

## Long Island City Alliance Minutes

Regular Meeting was called to order by the LICA President on 4/8/08 6:30 PM at the Quinn Building  
# of people attending -----> 14

1. The minutes from the 1/25/08 election/planning meeting were approved
2. Discussion of the petitions and dates for petitioning
  - Discussed revisions to the petition form
  - Decided to petition on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April
3. Congestion Pricing, which has been defeated, was tabled
4. Discussion of attendance of Community Board.
  - Discussed our plan to inform other residents at the community board meetings about our organization.
  - Planned to attend community board meetings and planned our strategy of eventually speaking at the meetings once our active membership is expanded further.
  - Discussed about how our petitions will be used to demonstrate the community support of our causes to the community board.
5. Discussion of the Queens Civic Congress
  - Discussed the Queens Civic Congress, a coalition of taxpayers, alliances, and civics in Queens.
  - LICA is a dues paying member of Queens Civic Congress
  - Discussed how Eastern Queens issues are the primary focus of the Queens Civic Congress
  - Discussed how LICA needs to network and form a coalition with other community and civic groups in Western Queens
  - Our Executive Vice President Dan Jacoby moved to have our Vice President of Community Outreach Costa Constantinides gather a list of groups in Western Queens and their representatives and strategize to have them come to LICA. Dan's motion was approved.
  - Discussed how our goal should be to create a Western Queens Congress, which will allow other organizations to get involved with the various activities and issues supported by LICA, and vice versa.
  - It was decided that LICA's website should link to other groups from our website, such as how eastrivernyc.org has links of all groups focused on the east river in its website.
6. Discussion of means to get new membership
  - Put literature at our table at fairs
  - Have Costa chair a committee of 2 or 3 members with the goal of finding ways to increase our membership.
  - Next fair which we will attend will be on Memorial Day
  - We discussed how we must get a tent for the fair
  - Discussed that we need to gather a list of fairs from Astorians and make an effort to attend

every single one of those fairs.

7. Dues was collected
8. Discussion of possible forums
  - LICA agreed to co-sponsor a community forum with other groups such as Transportation Alternatives and Greenshores regarding the sale of land from Con Ed to Fed Ex, which will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM at the St. Francis of Assisi Church at 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Street.
9. - LICA is supporting a forum on Clean Money Clean Elections, a full public finance system for candidates for office, which will be conducted by the West Queens Independent Democratic Club (WQIDC), in association with Citizen Action of New York. It will be on Thursday, May 15, at All Saints Church in Sunnyside.
10. Old Business
  - Discussed changes to be made on website regarding posting of minutes and agenda
11. New Business
  - Mike Heffron discussed his group, Transportation Alternatives, and the Tour De Queens

Meeting was then adjourned at 8:12 PM

Next meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Steven Beard

Secretary

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