

Long Island City Alliance

Meeting Minutes

3/10/09

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

- I. Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. introduces the people from the Department of City Planning
- II. John Young from the Department of City Planning introduces himself, discusses what their purpose was for coming to the meeting, and discusses the zoning handbook
- III. Ian Haggery discusses the Astoria Rezoning Project, which will be a rezoning of Astoria from west of Steinway Street, from Broadway to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to the RFK bridge
  - Discusses the different zoning codes and their impact on the development Astoria has been seeing.
  - The proposal will tighten rules on commercial development
  - The area will be developed between the zoning codes of R5 and R5B
  - An environmental review will be conducted with study
  - Later this Spring there will be a town hall meeting with draft recommendations
  - Many people complain because of fear that the value of their home will go down, however on average it does not actually go down.
  - Department of City Planning Office Number- 718-286-3170
  - The Department of City Planning will be coming our next meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- IV. LICA Exec Board reported on meeting with Vallone Sr. on the development of Halletts Point
  - We will be having a forum with the local residents who will be effected
- V. Election Nominations
  - Brian Beard was nominated for President, Dan Jacoby was nominated for Executive Vice President, Costa Constantinides was nominated for Vice President of Community Outreach, Georgina Young-Ellis was nominated for Treasurer, and Steven Beard was nominated for Secretary
  - Nominations were closed
  - More executive board positions will be created at next meeting
- VI. Possible candidates forum in May
- VII. Support for 2 coves community garden

Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM