

**JANUARY 14, 2014 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR MEETING  
PUNJABI PALACE 91-52 LEFFERTS BLVD**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2013-MARCH 2014**

Julio Batista	(1)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Raj Rampershad	(2)*
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0)	Linda Fogal	(1)	Regina Santoro	(0)
Latchman Budhai	(1)	Ralph Gonzalez	(0)	Jagir Singh	(5)*
John Carter	(1)	Sylvia Hack	(1)	Maharani Singh	(2)
Andrea Crawford	(2)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)	Scott Jordan	(1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1)
Richard David	(2)	Sherman Kane	(1)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Joan DeCamp	(1)	Patrick Khan	(0)	Marie Turley	(0)
Anton Dietrich	(1)	Priscilla Levine	(1)	Seth Welins	(0)
H. Singh Duggal	(1)	Marian Molina	(3)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)
Sam Esposito	(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)	Clark Whitsett	(1)
Stephen Esposito	(1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(1)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Adorno	(3)*	Jim Coccovillo	(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)	Nick Comaianni	(2)	Mohamed Safie	(3)*
Evelyn Baron	(4)*	Jan Fenster	(4)*	Ragbir Singh	(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(1)	Joel Kuszai	(1)	Joseph Todisco	(2)
Wallace Bock	(5)*				

**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

Carl Moore, Senator Addabbo  
Scott Wolff, Assembly Member Simanowitz  
PO Qunella Brown, 102 Pct.  
Aida Morel, Congress Member Meng  
David Renz, Assembly Member Miller  
Rudy Giuliani, Council Member Ulrich  
Mohamed Hack, Council Member Wills

Kate Mooney, Council Member Crawley  
PO Brendan Noonan, 102 Pct.  
PO Jose Severino, 102 Pct.  
Michael Cohen, Council Member Koslowitz  
Chris Kaznowski, Assembly Member Hevesi  
Vishnu Mahadeo, Senator Sanders  
Wilma Bynum, QBPO

## GUESTS

Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Patricia Eggers, Woodhaven Resident- spoke in opposition to the liquor license for El Ray IV Billiard & Lounge, Inc. located at 75-16 Rockaway Blvd. She complained about problems at the location under past ownership.  
She also stated that there is an increased amount of graffiti in the neighborhood.

Jagajit Singh, South Asians for Empowerment (SAFE) – spoke about his organization stating that it hosts programs about adult education and youth development. Their Town Hall meeting will take place on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at the Temple on 118<sup>th</sup> St.

Sanjeev Jindal, SAFE – invited all to a Town Hall meeting on January 26, 2014.

Gopaul Sewnarine, Fusion NYC, Inc. – spoke about his liquor license application process.

Aida Morel, Congress Member Meng – spoke about the legislation sponsored by Meng, Barton & Lance re: Anti-Spoofing Act. This bill would improve the Truth in Caller ID Act by:

1. Broadening the law to prohibit spoofing by callers outside the U.S.
2. Broadening the law to include new internet-based Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services which enable callers to make outgoing-only calls from computers and tablets to mobile and landline phones.
3. Requiring that legitimate spoofing providers adequately inform users of all applicable Laws.
4. Broadening the law to include text messaging.

The bill is expected to be referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Ivan Mrakovcic introduced legislative representatives.**

**Carl Moore, Senator Addabbo** reported on legislation that the Senator is working on in Albany.

**Kate Mooney, Council Member Crawley** stated that the final designs for the Mary Whalen Playground project will be submitted to DDC by the end of January.

**Scott Wolf, Assembly Member Simanowitz** stated that the deadline for basic STAR registration process has been extended to March, 2014 and that their office offers assistance to fill out the application. The office number is (718)969-1508.

**Michael Cohen, Council Member Kozlowitz** gave no report.

**Chris Kaznowski, Assembly Member Hevesi** stated that Assembly Member's Bill A171 passed the Assembly and was presented to the Senate. This Bill requires publication of the NYC housing and vacancy survey and rent reduction schedule every three years. For information call the office at (718)263-5595.

**Rudy Giuliani, Council Member Ulrich** invited all to participate in a new way of making decisions about spending public money in NYC called Participatory Budgeting. The next meeting will take place on January 18, 2014 at the Emanuel United Church of Christ.

**David Renz, Assembly Member Miller** gave an update on the progress of cameras that will be installed in Forest Park entrances.

**Vishnu Mahadeo, State Senator Sanders** spoke about the Richmond Hill High School Annex.

**Mohamed Hack, Council Member Ruben Wills** gave no report.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### **Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received**

#### **a. On Premise Liquor License Application- New**

Fusion NYC Inc.  
124-12/14 101 Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419  
*No speakers*

El Rey IV Billiard & Lounge, Inc.  
75-16 Rockaway Blvd.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421  
*No speakers*

**b. On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal**

Richi Rich Place NY Inc.  
110-17/19 Atlantic Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*Vishnu Mahadeo, resident of Richmond Hill, spoke in favor of this establishment.*

**c. On Premise Beer License-Renewal**

Richmond Hill Deli Corp.  
D/b/a Richmond Hill Restaurant  
123-07 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No speakers*

2009 Tony's Pizza Corp.  
109-18 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No speakers*

**d. Cabaret License Application- New**

Maracas Club and Restaurant LLC  
121-08 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No speakers*

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

1. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Clark Whitsett made a motion to adopt minutes as presented. Latchman Budhai seconded the motion.

***Motion # 1:*** To adopt minutes as presented

***Vote # 1:*** 34 in favor, 2 abstentions

2. Monthly Update Report- 102 Pct. – PO Noonan, PO Severino & PO Brown  
PO Noonan made an announcement about NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Blood Drive taking place tomorrow, January 15, 2014 from 12-6pm at the Precinct.

The Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2014 at 7pm at the Richmond Hill branch library.

PO Brown reported on a new free program offered by NYPD re: registering all electronic devices. The number to reach her is (718)805-3217.

Question and answer period followed.

3. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report- James Coccovillo

The report was given by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Mrakovcic: Jim is ill and couldn't attend but asked me to extend best wishes for a healthy and happy new year.

We thank Joel Kuszai for modernizing our website and our internal email system.

We welcome Ralph Gonzalez as our new Chair of the Health & Social Services Committee.

We welcome Clark Whitsett as our new Legal & Legislative Committee Chair.

We thanked Raj Rampershad for attending the inaugural Borough Board Meeting hosted by new Borough President Melinda Katz.

Raj Rampershad summarized the Borough Board meeting: he said that it was the first Borough Board meeting for new Borough President Melinda Katz. There were only two items on the agenda, neither of which concern CB9.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Mrakovcic announced the projected meeting locations throughout the year and wished everyone a healthy and productive 2014.

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

DM Carey wished all a happy and healthy 2014. She stated that the borough cabinet met at 9:30 this morning where our newly installed borough president, Melinda Katz, presided. There were three items on the agenda: 1- a report by Con Edison and National Grid regarding the procedures and notifications process for utility shutoffs. 2- NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission regarding borough licenses. 3-NYC HRA program: Straight Talk From Teen Parents program. These are available at the district office if you require a copy.

*I am sorry that Jim is unable to be here tonight, but it is important for the board to know that four days prior to Christmas Jim presented me with an evaluation of my performance as District Manager and failed me in almost all categories.*

*The office staff and I are working under extreme stress. We feel our jobs are threatened. Jim comes in and gives instruction then turns around and says he did not say it. He tries to bully us.*

*The staff and I have contacted our respective unions regarding this constant harassment and we are awaiting a response.*

*I have sat back like a lady and not gone on the defensive but Jim has gone too far. March*

*cannot come soon enough for us.*

Alexander Blenkinsopp mentioned the 101<sup>st</sup> Ave article in the Daily News. The District Manager said she is preparing a respond. Mr. Blenkinsopp volunteered to work with the DM on this issue.

5. Guest Speaker – NYC Compost Project-Jeremy Teperman & M. Manola

Ms. Manola explained the importance of composting and its usefulness to the communities in NYC and all over the world because it keeps the soil healthy. She said that the Queens Botanical Garden offers resources and teaches workshops to individuals who are interested in composting. This service is extended to hospitals, schools, community groups, etc. Mr. Teperman referred board members to the handouts that list the services that are provided by the Queens Botanical Garden and the upcoming courses.

Question and answer period followed.

6. Transportation Committee Report- Andrea Crawford

- The problem with Q37 was straightened out, but now there is an issue with Q54 bus not running on schedule.
- The MTA/Bus Company will be attending CB9's March meeting with the statistics on Q10 articulated buses.
- The Transportation Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

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

Sherman Kane suggested inquiring if the collapsed building at 78-19 Jamaica Ave was demolished. Mr. Mrakovcic stated that the demolition is in progress

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

- Kindergarten enrollment will continue through Feb. 14. Parents can register their children online. Priority will be given to children asking for a place in their zoned school.
- Charter schools-Mayor De Blasio has stated that he would like charter schools located in public schools to pay some rental fees to the city. He feels that if schools have the financial resources to pay rent, then they should do so. IRS 990 forms show that many charter schools receive large contributions from unreported contributors.
- The UFT filed an Amicus Brief supporting NY State's request to audit charter schools.

- Next Education Committee meeting will take place tomorrow, January 15, 2014 at 7 pm at the district office.

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report-Ralph Gonzalez

Mr. Gonzalez talked about a new and easy way of processing and sharing information regarding health issues. He stated that a newsletter will be posted on CB9's website with the information about different aspects of health. Community board members can also bring health news, issues or questions to the committee so it can research, respond and share the answers with others. Current email address for the Health & Social Services Committee is [cb9health@aol.com](mailto:cb9health@aol.com). Ralph said he spoke with Evelyn Baron, the previous chair of Health & Social Services Committee and she stated that she is willing to help him in any way.

10. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report- J. R. Smith & J. DeCamp

Mr. Smith encouraged all board members to forward their concerns and complaints to the Parks committee.

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

► On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Fusion NYC Inc.  
124-12/14 101 Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

**VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

**Motion #2:** To send a letter of no opposition for Fusion NYC, Inc., 124-12/14 101 Ave  
**Vote #2:** Unanimous

El Rey IV Billiard & Lounge, Inc.  
75-16 Rockaway Blvd.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

**Motion #3:** To send a letter of opposition for El Rey IV Billiard & Lounge, Inc.  
75-16 Rockaway Blvd.  
**Vote #3:** Unanimous

► On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal

Richi Rich Place NY, Inc.  
110-17/19 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

**Motion #4:** To send a letter of opposition for Richi Rich Place NY, Inc.  
110-17/19 Atlantic Ave  
**Vote #4:** 34 in favor, 2 abstentions

► **On Premise Beer License-Renewal**

Richmond Hill Deli Corp.  
D/b/a Richmond Hill Restaurant  
123-07 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

**Motion #5:** To send a letter of no opposition for Richmond Hill Deli Corp.  
123-07 Jamaica Ave

**Vote #5:** 34 in favor, 2 opposed

► **Cabaret License Application- New**

Maracas Club and Restaurant LLC  
121-08 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

**Motion #6:** To send a letter of no opposition for Maracas Club & Restaurant LLC  
121-08 Jamaica Ave

**Vote #6:** 27 in favor, 9 opposed

Next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday January 22, 2014 at 7 pm at the district office.

12. Old Business

Ivan Mrakovcic responded to the DM's report by saying that we should keep employee matters in the realm of private sector.

Sam Esposito made a motion to have CB9 March 13, 2014 meeting at the Majestic Marquise. Joan DeCamp seconded it.

**Motion #7:** To change March board meeting to Majestic Marquise

**Vote #7:** 34 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained

13. New Business *No speakers*

14. Public Forum

Joseph Reuter-spoke about board membership citywide.

Alexander Blenkinsopp- WRBA Town Hall meeting will take place on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Christ Emmanuel Church.



Clark Whitsett made a motion to adjourn, Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:15 pm