Board to review of the proposed relocation of antennas. Mr. Carusone asked what the reason was for relocating the antennas. Ms. Nosa stated that the antennas are a little too close to the rooftop and that is now is being used as rooftop apartments and patio area. Mr. Caurson asked if they would be more visible to pedestrian after they were moved. Ms. Nosa stated that they will be less visible. The mounts will be flush mounted and they are close to the rooftop which the penthouses are using. They will be moving the taller ones and decreasing the height of them by 2 feet. There was further discussion on equipment and location. Mr. Daniel Aliberti asked if they raised them higher would they be transmitting further. Ms. Nosa stated that she did not have an answer. It would still be covering the same area it was before it was moved. Mr. Stamatiades asked if they would be impacting other residents in the area by moving the antennas. Ms. Nosa stated that she did not have an answer that question. Ms. Joan Asselin asked what the MHz of the new antenna will emit. Ms. Nosa stated that the antenna is the same as those being replaced. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against this application. Mr. Matthew Westfall, resident, stated if the antennas has been there since the 90's and now a developer purchased the adjacent property and built residential buildings close to existing antennas, does the regulations require Verizon to shut down service due to health risk to the new building. Ms. Nosa stated that Verizon is regulated by the FCC, if they were not in compliance the site would have been forced to shut down and that is not the case. No further discussion. Item closed.

Mr. Joseph Risi, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, read the next item from the Department of Consumer Affairs #1427814 – Premises 42-02 Broadway (Doyle's Corner). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 28 tables & 54 seats. Ms. Rosanna Wygoda came up on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Risi asked what type of business is Doyle's Corner. Ms. Wygoda stated that it would be a Bar/Restaurant and serve bar food. Mr. Risi asked how long has the bar been in operation and what is the capacity inside the bar. Mr. Mark Doyle, owner, stated that the bar has been open for 30 years and has a capacity for 75 people. Mr. Risi asked if they have a liquor license and what were the hours of operation. Mr. Doyle stated that they have a liquor license and they are open Monday to Saturday from 8pm to 4am and Sunday from 12pm to 4am. Mr. Risi asked what the proposed hours for the outdoor café. Ms. Wygoda stated they will follow the outdoor café hours of 8pm to 11pm Monday to Thursday, Friday to Saturday from 8pm to 1am and Sunday from 12pm to 11pm. Mr. Risi asked if there were tenants above the premises. Ms. Wygoda stated that there are 4 tenants above the premises. Mr. Risi asked what the character was in the area. Ms. Wygoda stated that the area was mostly residential. Mr. Risi asked if there were any violations within the last year. Ms. Wygoda replied "No". Mr. Risi stated that the Board received several letters against the application, due to noise and loud music after 10pm. He asked if the owner was aware of the complaints. Mr. Doyle stated no, he was not aware of the complaints. Mr. Risi asked if the door to the sidewalk café will be open. Mr. Doyle replied "No". Restaurant service will be through the side doors. Mr. Risi asked if they were aware of the smoking restrictions of an outdoor café. Ms. Wygoda replied "yes". Mr. Risi asked if they would be willing to reduce the number of tables and seats on the application, all the outside tables 9 tables and 18 seats on 42nd Street and 3 of the tables and 6 seats on Broadway leaving 16 tables and 32 seats. Mr. Doyle stated that he agreed to the reduction. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone on the Board who had questions for the applicant. Ms. France McDonald asked if he own the building. Mr. Doyle replied "Yes". Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. Karen Afrides and Carl Bruning,

residents, stated that they had pictures of the building around Doyle's on 42nd Street. The pictures show that there is limited space and there is double parking on the street. Across the street there is an auto repair business and their cars are parked on the street as well. Carl added that if the application is approved it would be like a bar outside instead of a café. He stated that the outdoor café would take up sidewalk space. Mr. Risi stated that the applicant has agreed to reduce the tables and seat to 16 tables and 32 seats and no tables on the outside row on 42nd Street. Carl stated that there is a bench outside of the bar sitting and smoking. There was no further discussion. Item closed.

The next item #1427125 – Premises 36-18 30th Avenue. (Sugar Freak). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 8 tables and 16 seats. Ms. Michelle Odeo came up on behalf of the application. Mr. Risi asked what type of restaurant. Ms. Odeo stated that it is a New Orleans style restaurant and their hours of operation are Monday to Friday 5pm to 11pm and Saturday to Sunday from 11am to 11pm. They are out by 12am. There is no music and is a family style restaurant. There have been no complaints. Mr. Risi asked if they have a liquor license. Ms. Odeo stated that they have a full liquor license. Mr. Risi stated that his concern of the café being directly on top of a cellar door. Ms. Odeo stated that they will be placing a rug over the cellar door. Mr. Risi asked if she was aware that she needs to reinforce the door and lock it. Ms. Odeo stated that she owns the building and there was an entire renovation of the entire structure and the cellar doors have been redone, it is a year old. Mr. Risi stated that the Board has received concerns from the Norwood Association and some neighbors about the small store front that you have and the possibility of it blocking pedestrians on the sidewalk. Ms. Odeo stated that they are willing to reduce the tables and seats to accommodate the neighborhood. Mr. Risi asked if they are willing to reduce to 6 tables and 12 seats. Ms. Odeo replied "Yes". Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone on the Board who had questions for the applicant. There was no one. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. Mr. Westfall, resident, stated that he is in favor of the application. The food is wonderful; atmosphere is delightful and never had a noise problem. They are a great addition to the neighborhood. Item closed.

The next item #1429754 – Premises 34-19 30th Avenue. (Bar 30 Lounge). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 15 tables and 52 seats. Mr. Kokkinos and, owner came up on behalf of the application, he stated that he has been in operation for the last 10 months and serves liquor. The previous owner had a sidewalk café and they would like to have one with their restaurant. Mr. Risi asked what was the number of tables and seats of the previous outdoor café. Mr. Kokkinos stated that there were 50-52 seats and 14 tables. Mr. Risi asked if they received any noise complaints. Mr. Kokkinos stated that they did receive complaints in the past and they have had sound proofing done to the premises. Mr. Risi stated that the 114th Pct. reported that they received 125 noise complaints and had 4-C summonses for unreasonable noise over the last 6 months. Mr. Kokkitos state that they spent \$20,000 to reduce the noise and that there is no live music. Mr. Risi asked what the maximum occupancy was for inside the premises. Mr. Kokkinos replied "44 seats". Mr. Risi asked if he received 4 C-summonses in the last 6 months. Mr. Kokkinos stated that they received summonses. Mr. Risi read 2 letters the Board received against the application. Mr. Risi asked if the owner had any response to the letters. Mr. Kokitos stated that the entire block have outdoor cafés. Mr. Donato stated that he is concerned that they want to put more seats outside the café than they have inside the café. Mr. Kokkinos stated that he is willing to reduce the number of tables and seats to what the Board recommends. Mr. Risi asked if they would be willing to reduce their application to 7 tables and 28 seats. Mr. Kokkinos agreed. Mr. Donato asked if anyone on the Board had any questions for the applicant. Mr. Prentzas asked if there will be live music. Mr. Kokkinos replied "No". Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in audience who wanted to speak for or against this application. Peter, 35th Street resident, stated that he's been aware of the restaurant over the last few months, but there are several outdoor cafes on this block. He agrees with one of the Board members that there are too many outdoor cafes; on 30th Avenue that serve alcohol. He is all for diversity in the neighborhood and making the neighborhood somewhere where people want to go. This location that I pass everyday is extreme and it still loud even after the sound proofing. There is garbage, smoking, loitering and verbal harassment are a result of the outdoor cafes. He is not in favor of the application. Mr. Kokkinos stated that he understands the resident's concerns. Mr. Donato asked if he allows dancing. Mr. Kokkinos stated that the dancing stopped 2 weeks ago. Mr. Prentzas clarified that the dancing stopping when the live music stopped. Mr. Kokkinos replied "Yes". Erin, 20 yr. resident, stated that the sidewalk cafes have taken over the neighborhood. She is against the application. Officer Negrón from the 114th Pct confirmed that they have 125 noise complaints that they received from 311 calls from August 2011 until now that need to be addressed. There have been 4-C summonses given on 11/3/11, 1/9/12, 3/12/12, and 6/12/12 for noise complaints. Officer Negrón stated that he has been there and spoken to them. Mr. Matthew Westfall, resident, stated that Sunday night they have been extremely loud. If they give them a sidewalk café the noise from inside will be added to the noise from the outdoor café. No further discussion. Item closed.

The next item #1283835 – Premises 32-10 36th Avenue. (Off The Hook). An application to renew the license to operate an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 6 tables and 13 seats. Ms. Rosanna Wygoda came up on behalf of the application. She stated that there are no changes and everything is the same. Mr. Risi asked what type of food is served. Ms. Wygoda replied "Seafood". Mr. Risi asked if they had a liquor license. Ms. Wygoda replied "Yes". Mr. Risi asked if they received any violations since the last renewal. Ms. Wygoda stated that there was none that he was aware of. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone on

the Board who had a question for the applicant. There was no one. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for against this application. Seeing no one. Item closed.

The next item Premises 36-14 31st Street. (Sultra). An application for a Cabaret license. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone present to represent the application. There was no one for the application. Mr. Risi went on to read a few emails that the CB1 received against the application. A letter from the VP of Dutch Kills Civic Association (DKCA) stated that they are against the issuance of a Cabaret License at that location. They have had bad experiences with noise in the past at that location and strongly oppose an issuance of a cabaret license to this applicant. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone on the Board who had any questions regarding the application. Mr. Piazza asked if the previous occupant were closed by the police or the City. Mr. Risi stated that he was not sure of the previous occupant. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. Mr. Jerry Walsh, President of DKCA, gave the Board a brief background of the fatal incident that occurred at the premises and was not in favor of the application. Ms. Kim Teixeira, DKCA, stated that she has received negative complaints about the clubs from the neighborhood. She gave several examples of what the neighborhood has experienced with the nightclub in the area. They are not in favor of the application. A resident stated that she is not in favor of the application. There are no good to the neighborhood. She requested that the Board to vote against the application. Ms. Eileen Munos, resident, stated that she lives across the street from the premises and is against the application because of the noise, the triple parking, and fighting. She gave several examples of why it should be denied. No further discussion. Item closed.

The next item Premises 40-15 30th Ave. An application to establish an Access Internet Café. Mr. Jerry Kahn, representative, and owner. Mr. Kahn stated that the application is for a gaming/video game license which is regulated by the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Access Internet Café has been there for 5 years and he has used the facility for about 2 to 3 years. Mr. Risi asked what is being proposed. The owner stated that they have 6 computers with a few computer games on them. Mr. Risi asked if it would be pay for play. The owner stated that they would be paying for time to play games on the computer. The owner stated that there are no prizes. Mr. Risi asked if there would be adult games with explicit graphics in the games. The owner stated that the games would not have that on them. There would be no one under the age of 18 during the hours of 9am to 3pm during school days. Mr. Risi asked how they would charge. The owner stated that they have fixed rate for a specific time. People could play computer games and play against their friends. Mr. Kahn stated that they do not know what games they will be putting on the computers at this time. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone on the Board who had any questions for the applicant. Mr. Risi stated that he wanted to make sure that the games would not have explicit content. Ms. Hantzopolous stated that they checked off amusement games. Ms. McDonald asked if there is similar type of establishment or gamed now. The owner replied "No". Mr. John Kitsanas asked if the games they are proposing could be purchased by children at Gamestop. The owner replied "Yes". Mr. Aliberti asked what the hours of operation and how many kids do they expect to be there. The owner stated that they would be open 7 days a week from 9am to 12pm, he was not sure. No further discussion. Mr. Donato asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak for or against the application. Seeing no one. Item closed.

VOTING SESSION:

Mr. Carusone reiterated public hearing item from BSA #13-12-BZ – Premises 22-21 33 Street. (Astoria Islamic Center). An application to legalize the conversion of the Mosque space and to permit an enlargement. Mr. Carusone said the committee met and recommends approval of the application, seconded by Mr. Caliendo. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions in regards to application. There was no further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried with 1 Against and 1 Abstention for cause.

The next item #139-12-BZ – Premises 34-10 12 Street. An application to permit the enlargement of an existing non-conforming manufacturing building within a residential zone. Mr. Carusone said the committee met and recommends the approval of the application, seconded by Ms. Nieves-Blas. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. No further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried with 1 Abstention and 1 Abstention for cause.

Mr. Carusone reiterated the next item from Landmark Preservation Commission Premises 31-01 Vernon Blvd. (Formerly the Sohmer Piano Factory.) A proposal by Verizon Wireless to upgrade and replace the existing 14 panel antennas on the roof of the building. Mr. Carusone said the committee met and recommends approval of the application, seconded by Ms. Perno. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. Ms. Evie Hantzopoulos asked if the application could be tabled until the Board's next meeting since they did not send in an RF engineer and there are questions that need to be answered, seconded by Mr. Khuzami. Motion called and denied. Mr. Donato then called for a vote to approve the application on the committee's recommendation. There was a tie and the Chair voted in favor of the application. Motion called and carried with 15 against.

Mr. Risi, reiterated public hearing item from DCA #1427814 – Premises 42-02 Broadway (Doyle's Corner). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 28 tables & 54 seats. Mr. Risi said the committee met and recommends the disapproval of the application, despite the applicants' agreement to reduce the number of tables and seats, seconded by Mr. Pallos. Mr. Donato asked if there

were any questions. There was no further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried with 4 Against.

The next item #1427125 – Premises 36-18 30th Avenue. (Sugar Freak). An application to establish an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 8 tables and 16 seats. Mr. Risi said the committee met and recommends approval of application, subject to applicant signing a stipulation reducing the number of tables to 6 and the number of seats to 12, seconded by Mr. Pallos. Mr. Donato asked there were any questions. No further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried with 1 Against.

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The next item Premises 36-14 31st Street. (Sultra). An application for a Cabaret license. Mr. Risi said the committee met and recommends disapproval of application, as it would be contrary to the public interest and would substantial impact the public health, safety and welfare of our community, seconded by Mr. Pallos. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. There was no further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried.

The next item Premises 40-15 30th Avenue. An application to establish an Access Internet. Mr. Risi said the committee met and recommends disapproval of application, without prejudices to renew on such time as the applicant provides further information to the committee, seconded by Ms. Perno. Mr. Donato asked if there were any questions. There was no further discussion. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Ms. Morgan representing NYH20 a citizen's organization, spoke regarding the Spectra Pipeline that is going to be coming into NYC, bringing radon gas which is the leading cause of lung cancer in the United States right now. The radon gas will be coming from the Marcellus Shale which is 8 to 32 times the amount of radon than any other shale in the US. The number of picocuries that comes up from the ground is about 165 and the EPA states that zero are the preferred amount. It will be coming from gas line from the Marcellus shale. They are fast tracking this particular pipeline. The scoping meeting was done about 2 year ago and 5 people showed up out of 9 million. The industry has suppressed any kind of information regarding the pipeline and the radon gas. The Marcellus Shale is about 100 miles from Astoria. She brought with her a Environmental Impact Study by Marvin Resnikoff which was done in January 10, 2012 about this particular shale. She has come to ask the Board to sign on to a letter to request Councilmember Christine Quinn to hold a hearing and request a health impact statement to be studied for this issue that will impact everyone in NYC.

Mr. Sean Crowley, who represents the Friends of LaGuardia Airport, they are opposed to the marine transfer station at College Point. The transfer station at College Point will have a variety of impacts that will affect the greater NYC area in many ways. He provided several illustrations of where the current transfer station is and where the proposed transfer station will be housed, within the runway protection zone, the city will say that it is outside the runway protection zone. Friends of LaGuardia Airport, the FAA, and the Port Authority have documented that this proposed transfer station is in the runway protection zone. He added that the facility will attract more birds causing additional risks to the planes just like what happened to Captain Sullenberger's flight. The City of New York has already begun building the hundred million dollar transfer station. He showed a brief video from Captain Sulley Sullenberger, who is opposed to the transfer station near LaGuardia Airport and asked that they join him to urge Governor Cuomo to relocate the North Shore Marine Transfer Station. For information please go to www.friendsoflga.org. He stated that he has provided the Board with additional documentation and thanked the Board for their time. Mr. Risi asked if the FAA and the Port Authority are against it. Mr. Crowley stated that the FAA and the Port Authority indicated that the facility would be within the runway protection zone that is the only runway without positional approach and now there is no resistance. Mr. Risi asked if the FAA and the Port Authority is against this. Mr. Crowley stated that they were, but now they are for it.

Mr. Anthony Scott, resident, stated that the ERA Lounge does a full blown assault on that street on a weekly basis several times a week. The music literally vibrates the houses on the street and has caused many residents to lose sleep. He had a petition with 88 signatures from the residents in the area regarding ERA Lounge and noted that there were 56 noise complaints. He said that something has to be done. Mr. Donato asked if they would attend the 114th Pct. Meeting next Thursday, June 26th.

Mr. Mathew Westfall, resident, stated that ERA Lounge music is out of control, 3 to 4 times a week until 4 am, you can hear the music almost all the way up to 28th Avenue. He and a few neighbors have tried speaking to the owner. They hope the Board will be able to help them.

Mr. George Antos, Building Owner 36th Avenue, stated that he has lost tenants from the problems coming from ERA Lounge. It's important to him and the tenants that they are not kept up until 4am from the loud music. ERA Lounge should close their door and work with their neighbors and everything will be fine.

Ms. Genevieve Lee, representing HANAC, came to update the Board on HANAC's new senior housing (33 St. betw. 31 Ave. & Broadway) in Astoria. They will start leasing apartments in August. There are 66 Studio/1 Bedroom apartments for seniors. They received 2,700 applications so far and the first tenants will be moving in August 2012. Construction will be finished in July 2012. The parking lot at the Davis Towers (Astoria Blvd/29th Street) will be available by December.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Mr. Donato motioned to accept the minutes of May's Board meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Khuzami. Motion called and carried unanimously.

Mr. Donato reported that September's Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th instead of Tuesday, September 18th due to Jewish Holiday.

Ms. Lucille Hartmann, District Manager, reported that in the Board member folders that there is a flyer on the rehabilitation of the 37th Street Bridge over the Grand Central Parkway which began on Monday, June 18, 2012 and will continue until June 22nd. There is also a flyer regarding lane closures on the upper level of the Queens bound lane on the Queens Borough Bridge, which started on June 18th and will continue to August 21st. She wished everyone a Happy and Healthy and relaxed summer.

Mr. Daniel Aliberti, Chair of Capable Disabled Committee, stated that there is a flyer in the folders about the Governor's establishment of a Justice Center to investigate claims of abuse of people with disabilities who are in institutions throughout the state. Last year, there were 2,000 accusations of abuse of such people. It is something that has been needed for some time.

Mr. Richard Khuzami, Chair of Parks & Recreation/Cultural Affairs/OTB Committee, reported that he wanted to thank Ms. Juliana R. Zubosky, Planning Fellow, who worked with the committee to put together the Arts and Cultural Assets in Community Board 1 in your folders. It has the executive summary of the report and the listing of the 100 cultural organizations in the area. This is a great thing for the Board to be involved in and they hope to develop this further to support the development of the arts in our community.

Mr. Robert Piazza, Chair of Transportation Committee, reported that the Deputy Inspector of the 114th Pct. asked the Board to support their request to the Department of Transportation to put signs up on Shore Blvd. between Ditmars Blvd. and Astoria Park So. stating "No standing from 12am to 5am". These signs would enable the Police to better monitor illegal activity. Mr. Piazza motioned a resolution to support 114th Pct request, seconded Ms. Perno. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried with 1 Against. Mr. Piazza then reported that his committee met with DOT regarding the installation of a bike racks in the parking spaces in front of 40-17 Broadway. This action will eliminate a parking space. Mr. Piazza motioned the committee's recommendation to deny the request for a rack in the parking space but would like to recommend the installation of bike racks on the sidewalk in front the Broadway Library, located directly across the street, motion seconded by Ms Perno. Mr. Donato called for a vote. Motion called and carried unanimously.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. George Stamatiades stated that this year's Independence Day Celebration in Astoria Park will be held on June 25th. He also noted that it will be the 30th Anniversary of this event produced by the the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition.

There was no further business before the Board; Mr. Donato motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Khuzami. Motion called and carried unanimously.