

**APRIL 8, 2014 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZO 101-12
LEFFERTS BLVD**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2014-MARCH 2015

2nd # Represents Absences As Of January 2014 (Borough President's Attendance)

David Adorno	(0) (1)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0) (1)	Laraine Fletcher	(0) (0)	Mohamed Safie	(0) (2)
Cheryl Alexander	(0) (0)	Linda Fogal	(0) (1)	Regina Santoro	(0) (1)
Julio Batista	(0) (0)	Ralph Gonzalez	(0) (0)	Jagir Singh	(0) (0)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (1)	Sylvia Hack	(0) (0)	Maharani Singh	(0) (0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(0) (0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (1)	Ragbir Singh	(0) (1)
Latchman Budhai	(0) (1)	Scott Jordan	(0) (0)	J. Richard Smith	(0) (0)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (1)	Sherman Kane	(0) (1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0) (0)
Nick Comaianni	(0) (2)	Patrick Khan	(0) (0)	Maria Thomson	(0) (0)
Andrea Crawford	(0) (0)	Joel Kuszai	(0) (1)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (1)	Priscilla Levine	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Richard David	(0) (0)	Marian Molina	(0) (0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(0) (2)
Joan DeCamp	(0) (0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0) (0)	Clark Whitsett	(0) (0)
H. Singh Duggal	(0) (0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)
Stephen Esposito	(0) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alexander Blenkinsopp	(1) (1)	John Carter	(1) (2)	Sam Esposito	(1) (2)
Jarnail Singh	(1) (1)				

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Ann Carey, District Manager
Lisa Gomes, Irina Barayeva, staff

*Absences from a meeting shall mean physical non-attendance and /or failure to be present for voting on two or more agenda items marked "Vote to be Taken" at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

Legislative Representatives

Anthony Lemma, Assembly Member Weprin
Jahi Rose, Council Member Wills
David Renz, Assembly Member Miller
Chris Kaznowski, Assembly Member Hevesi
Senator Addabbo
PO Jose Severino, 102 Pct.
Vishnu Mahadeo, Senator Sanders

Bruce Eiber, Council Member Koslowitz
Scott Wolf, Assembly Member Simanowitz
Kate Mooney, Council Member Crowley
Rudy Giuliani, Council Member Ulrich
Jason M. Hilliard, NYC Comptroller
PO Brendan Noonan, 102 Pct.
Harpreet Toor, Assembly Member Weprin

GUESTS sign-in sheets are available upon request.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received*

a. Alteration Application/Change of License Class

Richi Rich Palace NY, Inc.
D/b/a Richi Rich Palace
110-17/19 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Sandeep Bajaj
98-21 97 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

b. On Premise Liquor License-Renewal

Francy Restaurant, Inc.
80-29 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Majestic Marquise Corporation
D/b/a Majestic Marquise
88-03 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

EL Rinconcito De Nagua
76-20 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

c. **TLC Base Station License- Renewal**

JSE Management Corp.
D/b/a Dial A Ride
76-19 Rockaway Blvd.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

District Manager Mary Ann Carey introduced new board members.

Chair Gonzalez stated that from now on DJ Kevin will be providing sound system equipment for community board meetings. The volunteers from the Samaritan Village will be helping the staff.

1. **Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes**

Nick Comaianni and Sylvia Hack motioned to accept minutes as presented.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as presented.

Vote # 1: Unanimous

2. **Monthly Update Report- 102 PCT.**

The Patrol Borough Queens South Commanding Office, Assistant Chief David Barrere congratulated the chair. He stated that he spent 24 years in NYPD and knows the value of community boards. Assistant Chief Barrere thanked the board members for their service. He also stated that many of the strategies that are used today are attributed to Jack Maple.

PO Severino & PO Noonan reported on Green DOT Moneypak Cards scam explaining how this scam works and giving crime prevention tips to help people avoid falling victim to this scam.

Question and answer period followed.

3. **Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report- James Coccovillo/ Ralph Gonzalez**

- Chair Gonzalez stated that there are new Public Forum/Issue Submission forms available for members of the public who want to speak in the beginning or at the end of the meeting.
- Chair Gonzalez commended the members stating that since he started preparations for tonight's meeting, every board member has proven to be a community leader.

- The Chair thanked the sponsors.
 - CB9 executive officers and committee chairs are each assigned a CB9 email starting April 1st, 2014.
 - Created two new committees: Economic Development & Budget and Finance committee.
 - Board members will pick a committee on which to serve.
 - Committees will have a chair and vice-chair.
4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey welcomed four new board members to the board – Cheryl Alexander, Kamal Bhuiyan, Laraine Fletcher and Jarnail Singh and stated that a Welcome Package was emailed to them.
5. Guest Speakers- Jacob Morris- Re: Jack Maple, NYPD Deputy Police Commissioner for Crime Control Strategies. Creator of "Comp Stat Methodology of Crime Fighting and Law Enforcement Strategy"

Mr. Morris stated that Jack Maple, former deputy police commissioner for crime control strategies, who is best known for creating CompStat methodology of crime fighting, grew up in Richmond Hill on 108th St & Park Lane South. Mr. Morris encouraged all board members to honor Jack Maple's legacy by co-naming the 108th Street & Park Lane South a Jack Maple Place.

Joe Iaboni made a motion. Nick Comaianni seconded it.

Motion # 2: To Co-Name 108th St & Park Lane South to Jack Maple Place

Vote # 2: Unanimous

Alex Kip- Director of Training and Education, Conflict of Interest Board

Mr. Kipp reported on Conflict of Interests Law and handed out brochures on the same issue.

Question and answer period followed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Robert Tilley, Foreclosure Services Coordinator- stated that he represents Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica, Inc. He reported on the following:

- Understanding on the Fair Housing Laws and the ways to complain about housing discrimination
- Fair Housing Act and unlawful practices
- Foreclosures in Queens growing faster than any other borough.

Sasha Austrie-Resort World Casino talked about upcoming events: Comedy Show on 4/24/2014 and Magic Show on 4/26/2014 and invited all to attend.

Diane Gonzalez – congratulated Ralph Gonzalez and wished him luck.

1st Vice Chair Rampershad introduced Legislators and their representatives.

Senator Joseph Addabbo congratulated the newly elected officers, thanked board members for their services and gave handouts on FY 14/15 NYS Budget.

Senator Addabbo reported on a Recycling event, co-sponsored by Assembly Member Mike Miller and invited all to a Free Mammograms event on Thursday, May 1, 2014 and to Seniors Only Job Fair on May 30, 2014 from 10 am to 3 pm at 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd.

David Ranz from Assembly Member Miller office made an announcement about No-Cost Digital Mammograms and Clinical Breast Exams taking place on Saturday, May 3, 2014, 9 am to 4:30 pm at Assembly Member Miller's office.

Bruce Eiber from Council Member Koslowitz office thanked board members for their service and for honoring the Veterans.

Jahi Rose from Council Member Ruben Wills office made an announcement about Free Tax Preparation Services available at the different locations (flyer attached) and Lien Sale Outreach Event taking place on Tuesday, April, 22, 2014 at the Dept. of Finance Queens Business Center at 144-06 94th Ave.

Kate Mooney from Council Member Elizabeth Crowley office congratulated the newly appointed cabinet and new board members. Ms. Mooney presented Maria Thomson with a Women History Month Certificate.

6. Transportation Committee Report- Andrea Crawford reported on the meeting with MTA re relocation of Q10 articulated buses and maintaining a better schedule for the buses so they don't bunch up on Kew Gardens Rd or on Queens Blvd.

Kenichi Wilson stated that he is going to attend a meeting on select bus service on Woodhaven Blvd on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 6 pm at JHS 210. Vision Zero meeting on pedestrian safety plans will take place on the same day at LaGuardia community college.

The next Transportation committee meeting will take place on April 25, 2014 at 6:30 at the district office.

Chair Gonzalez stated that all questions should be emailed to Transportation committee.

7. Land Use Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane

- ▶ BSA CAL #21-14BZ
115-02 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
Special Permit Application to allow a Physical Culture Establishment (PCE)
Eric Palatnic, P. C. – Attorney

Sylvia Hack read Land Use Committee resolution to the board members.

Motion #3: No objection to a special permit application to allow a physical culture establishment for BSA
CAL # 21-14BZ, 115-02 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: 42 in favor, 2 abstentions

► *Proposed Legalization of Basement Apartments Letter*

Sherman Kane read main points of the CB9 Resolution on Basement Apartments stating that the consequences of illegal conversion include:

- Increased population density
- Increased fires, due to inadequate wiring
- Inadequate ventilation, light and emergency egress
- Inadequate infrastructure
- Less on-street parking
- More parking on illegally paved front, side and rear yards

Discussion and debate followed.

Motion # 4: To adopt CB 9 Resolution on Basement Apartments

Vote # 4: 20 in favor, 20 opposed, 4 abstentions

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

► *Proposed Resolution to Stop Future Co- Located Charter Schools*

Seth Welins introduced a resolution opposing co-located charter schools. Those charter schools now housed in public schools should pay rent. He also criticized the Circle Academy Charter School Letter of Intent for misleading the public by saying that “since April 2013, members of the applicant team have had a series of positive telephone calls and meetings with the leadership of CB9”, when it appears that they merely had private conversations with a few members of our board. The letter also stated that “additional presentations at CB9 and community forums have been scheduled to occur throughout February and March 2014.” No requests for such meetings occurred. One representative of this school spoke for 3 minutes during the March public forum and handed out some literature. The District Manager’s office, the Borough President’s office and the previous chair and executive board did not learn about the plans for this school until the March meeting.

Marian Molina made following public announcements:

- Kindergarten registration started in February. Parents who applied in February will receive admission letters by May, not April as previously expected. Online applications are no longer available. New registrations have to be done at the Enrollment Center for our area at 90-27 Sutphin Blvd. Jamaica, NY.
- Pre-Kindergarten registration is now open and will continue until April 23, 2014 for all 4 year olds. Decision letters will be sent to families by June 2014. Online applications are currently being accepted by visiting nyc.gov/schools/prek, or call 718-935-2009, or visit the Enrollment Center at 90-27 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY.
- P.S. 316 D 27 - Queens Explorer Elementary School located at 90-07 101st Ave. will be opening in September 2014. They will be offering a full day Pre-K program.

Motion # 5: To support CB9 Resolution Seeking to Stop Future Co-Located Charter Schools
Vote # 5: 41 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Joan DeCamp-will be having some meetings this year on health issues and hospital closings. Many board members are on the Jamaica Hospital Advisory Board and the committee might meet after their meeting.
10. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report- J. R. Smith & J. DeCamp

J.R. Smith talked about a constituent's letter that was received by the district office regarding the condition of tennis courts in Forest Park. Kate Mooney from Council Member Crowley office gave an update on this issue.

11. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- Jim Coccovillo & R. Daniel Pollack

► **TLC Base Station License- Renewal**

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Motion # 6: Not to oppose JSE Management Corp. d/b/a Dial A Ride, 76-19 Rockaway Blvd. TLC Base Station license renewal application

Vote # 6: 42 in favor, 2 opposed

Next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the district office.

12. Old Business

Chair Gonzalez stated that a Committee Assignment Preference Form should be filled out and returned to the office ASAP.

Rabbi Pollack acknowledged the office staff for securing a Passover special sanitation pick up. Rabbi Pollack stated that he attended several of BP Katz meetings regarding her efforts to secure funding for the NYS Pavilion at the World Sphere. He asked the board members support on this issue.

David Adorno stated that the Budget and Finance committee will meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, an hour before the community board meeting.

Priscilla Levine raised her concern regarding Borough President Katz reappointment letter. She voiced her disappointment regarding 'no excused absences', i.e. death in the family, illness, etc. Ms. Levine wrote a letter to QBP Katz stating her policy of no excused absences is unfair.

13. New Business

Maria Thomson talked about the entertainment event taking place on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 1 to 4 pm on Jamaica Ave in Woodhaven.

Nick Comaianni raised a concern about Joseph Todisco removal from the board after his twenty years of service due to his medical leave of absence.

Dr. Vincent Evangelista stated that Sam Esposito had surgery today.

Ivan Mrakovcic asked for clarification regarding absence statements in BP Katz's reappointment letter.

Latchman Budhai stated that the next 102 Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7 pm at the Richmond Hill branch library.

Dr. Stephen Sofer complained about Atria getting deliveries and the trucks double parking and shutting down 84th Ave.

Regina Santoro raised her concern regarding BP Katz board member reappointment letter and stated that Joseph Todisco should appeal Borough President Katz's decision to remove him from the board.

Joan DeCamp read Borough President Reappointment letter for clarification.

Chair Gonzalez thanked board members for their cooperation and his parents for their support.

14. Public Forum-No speakers

The meeting ended at 10:35 pm