

Long Island City Alliance
Minutes 5-13-08
People attending: 10
Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

The minutes were approved after the clarification of the name of the organization queens civic congress.

Georgina announced the dues and requested the \$10 fee from any of the members there who had yet to pay.

The people at the meeting introduced themselves

The report by the Secretary on the state and content of the LICA website (distributed at the meeting) passed unanimously.

Discussion of fed ex forum and the ideas and points brought up at the forum. Some issues with the transfer of the land from Con Ed to Fed Ex include an increase of asthma rates as a result of pollution, Astoria is already suffering enough from the constantly increasing presence of power plants in our neighborhood.

Long Island City Alliance also had joined with the other organizations to form the Coalition for a Better Astoria on the issue of the Con Ed property. The other organizations in the coalition are Green Shores NYC, Queens Independent Living Center, the Astoria chapter of Democracy for New York City, the Astoria Homeowners, Tenants, and Business Association.

Regarding possible means of addressing the neighborhoods concerns with the Con Ed land, and idea that was brought up was that maybe we could leverage Con Ed with a tax credit to put in a park on the property instead of the refund that has been proposed.

We discussed the Clean Money Clean Elections forum that happened the Thursday of the meeting. Dan explained how the forum would address a possible solution to the influence of developers which are a major cause of the problems LICA is addressing.

There was a Discussion of CB1, how it needs to be more open to the press and community, and how it currently does not work for the community.

Tom Paino of the Hunter's Point community discussed the proposed CUNY Dorm where CUNY is building a dormitory for CUNY Graduate Center. He discussed how this is a violation of current

zoning laws and would begin a domino effect of development in the Hunter's Point community. Paino then mentioned the hearing at the Board of Standards and Appeals, which took place on the 20th. 1:30 PM at 40 Rector Street.

The topic overdevelopment was discussed. According to Mayor Bloomberg there will be a Million more people in nyc in 20 years. It was discussed how Harlem, Jamaica, and other neighborhoods all experience overdevelopment and the community is fighting back against CB's and Councilmembers who support this development.

Petitioning status was discussed – At the time of the meeting we had between 55 and 60 signatures

Street fairs were discussed. We discussed our presence at the one on Memorial Day (26th of may).

There was discussion of Halletts point development. 4 large developments are in the works, and one of the issues brought up was the lack of grocery stores.

There was Discussion of Crime Out tabling. This take place during a Wednesday in august (probably the 5th). Usually takes place between 5PM-8PM. Will probably be at Astoria Park and the programs will be run by the 114th precinct. More discussion to follow.

A bill in city council was mentioned that would mandate that no business can leave windows or doors open while air conditioner is on.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Steven Beard
Secretary
Long Island City Alliance