

Long Island City Alliance
Meeting Minutes 1-13-09

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

- I. Minutes from the December 9th meeting were approved
- II. Secretary reported on the December Community Board 1 (CB1) meeting where the petitions were presented. CB1 requested a letter with specific zoning changes. We will use the same zoning specifications/changes as used in an earlier email to Vallone. Randi then reported on what CB1 told her about the Kaufman expansion/Street Demapping (they haven't been contacted lately about the issue)
- III. LICA forum
 - A. January 25th – Flyering for the forum, January 27th is the forum
 - B. Business should be contacted about the dangers/problems of the demapping
 - C. We need to get letters of support.
 - D. We need to find out what they are building on east side of 36th Street
 - E. How will it impact Frank Sinatra High School?
 - F. The forum- will take place at the Greater Astoria Historical Society (4th floor of Quinn Building) at 7 PM
 - G. Dan- get elementary schools early in the morning
 - H. Send letters to principal, inform religious institutions
 - I. Dan and Randi will do flyers for the 25th, which we will do lit drop, we should cover 35th, 36th, and 37th Streets. Email will go out before 25th to finalize details
 - J. The two goals of the forum: 1) Bring people up to date on the issue, and 2) Come up with a plan of action (letters to Kaufman and cc Community Board 1 on it, plus distribute letter templates). Have people write letters there and give to us to mail at a later date and give out templates so they can have neighbors write letters. Dan will write letter to be sent to Kaufman which will also be used as a blueprint for the different templates to be given out.
 - K. Idea came up about possible lawsuit to block the demapping. Dan will coordinate with Randi
 - L. Costa will be a speaker representing Coalition for a Better Astoria, we will not invite Kaufman, we will invite Transportation Alternatives.
 - M. Blow up photos, bring refreshments
- IV. Dan gave report on the Hunter's Point housing issue. FOIL request is pending, more will come
- V. Dues were collected by Georgina
- VI. Costa reported that there was a zoning change being proposed between Northern and Ditmars; from Steinway to the River; it is unknown whether proposal is for upzoning or downzoning
- VII. Website issue is still being resolved
- VIII. LICA facebook group is expanding its membership

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM