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November 9, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Attending:

Marialena Giampino
Rownoka Ashakhan
Lynda Coral
Michelle Dunston
Leeanne G-Bowley
Vincent Laucella
Carol Machulski
Sylvia Martin
Matthew McElroy
Mac Ryan Merchan
Jose Morillo
Ruby Muhammad

Sandra Munoz
G. Oliver
Georgina Oliver
Alexandra Owens
Purushottam Panthee
Ashley Reed
Carol Salas
Urgen Sherpa
Alton Derrick Smith
Marcello Testa
Charlie Tetiyevsky
Minwen Yang

ATTENDING:

Christian Cassagnol, CB4 District Manager
Jasly Martinez, CB4 Community Associate
Yisseh Peraha, Council Member Francisco Moya's Office
Kyle Salcido, Congresswoman Grace Meng's Office
Michelle Luna, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Office
NYC Parks Representatives
Yoselin Genao-Estrella, Executive Director, Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens
Carlos Chacon, Outreach Coordinator, Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens
Malikah K. Shabazz
George Onuorah
Yen Kuang Chen
Clara y Londono
Jaime Somber
Jose R. Samba

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

**PLACE: Elmhurst Hospital
Auditorium
79-01 Broadway
Elmhurst, NY**

Subject: Discussion on FY2024 Needs Statement

Board Chairperson Marialena Giampino opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and read the subject matter into the record.

First Vice Chair Ashley Reed took the roll call. A quorum was present.

At this point, District Manager Christian Cassagnol explained the second half of the document on page 27 is where the priorities begin in order of priority from 1-36 for the Capital Budget Requests and Expense Budget Requests 1-30. There can be 40 Capital priorities and 25 Expense priorities. Recommendations can be taken from the floor for Capital and Expense Priorities.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino had requested digital bus signs. There is a systemic design for this priority but the entire district is not covered. The request for continuation of digitalizing bus signs would increase Capital priorities to 37.

District Manager Cassagnol explained the priorities are in numerical order and retained the same order as last year, but some priorities were moved to the top of the list and mentioned those items that were being funded.

If there are any questions, please present them to the District Manager who will elaborate or if there are any priorities that should be designated a high number, please state it.

Although the document is overdue, there is some time for a vote and to make edits. Edits will be made immediately and submitted by Friday but no later than Monday. Final changes will be made tonight.

Subsequently, the Board was given the opportunity to review the document.

District Manager Cassagnol announced one change. Capital Priority #30 (page 37): Repair or provide new street lights: street lights serving Broadway from 74th Street to Queens Blvd. be replaced with Type M Luminaire & Pole which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners to keep the historical value of the community. This request would also add on Corona Avenue.

Transportation Chair Matt McElroy brought up priority #30 (Repair or provide new street lights) on page 37; compared to a similar priority on page 38 priority #32 (Repair or provide new street lights).

Additionally, District Manager Cassagnol stated one of the priorities had two different requests within it. One was affordable housing; the other establishes a land trust. It was decided to do a separate section for the land trust because the response from the city was there were two different requests on the same priority.

To recap add-ons: land trust would be included as well as new street lights Type M for Corona Avenue and digital bus signs for remainder of the district.

More discussion and suggestions on the priorities, especially to note graffiti removal Expense Budget #20.

District Manager Cassagnol elaborated on Board Member Clara Salas' request on #20 Expense Budget "Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty/area/failure to clean area laws" to move it higher on the list.

It was agreed to move #20 to #9 on the Expense Budget.

Next, Transportation Chair Matt McElroy brought up #14, page 32, "Reconstruct streets", and explained this request was made for an interim repaving of a section of Queens Boulevard under and near the LIE between Woodhaven Boulevard to Eliot Avenue and requested to add: This includes both sidewalks and the two-way bicycle lane, and replacement of missing plastic bollards along the bicycle lane.

Moreover, Transportation Chair Matt McElroy commented on Expense Budget #26, page 54, to “Hire additional Traffic Enforcement Agents” to add the need for additional school crossing guards after speaking with the principal of a new school with no crossing guards with the requirement every school should have the minimum of crossing guards required to cover every intersection.

Also, Board Member Alexandra Owens commented on the Expense Budget, priority #4, page 45 – “Other cleaning requests”, To add cleaning requests areas extended to Baxter Avenue, Dunningham Triangle around 41 Avenue.

At this point, Board Member Clara Salas brought up cleaning garbage and weeds of the center medians on Queens Boulevard is urgently needed, mentioning City Mission as a source for the cleaning.

District Manager Cassagnol said the focus is on making the ACE program more robust. We are requesting the ACE program would expand into Dunningham Triangle and reach out separately regarding City Mission. He explained funding for City Mission would be a separate request.

Continuing with the budget priorities, Board Member Alexandra Owens brought up Capital Budget, priority #29, “Other capital budget request for DHS”, to increase substance abuse programs.

The District Manager explained Breaking Ground is seeking programs to aid undocumented and uninsured immigrants. Currently, programs are geared toward the insured and the inclusion of programs to aid the uninsured and undocumented to the Budget Priorities. Furthermore, he explained an addition of classes was made for Al-Anon for family members

Board Member Lynda Coral brought up moving #36 to #2, Capital Budget priority #36, page 39 – “Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure”.

District Manager Cassagnol commented he had the latest ridership numbers available.

District Manager Cassagnol asked any if there was any opposition to moving this item to #2. Board Member Marcello Testa said no. Subsequently, #10 would become #11.

Capital Priority Remove Capital item #36 (duplicate for #25) and move #25 to priority #2.

Discussion ensued on the wording in the categories such as noting the difference between improve to repair to upgrade accessibility.

More discussion on Capital Priority #36.

A Board Member provided the need and importance of moving Capital #25, “Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)” to Capital #2 and #4 becomes #3.

District Manager Cassagnol commented this priority has been on the Board’s wish list since 1989. He explained Lefrak has a library considered a Corona branch and north Corona has a library just outside of CB4 so that Corona has two branches, and Elmhurst has a library. For those reasons, a library in the Corona area is not a priority. Council Member Francisco Moya was negotiating for funding for this library but there was no space.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino recapped order of discussed Capital priorities: #4 replaces #2 and the Transportation item (#36) becomes #3 which moves the remaining priorities down if all are in agreement.

More discussion about moving #4 to #3.

At this point, District Manager explained a last few months, a high school was proposed to the Board which was rejected. High schools are very contentious and requires public hearings.

The District Manager reiterated #25 to #3; #5 becomes #7.

At this point, District Manager Christian Cassagnol recapped the FY 2024 Capital budget priorities:

- #1. Provide a new or expanded health care facility
- #2. Repair or upgrade substations or other transit infrastructure
- #3. Provide a new or expand an existing high school
- #4. Create a new or renovate or upgrade an existing Library

- #5. Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)—Sparrows Nest Community Garden
- #6. Other capital request for DEP (ponding problem)
- #7. Other capital budget request for DEP – ponding problems
- #8. NYPD parking facilities
- #9. Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) - Manuel de Dios Unanue Triangle
- #10. Reconstruct streets (damaged curbs)
- #11. Other capital budget request for DHS (formerly #29 Breaking Ground)
- #12. Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless (previously #26)

Suggested: Reconstruct or upgrades a building in a park--Frank O'Connor Playground as well as Sparrow's Nest. Move this priority to #7.

At this point in the interest of time, Board Chair Marialena Giampino announced keep the top ten as is and the District Manager would final the priorities for a vote later in the evening.

District Manager Cassagnol responded the Board needed to finalize the priorities before the vote.

Since language is similar for both priorities, combine #5 and #11 DEP – Other capital budget request for DEP (flooding and ponding problems), however, a difference in locations for each priority noted.

Discussion ensued on the precinct parking facility and its importance (Capital priority #31).

First Vice Chair Ashley Reed pointed out not to put too much emphasis on the top ten priorities because all requests will be considered and looking back at past priorities in former Needs Statements, requests not in the top ten were funded.

Subsequently, District Manager Cassagnol explained how the priorities were determined in conjunction with the CB4 committees. As his job as District Manager, he will advocate for all the priorities needed in the district. The entire list is acknowledged and looked at equally by the agencies.

Since there were no other comments or questions, Board Chair Marialena Giampino closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board 4 immediately followed.

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Board Members Absent:

Michelle Calderon
Valery Calderon
Jaime Cho
Tsering Dechen
Ari Espinal
Lara Gregory
Ramakrishna Kadukuntla
Deependra Lama
James Lisa
Salvatore Lombardo
Abu Zafar Mahmood

Patricia Martin
Rovenia McGowan
Edgar Moya
Alexa Ponce
Brian Ramirez
Cristian Romero
A. Redd Sevilla
Dewan Tarek
Louis Walker
Yilin Wang
May Yu

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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 9, 2022

TIME: 7:40 P.M.

**PLAE: Elmhurst Hospital
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I. Board Chairperson Marialena Giampino opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. Roll Call

First Vice Chair Ashley Reed took the roll call. A quorum was present.

IV. Vote: Minutes October 11, 2022

Board Member Clara Salas made a motion, seconded by Consumer Affairs Chair Michelle Dunston, to **approve** the minutes as presented. Since there were none opposed or abstentions, the motion passed.

V. Chairperson's Report

Board Chair Marialena Giampino reported she will attend the virtual Borough Board meeting Monday, November 14, 2022 at Queens Borough Hall.

Before the end of the year, an Executive Committee meeting is planned and members notified of the upcoming meeting.

Lastly, Board Chair Marialena Giampino reported on CB4 elections. An election will be held for Executive Board officers to serve a two year term. All officer positions are up for renewal. Requirements are you must have served on the Board for a least one year.

Please submit your name to the Board office either by calling or e-mail by November 18 if you are interested in serving on the Executive Board. A Nominating Committee must be formed before elections.

At this point, Board Chair Marialena Giampino called for three volunteers from the floor to serve on the Nominating Committee. Also, the Board Chair selects two members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Members must have served on the Board for one year to be eligible to assist on the Nominating Committee. A vote will be taken at the December meeting for the new officers. Incoming officers take effect at the January, 2023 Community Board meeting. The Nominations Committee will meet once beforehand.

Next, District Manager Christian Cassagnol explained the duties and function of the Nominations Committee.

Selected Nominations Committee Members:

- Sandra Munoz
- Georgina Oliver
- Lynda Coral

VI. District Manager's Report

District Manager Christian Cassagnol thanked Elmhurst Hospital for allowing the Board to hold its monthly meeting at the hospital. Next, he spoke about the 2024 Needs Statement and the complex process involved in its completion. Special Thank You to Board Member Mac Merchan who assisted in providing several hours devoted to its completion.

Next, he spoke about the Civil Service 101 Workshop where 75 people registered and 35/40 people attended, noting the workshop was 60 to 90 minutes long. Board Member Mac Merchan was thanked for his hard work to this Information Session which was very successful. A Thank You was sent to the Board Members for their help and support.

Although some committees did not meet to include priorities in the Needs Statement, the District Manager added priorities for the Youth and Consumer Affairs committees.

VII. Public Forum

Board Member Mac Merchan spoke about the problem of prostitution on Roosevelt Avenue raised by the community resident at last month's Board meeting. The resident needed help to put a stop to the prostitution. Although the resident loves our community, he could not raise a family with the ongoing problem.

Board Member Mac Merchan did not want to criminalize those soliciting or even those accepting the services, which is not a solution to the issue especially with the overcrowded prison system.

It was requested a letter be sent from the Board office to the NYPD 110 Precinct inquiring what is actively being done to solve this problem and what their stance on it is.

Board Member Clara Salas provided details on this problem and suggested to work with organizations to help those women get training for jobs and acquire health services and to take into consideration the language factor as many do not speak English and are fearful of deportation.

Board Chair Marialena Giampino called out if a motion was necessary to write a letter to the 110 Precinct in response to the constituent's request.

District Manager Cassagnol responded that vice which is the police unit that handles this problem can address the Board as well as at a committee meeting to talk about a long term solution. He noted Roosevelt Avenue is the dividing line between two community boards, north & south sides, as well as encompassing two sanitation districts and two precincts. If we want to clean up Roosevelt Avenue and the other side is not willing, it becomes complex. Possibly, next month the NYPD can address the Board.

Discussion ensued.

Board Member Vincent Laucella provided more information and commented people need to be more pro-active with the NYPD especially attending community meetings and talking to the NCO officers to accomplish results. Gang members and gang organizations are specifically being targeted by the NYPD.

District Manager Cassagnol commented although the NCO officers see the prostitution occurring, they will not do anything about it and provided an explanation.

More discussion ensued, especially to note smoke shops opening. Children leaving school and men outside smoking.

Board Member Leeanne G-Bowley asked if there are any organizations that can speak on what can be done on a community basis. If a letter is sent, the response may be we are working on it, which may cause an issue.

Board Member Sandra Munoz said we do not want to send a letter criminalizing the women or johns.

Specifically, Board Member Marialena Giampino clarified the letter would ask what is the Precinct doing about the problem. No letter will be sent if a vote is not taken. If there was no motion, the letter will not be acted upon.

No motion was made on this request, therefore, a letter will not be sent.

Next, ULURP/Zoning Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith brought up the need for school crossing guards and cited Mr. Joseph Lisa, principal at IS 61, was acting as a crossing guard.

District Manager Cassagnol responded there is a borough wide shortage of crossing guards. The precinct lost nine crossing guards in the last year. As a result, Community Board 4 is pushing hard to recruit crossing guards. The 110 Precinct is sending Youth Coordination officers to schools acting as crossing guards.

For Central Queens Academy more crossing guards were requested as well as a traffic study. DOT responded there was nothing wrong with the intersection and to call on NYPD.

A member of the public inquired about recording issues with 311 and notifying the Board office of reported problems.

District Manger Cassagnol responded yes. When the service request number is given, call or email the Board office for follow through. Legislators can also be notified if the subject matter pertains to them.

Next, Yoselin Genao-Estrella, Executive Director, Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens, addressed the Board and commented about the diversity of Community Board 4. She commented on the housing crises in our community and issues are inter-related noting homelessness and quality of life. Working together as a community, we can bring solutions to those problems.

Colleague Carlos Chacon, Outreach Coordinator, was introduced to the Board and explained services available and assistance with HEAP applications is being offered. Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income New Yorkers pay their energy bills. Enroll now.

Also, assistance is offered to first time home buyers needing help with securing a mortgage or rental counseling for Community Boards 1-4.

Working with LaGuardia Airport, NHS hosts weekly orientations for airport job referrals. Currently, almost 600 people and 60% are from Queens were helped. Creating employment is a mission of the Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens. Please contact him for assistance.

VIII. Report from Elected Officials

House of Representatives

Grace Meng

Kyle Salcido reported the Congresswoman's office is available to work with the Community Board and those individuals who need help with any Federal agency. His contact information will be posted in the Community Board newsletter. Referrals will be made if the matter is not within the Congresswoman's jurisdiction.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Michelle Luna reported last month the Congresswoman hosted a Town Hall at Bronx Dale High School sharing opportunities for students in the district and talked about provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act to help constituents save money on prescription drugs and energy costs. Watch it on social media/YouTube. Watch for the next Town Hall meeting in the Congresswoman's Newsletter. The Hall of Science grand reopening was mentioned having finally been repaired from the damage of Hurricane Ida. Two new exhibits were featured.

More services, programs, and upcoming events were mentioned.

NYC Council

Francisco Moya

Yisseh Peraha reported the Annual Turkey Drive is approaching confirmation of dates and times has not been finalized yet. To be notified of the date, please add your contact information onto her email blast.

Regarding 311 complaints, please send information to the Council Member's office for follow-up.

IX. Vote FY 2024 Needs Statement

Transportation Committee Chair Matthew McElroy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Georgina Oliver, to **approve** the FY 2024 Needs Statement with changes noted at the Public Hearing.

Since there were none opposed or abstentions, the motion passed.

X. NYC Parks Department –

Presentation: Josephine Caminiti Playground Redesign

Parks representatives presented the schematic design for the Josephine Caminiti Playground on 102 Street/Corona Avenue. Four million dollars in funding was allocated and the project size is somewhat less than ½ an acre. A community scoping meeting was held in March integrating goals from the community. Most importantly was to improve children's safety in the playground. Also, to upgrade play equipment, increase play value, and to improve accessibility into the park. The site is not in a flood hazard zone where coastal flooding is not a problem, noting there is no major/moderate storm water or extreme flooding.

The playground is located in a mainly residential area surrounded by a few commercial sections. Amenities around the park were looked at. Within a 5-minute walk, there were parks with similar amenities and within a 10-minute walk, there were smaller parks with recreational opportunities also referencing Flushing Meadows- Corona Park within the district.

Existing conditions are mostly paved over with concrete or asphalt, and very large mature trees on site which provide shade. Plantings are around the perimeter noting mainly trees, larger shrubs, and lawn. An entrance is located on Corona Avenue and another one on 102 Street. The 102 Street entrance is not accessible because it contains a staircase and outside of the Corona Avenue entrance there is an MTA bus shelter. Within the park, there is outdated 2-5 and 5-12 (age groups) play units with safety surface and a spray shower. There are three light poles and lights on the comfort station as well as a drinking fountain and game tables near the comfort station where most of the loitering occurs and public intoxication. Park goers use the restroom on site.

To access the comfort station, you must walk a ramp down four stairs down to the ground level. Neither is ADA compliant.

A tree inventory was done to determine the health of the trees on site. All was good except for a few removals along the perimeter of the park.

The Department of Environmental Protection requires certain permits when dealing with the soil and surfaces. Anticipating disturbing less than 20,000 sq. ft., no DEP permits are required.

The following photos were shown to the Board of the site:

- Entrance on Corona Avenue with gates
- Sidewalk conditions on Corona Avenue/102 Street (noting the bus shelter)
- Open lawn area
- People hanging out at the game tables
- Entrance into comfort station (noting the ramp)
- Public access to the bathrooms (not ADA compliant)
- Spray shower
- Existing Flag pole
- Good Shade
- Drainage Issues

Gathering all information, a schematic design was completed starting by encapsulating the lawn area on Alstyn Avenue into the rest of the park. Shrubs and ground covers will be planted with trees to prevent future loitering. A four ft. perimeter steel fence will be installed with lockable gates around the park.

The existing stair case on 102 Street will be replaced with an accessible ramp which leads into an open, passive seating plaza. The ramps and staircase by the restroom which will be reconstructed to be ADA compliant. A drinking fountain will be placed on the outside of the comfort station near the seating area and incorporating different site materials to visually separate the areas of the park as people walk through. People will still have access to the comfort station and the park from Corona Avenue without having to directly cross through the playground.

Within the playground, there are units for both age groups on either side to reduce conflict from the younger children and the older children.

The spray shower will be located between them for an added buffer and is also is on one of the sunnier locations on site. For added visual interests, some games will be added for play value as well as plenty of bench seating and tables and chairs that were moved to front of the site. An additional drinking fountain with bottle filler will be added.

Additionally, new lights will be installed as well as trash cans.

A cross section showing the changes in grade and to help visualize the proposed plans were presented.

A close up of 2-5 play equipment was shown as well as the 5-12 unit play equipment.

A new spray shower will be installed.

Looking at the fence diagram, interior and exterior fencing was described. Four ft. steel fences around the perimeter with lockable gates. For the inside, a 2 ½ ft. fence will be installed to protect the planting bed with signage added. Hand rails will be installed on the ramps where necessary.

A pallet of site material was shown. All standard parks materials with the incorporation of some contrasted materials with colored concrete pavement and concrete pavers will be used.

A simple plant pallet of hardy shrubs and ground covers will be used that are shade tolerant.

Shade trees will be replaced on the street and adding trees for color.

Light poles will be added throughout the park and a diagram was shown to that effect.

With this design, it was feasible to increase green space.

At the point, the Parks representatives took questions from the Board Members.

District Manager Christian Cassagnol inquired about the timeframe for completion.

The parks representative responded design is scheduled to finish July, 2023 and usually takes about eight to ten months to go through ULURP review and another year following the review process to complete construction.

XI. Report & Vote: Parks Committee

Josephine Caminiti Playground Redesign

Parks Committee Chair Ashley Reed reported the committee met with a quorum present and reviewed the plans. The committee was pleased with the redesign notably the committee favored the additional green space which leaves open the possibility for a community garden.

Also, the committee was in favor of the additional safety features such as improved lighting and the park locked at night.

As a result, the Parks Committee **approved** the schematic redesign plan for Josephine Caminiti Playground.

Board Member Sandra Munoz made a motion, seconded by all Board Members, to **approve** the schematic redesign for Josephine Caminiti Playground.

By a unanimous vote in favor, the motion passed.

XII. Report & Vote: Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee
State Liquor Authority Applications

NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSES

November 2022

NEW/TEMPORARY PERMIT APPLICATIONS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>NEW/Temp.</u>	<u>DATE REC.</u>
Mahamitr Inc. Bla Bla Bar	71-28 Roosevelt Ave. Jackson Heights, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New	09/26/22
Q Town Asian Cuisine Inc.	82-87 Broadway Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	New	10/06/22
El Gauchito II Corp. El Gauchito Rest.	94-60 Corona Ave. Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	Temp.	09/29/22

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

<u>ESTABLISHMENT NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>DATE REC.</u>	<u>LIC. EXP. DATE</u>
Brian 74 Inc. <i>Chung Kiwa Restaurant</i>	40-06 75 Street Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	10/13/22	11/30/22
Lechon Hornado Ecuatoriano Corp.	76-18 Roosevelt Ave. Jackson Heights, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	10/12/22	11/30/22
Tia Julia Food Corp.	40-08 Case Street Elmhurst, NY	Wine, Beer & Cider	10/12/22	11/30/22
Pata Pa Plean Corp.	76-21 Woodside Ave. Elmhurst, NY	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	10/14/22	12/31/22
12 Corazones Rest. Bar Corp.	86-22 Roosevelt Ave.	Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider	10/17/22	11/30.22

Since the Committee Chair was not in attendance District Manager Christian Cassagnol presented the report. For new applications, Mahamitr Inc. (Bla Bla Bar) and Q Town Asian Cuisine Inc. did not appear despite notice given and did not respond to on-premises violations, the committee disapproved those applications.

For the renewal applications, the committee recommended the following approvals:

- Brian 74 Inc., 40-06 74 Street
- Tia Julia Food Corp., 40-08 Case Street
- Pata Pa Plean Corp., 76-21 Woodside Avenue

For Class Change Applicants approval was recommended for:

- El Gauchito II Corp., 94-60 Corona Avenue

A representative was present on behalf of 12 Corazones Restaurant Bar Corp. The District Manager explained a notice was sent out but later received word the applicant did not receive the notice, however, proof was submitted by the Board that the applicant did receive the notice. By default, if the applicant does not attend the public safety committee the recommendation is to deny the applicant. The District Manager also pointed out this establishment had many violations. The committee's denial was based on a no show and many violations issued for the premises.

**XIII. Report and Vote: Transportation Committee
Street Co-Naming Applications:**

- *Asif Rahman Way* – (Queens Boulevard between 55th Avenue and 55th Road
- *John Browne Way* – Grand Avenue and Simson Street

Biographies for both street co-naming were attached to the Board's mailing for review.

Transportation Chair Matthew McElroy reported a few months ago, the committee had received requests for the above mentioned streets co-naming. The committee met with representatives from both and the committee chair pointed out the attached biographies for both recipients.

Transportation Chair Committee Matthew McElroy provided background information for each street co-naming summarizing both gentlemen made contributions to the local community.

After serious conversation at the Board committee level, the committee **approved** both requests.

Subsequently, Transportation Committee Chair Matthew McElroy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Mac Merchan, to **approve** both above mentioned street co-naming requests.

Since there were none opposed or abstentions, the motion passed.

Transportation Chair Matthew McElroy also reported the balance of the committee meeting was devoted to the FY 2024 Needs Statement.

At this point, the Transportation Chair answered questions from the Board Members concerning transportation priorities included in the Needs Statement.

Board Member Sandra Munoz called for a traffic study of Van Loon Street, off Queens Blvd., which is highly dangerous and gave details. Discussion ensued about this location.

At this point, District Manager Christian gave more details on the liquor license applicant about the respondent to the e-mail for 12 Corazones Restaurant Bar Corp. and acknowledged the premises has 70 noise complaints over a five month period.

Discussion ensued between the District Manager and the representative for the above establishment on the e-mail recipient receiving the Board's notification. Additionally, the 70 noise complaints were brought up to the applicant.

District Manager Cassagnol explained the Board's policy with liquor license applicants: If the applicant does not attend the committee meeting, it is an automatic denial. Also, the committee's view on the 70 noise complaints.

Dialogue followed with the District Manager reading to the Board the nature of those noise complaints.

Subsequently, District Manager Christian Cassagnol recapped if the Board is willing to vote yes on this application within the next three days/or so and a clean report is given by the Precinct, the applicant will be approved. The applicant claimed the noise complaints were for the neighboring restaurant next door.

As a result, the Board will accept the committee's recommendation for the approvals and denials previously reported on with the exception of 12 Corazones Restaurant, that will be set aside between now and the license expiration date November 30.

District Manager Cassagnol stated two votes are needed: one for the committee recommendation on those November applicants and another vote for 12 Corazones Restaurant as a separate entity. Approval granted within a reasonable time frame.

Board Member Georgina Oliver made a motion, seconded by Board Member Alton Derrick Smith, to **approve** the committee's report as presented with the exception of 12 Corazones Restaurant.

Since there were none opposed or abstentions, the motion passed.

Next, Board Member Sandra Munoz made a motion, seconded by Board Member Leanne G-Bowley, to **approve** 12 Corazones Restaurant for its license.

Since there were none opposed or abstentions, the motion passed.

XIII. Committee Reports:

Consumer Affairs

Committee Chair Michelle Dunston did not present a report.

Environmental

Committee Chair Carol Machulski reported the committee met on October 19 on the FY2024 Needs Statement and on October 24 the Environmental Justice Committee met virtually and it was proposed two problems be chosen and focus on those two issues. Those were curbside composting focusing on NYCHA participation in the program. Currently, there are two NYCHA projects in the program. Secondly, to investigate DSNY/DEP monitoring 311 calls from Community Boards 7, 12 and 13 regarding quality of life issues such as littering, odors and illegal dumping. Discussion was held as to whether two QSWAB Committees i.e. Solid Waste Planning Committee and the Environmental Justice Committee can share the work on this issue. Discussion ensued on Disadvantaged Environmental Communities in regard to getting a speaker to address the committee in regard to the comments/recommendations from the public made during the December to August 5 open comment period. The next QSAB meeting is scheduled for November 16.

Health & Human Services

Committee Chair Shrima Pandey did not present a report.

ULURP & Zoning

Committee Chair Alton Derrick Smith reported the Committee will meet on November 29 to discuss pending ULURP applications.

Youth

Committee Chair Sylvia Martin reported the committee did not meet but a meeting is scheduled for November 17.

Since there was no other business, Board Member Mac Merchan made a motion, seconded by Board Member Georgina Oliver to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 8:50 p.m.