

Community Board 1, Queens – Board Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2017

Board Member Attendees – List attached.

Opening: 6:30 PM

Chair Marie Torniali opens the meeting; the pledge of allegiance followed. Chairwoman Torniali greeted the Board and introduced the first presenter.

Application # C 150279 PQQ - Queensbridge Early Childhood Development Center 38-11 27th Street, LIC an application to renew the lease for ten (10) years. Michael Betar, A.C.S presented the project to the Board Members. The vendor of the property is Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens. The facility serves approximately 154 Children in walking distance of the center. There are 8 certified teachers and 35 staff members. The facility is 20,000 sq. feet and the rooftop is 5,000 sq. feet. There is a play roof area and a play roof on setback and the children are ages 2-5 years old. Liz Erion stated the Committee unanimously recommends approval for use as a childhood development center (childcare ctr.). Motion to approve by Liz Erion. Discussion by Board Members ensued. Gerry motions to call question, seconded by Nancy Silverman. Vote: 25 Yes (in favor) - 1 No (against) 1 Abstain (lateness)

Chair Torniali introduced the next item, an enclosed café Agnanti and opens the floor for their presentation.

ULURP # N 170347 / DCA # 1440433-DCA MS Restaurant Corp. D/B/A Agnanti 19-06 Ditmars Boulevard, Queens. Liz Erion notes it is an application to renew the license to operate an enclosed café with 11 tables and 22 chairs a reduction from 13 tables. Mr. Gerry Caliendo was the architect for the unenclosed café in the past and discloses this information to the Board. It is noted he is not the architect for this renewal. The committee recommended renewal. Ms Erion asks for approval by show of hands. Seconded by Ed Babor. Vote: Show of Hands - 1 Abstention - Gerry Caliendo/Show of Hands - Unanimous.

Ms Erion Introduced Mr. Blake Montieth the new City Planner who will be working with Community Board 1, Q and thanked Joy (Chen) for all her service to the Board.

Chair Torniali called for Committee reports:

Access and Disability - Dan Aliberti, Chair noted the minutes of last month did not document his comment regarding the elevators for train stations (request to amend minutes).

Consumer Affairs Committee- Andy Aujla, Chair greets and opens discussion with regard to the liquor license applicants spread sheet in the folders. He stated the applications were reviewed by the 114th Police Precinct. He moves to approve all stipulations. Seconded by Ed Babor.

Vote: Question raised any against 0 –Unanimous approval

Capital & Expense- Ms. Norma Nieves-Blas, Chair updated the Board regarding the submission of the budget. She stated the submission was completed on schedule October 28, 2017. Once we receive notification we will update Board.

Youth Services - Mr. Jose Batista, Chair announced Interagency Youth Hearing on Monday, December 4, 2017 at Department of Youth Services (DYCD Offices), (646) 343-6735, 14th floor, 2 Lafayette Street to testify before council.

Public Comment

Mr. Joseph Nocerino of The Borough President's office announces Community Board applications process is open. He stated if a Board Member needs to review, now is the time. If you were appointed to the Board on an even year you will need to re-apply this year (2018). He will bring applications next month and if you (Board Member) fill them out with him and provide the application to him that night you will not have to have it notarized. These must be turned in January 12, 2018. This service is provided to expedite the process for your convenience. He also announced the HEAP Program is open and any person having a difficult time paying for heat can contact Borough Hall.

Ms. Vasquez – Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), Department of Investigation. She introduced herself and stated the agency investigates the misconduct of NYPD Officers. She stated statistics locally for 2017. They are 2017 - 59 Complaints and 2016 - 55 Complaints regarding the 114th Police Precinct which are in 3rd place for complaints in Queens. She stated if you have a complaint you would like to place she shared the contact information www.ny.gov/ccb and/or call 311.

Neil Herdan - Friends of Whitey Ford Field announced the group received a grant for \$5,000. Repairs and purchases to be made. Site events to follow. He also spoke about the Whitey Ford family involvement and donations.

Stacey Eliuk - Representative for Leticia James Office, the NYC Public Advocate, she thanked the community for their support and discussed the worst landlords list just released to the public and an event on Climate Changes Citywide Hearing on Wednesday, 11/29/2017 from 9:30 am till Noon. This meeting is to discuss resiliency. The location is at Manhattan Community College on Chambers Street.

Gladys Gomez - DOE, Diversity Outreach Team Specialized High School Test for 8th Graders – Ms. Gomez thanked the District Manager for working with her as she was working to share information regarding the specialized high school testing increase in diversity. (SHSAT) 8 schools and in Queens we have Specialized Sciences at York College and if anyone would like to work with her to increase diversity in the specialized high schools she would be pleased to work with them. She shared her information as ggomez15@schools.nyc.gov and requested people reach out. Spoke about test prep program available (212) 637-8010.

Ms. Jacky Sanchez, Community Coordinator, Continuing Adult Education Computer education – GED, English/Spanish, ESL, Citizenship courses in district 1 Queens, 27-35 Jackson Avenue (main office), multiple services/classes for adult education available for 21 and over, Jsanchez82@schools.nyc.gov

Troy Walker – Union worker, Local 3, speaks about out of town workers and Spectrum Strike and regarding neglected customer services including bad modems, bad boxes and customer complaints. He also spoke about out of state issues. Monopoly within the city where they denied complaints which are allegedly untrue. On November 30th a day without Spectrum, to unplug for 24 hours to try to make sure not lower wages in NYC.

Resident (inaudible) land lord tenant complaints seeking rental advice.

Approval of Minutes with amendment noted. Marie and Nancy Silverman seconded. Unanimous.

Chairpersons Report- Happy Holidays to all. Health & Happiness to all.

District Managers Report - Ms. Koulouris reported that all the fliers are on the table and will no longer be placed in the folders. She shared that the committee meetings have been posted online and the committee agendas are now posted online as well. Ms. Koulouris added that there is a lot of pertinent information for Board Members on the website and suggested they visit the website.

Old Business/New Business

George Alexiou made an announcement regarding The Greek Homeowners Association Turkey Luncheon (28 Years active). He provided a history of the Luncheon and encouraged people to participate. 12-4 PM, Thanksgiving Day at 23-49 31st Street, Astoria. Open to all!

Fran Luhmann-McDonald thanked Mr. Alexiou for his involvement in having the Christmas Lights installed on 23rd Avenue and also on 31st Street.

RoseMarie Poveromo announced the Christmas Tree Lighting at McManus Memorial Park, December 4th at 5 PM (courtesy of UCCA). She stated there will be a children's choir singing carols and free cookies and cocoa to be served.

Ann Bruno announced the Holiday Fundraiser meeting of the 114th Precinct Council on Tuesday, November 28th at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn 7:37 PM, Seconded by Gerry Caliendo.

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Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.
Rose Anne Alafogiannis	✓		E	Richard Khuzami			E
George Alexiou	✓			Nancy Konipol			E
Daniel Aliberti	✓			Jerry Kril		✓	
Loren Amor	✓			Melanie La Rocca	✓		
Avninder Aujla	✓			Frances Luhmann-McDonald	✓		
Edward Babor	✓			Antonio Meloni		✓	
Jose Batista	✓			Prabir Mitra		✓	
Ann Bruno	✓			Stella Nicolaou	✓		
Giselle Aida Burgess		✓		Norma Nieves-Blas	✓		
Edwin Cadiz		✓		Mary O'Hara			E
Gerald Caliendo	✓			Robert Piazza		✓	
Jean Marie D'Allewa			E	RoseMarie Poveromo	✓		
Antonella Di Saverio	✓			Yawne Robinson		✓	
Katie Ellman	✓			Thomas Ryan	✓		
Elizabeth Erion	✓			Manuel Salce		✓	
Mackenzi Farquer		✓		Rodolfo Sarchese	✓		
Dean Feratovic			E	Nancy Silverman	✓		
Evie Hantzopoulos			E	Dominic Stiller	✓		
Amy Hau	✓			Andre Stith	✓		
Helen Ho		✓		Danielle Tharrington			E
Pauline Jannelli	✓			Marie Torniali	✓		
Vanessa Jones-Hall	✓			Rod Townsend	✓		
George Kalergios	✓			Judy Trilivas	✓		

Number Board Members Present 28

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