

Long Island City Alliance

Minutes 7-8-08

People attending: 9

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM

1. The minutes from the June meeting were distributed and approved.
2. The Steinway Street Fair was recapped. We got about 5 pages of petitions, and agreed it was best we not do any more Steinway Street fairs since they tend not to be as successful as Broadway fairs.
3. Our activities as a member group of the Coalition for a Better Astoria was summarized by our Vice President of Community Outreach Costa Constantinides (who chairs the Coalition). We are still working toward stopping the sale of the Con Ed property to Steel Equities (who would then sell it to Fed Ex). We are currently trying to get the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) that was conducted. The Coalition has made a FOIL request to get a copy. The community has overall shown in surveys we conducted that they want a park instead of a trucking facility.
4. We reported on our attendance at the June Community Board 1 meeting, including summarizing the Dutch Kills Rezoning plan and the negative response it received from the community.
5. We discussed the forum we are organizing on September 16th. It will be titled "What is the future of Astoria?". It was agreed that we would ask the Holy Lutheran Church if we could use one of their rooms to have our forum. We will begin to make petitions and advertise for the forum at the Astoria Night Out event (discussed later). We will invite all our local elected officials, some Community Board 1 members, and some city officials (Public Advocates office, Mayors office, etc. We want them to evaluate Astoria's current situation and how will it change in the next few years with all the zoning changes that have occurred and will occur.
6. It was discussed and agreed that LICA will table at Astoria Night Out on August 5th from 4 to 8 PM at Astoria Park. The event is being organized at the 114th precinct.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Steven Beard

Secretary

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