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DECEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
THE NEW TRUMP PAVILION 89-40 135 ST

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2015-DECEMBER 2015

2nd # Represents Absences as of January 2015-December 2015 (Borough President’s Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1) (2)	Laraine Fletcher	(1) (1)	Jagir Singh	(0) (1)
Julio Batista	(2) (3)	Linda Fogal	(1) (1)	Jarnail Singh	(0) (1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Sylvia Hack	(2) (3)	Maharani Singh	(2) (2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(0) (0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	Raghbir Singh	(0) (2)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(3) (4)	Sherman Kane	(1) (1)	J. Richard Smith	(1) (1)
Latchman Budhai	(3) (5)	Patrick Khan	(2) (2)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1) (1)
John Carter	(1) (3)	Priscilla Levine	(2) (5)	Maria Thomson	(0) (1)
Nick Comaianni	(3) (3)	Marian C. Molina	(1) (1)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Andrea Crawford	(2) (2)	Ivan Mrakovic	(2) (3)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Kevin O’Leary	(0) (1)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2) (3)
Richard David	(1) (1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)
Joan DeCamp	(1) (1)	Mohamed Safie	(3) (6)		
Jan Fenster	(2) (2)	Regina Santoro	(1) (2)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Coccovillo	(1) (1)	Joel Kuszai	(1) (1)	Harichandan Singh	(7) (7)
Stephen Esposito	(2) (2)	Scott Jordan	(6) (7)	Matthew Singh	(1) (1)
Mohamad Z. Islam	(2) (2)	Raj Rampershad	(1) (1)		

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Gomes, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

*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.

LEGISLATORS & LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Scott Wolff, Rep. Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz
Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Aaron Siegel, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Arlene Brown, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Deputy Inspector Urprasad, NYPD/102 Pct.
P.O. Jose Severino, NYPD/102 Pct.
Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Senator Leroy Comrie

Guests' sign-in sheets are available upon request.

Bruce J. Flanz, President and CEO of Jamaica Hospital wished all a happy and healthy holiday season. Mr. Flanz stated that of the nine hospitals in Queens County, Jamaica Hospital ranks number one in terms of quality measures. President Flanz said that their main focus will always be stressed on patients' safety and providing high quality and low cost services.

1st Vice Chair Smith recognized legislative representatives.

Scott Wolff, Rep. Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz, stated that there will be a Free Legal Assistance Event, in partnership with NYLAG on January 11, 2015 at the district office, 59-06 71st Ave from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Arlene Brown, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, said that the office enjoys working on the Participatory Budget Project as it allows the public to choose certain programs that are important to them. She encouraged anybody who wants to get involved in this process to call the office at (718) 738-1083.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, stated that they are looking forward to working on the SBS 2016 project and keeping everyone updated as things progress during the year.

Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, stated that the Borough President met with the DOT Commissioner regarding the Woodhaven SBS proposals. An implementation of these plans has been postponed until 2017. Mr. Hack invited all to the State of the Borough Address on January 21, 2016 at Queens College.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. *Public Hearing*

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application - Reconsideration

Dhyana Hibachi Lounge, Inc.
D/b/a Zen Hibachi Lounge
117-15 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers, removed from the agenda*

b. On Premise Liquor License Application - New

Grazi Foods, Inc.
85-19 126th St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. Corporate Change

EL Puerto Mexicano, Inc.
84-28 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Happy Days Lounge Corp.
118-16 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

d. On Premise Liquor License - Renewal (Cont'd)

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

Happy Days Lounge Corp.
118-16 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

e. TLC Base Station - Renewal

Globe Car Service, Inc.
112-06 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

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2. Public Forum *No speakers*

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Secretary Mrakovcic read corrections to minutes submitted by Maria Thomson:

Page 10, Transportation & Traffic Committee Report-Kenny Wilson-Chair,

Mrs. Thomson stated she would not allow this traffic, onto Jamaica Ave's Woodhaven Improvement Districts, to affect the economy of Woodhaven in addition to placing our families in danger. Mrs. Thomson stated that Dr. Sofer also commented on the Woodhaven Blvd. SBS proposal and its negative effect on the Community of Woodhaven.

Page 9, # 14, Health & Social Services Report-Marian C. Molina

Joel Kuszai stated that he was a member of The Riders Alliance and angrily degraded the statement made by Marian Molina and all those that were against the Woodhaven Blvd. Proposal. He also admonished any board member that would disrespect another Board Member and reminded everyone that we are all volunteers and only an advisory board.

Discussion followed. Secretary Mrakovcic stated that corrections/additions to minutes must be submitted in writing.

Nick Comaianni made a motion to table the minutes. Kenny Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To table the minutes

Vote # 1: Unanimous

Senator Leroy Comrie addressed the board and reported on the following:

- NYC Civil Service 101 Event will take place on Thursday, December 10, 2015.
- Holiday Toy Drive will take place on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at Senator's Office located at 113-43 Farmers Blvd.
- MLK Poetry Slam will be on Friday, January 15, 2016 at Bethany French Baptist Church at 90-21 160 St., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Families or individuals without health insurance will be able to apply for a low-cost health plan at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov or at Jamaica Hospital.
- Senator Comrie allocated funds for Jamaica Hospital's Emergency Wing upgrade and renovation.
- Senator Comrei's offices are open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad stated that the 102nd Pct. is down 8.2% in crime for the year.

There are over 102 licensed premises in the 102nd Pct. and he is not giving any establishments extended hours for New Year's Eve. Deputy Inspector wished all a happy and safe holiday season.

5. Chairperson’s Remarks & Exec Report- J.R. Smith, 1st Vice Chair

Board Member Absences: Ralph Gonzalez VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Harichandan Singh “ “ “ “ “ “ “

1st Vice Chair Smith stated that Ralph Gonzalez has sent his resignation via email, therefore, there will be no vote taken regarding his absences.

Mr. Harichandan Singh has not attended any board meetings since April 2015.

Motion # 2: To remove Harichandan Singh from Community Board 9 for substantial non-attendance

Vote # 2: Unanimous

6. District Manager’s Report - Lisa Gomes:

”Attended QBP Melinda Katz’s Borough Cabinet Meeting-NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene discussed the NYC Community Health Profiles for 2015. These reports look at Neighborhood conditions, i.e. Air quality, Housing, Social & Economic conditions, Health Care & Health outcomes, etc. These profiles are available @ profiles@health.nyc.gov.

Department of Sanitation

Gave out information on:

- Snow Operations FAQs
- Snow Removal: Your Responsibilities which is in board member folder
- Councilman Will’s office has a group that will help with snow removal
- Call 311 to report Snow & Ice

FY 2017 Budget requests were submitted to the office of Management and Budget (OMB).

CB9 District Cabinet minutes are in your folders.

For the month of November there were 19 complaints processed and following up on all complaints is a daily task of which Irina Barayeva does diligently.

QBP Katz- Borough Board Meeting:

Office of the City Clerk NYC-Lobbying Bureau - Amnesty Program information is in your folders and I have some brochures available at the office. If you want, this can be emailed to you.

NYC Department of Parks – Parks Without Borders - this is a new design approach focused on creating more open and welcoming public spaces. They are looking for New Yorkers to nominate a park. Suggestions will be taken until Feb. 28, 2015. If you would like to nominate a park and get more information please go to: PWB@Parks.nyc.gov .

On behalf of me and the staff we wish you all a Healthy & Happy Holiday Season.”

7. Land Use Committee Report - Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs

Sherman Kane stated that all community boards are unanimously rejecting the re-zoning amendments.

8. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report - Maharani Singh - Co-Chair

a. On Premise Wine & Beer License Application - Reconsideration

Grazi Foods, Inc.
85-19 126th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 3: Not to oppose the Wine & Beer License Application for Grazi Foods, Inc.
85-16 126 St.

Vote # 3: Unanimous

b. TLC Base Station - Renewal

Globe Car Service, Inc.
112-06 101st Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 4: Not to oppose the TLC Base Station renewal application for Globe Car Service, Inc., 112-06 101st Ave.

Vote # 4: 36 in favor, 1 opposed

Ms. Maharani Singh stated that the liquor license applications were approved by the Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee for the following establishments:

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

Exotic Zone Bar & Lounge, Inc.
77-02 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

Rabbi Pollack reported on the Clergy Conference that he attended on Monday, December 7, 2015 where the following topics were reported on:

- Neighborhood Coordination Officer Program
- Community Partner Program
- Collaborative Policing
- Community/Youth Initiative
- Active Shooter Preparedness
- Counter Terrorism/S.H.I.E.L.D.
- Active Shooter Community Training Program

Call (718) 615-7506 to request a presentation on Counter Terrorism/ S.H.I.E.L.D.

9. **Transportation & Traffic Committee Report - Kenny Wilson, Chair**, reported on the following:
- Queens Borough Parking Lot Construction meeting was rescheduled to January 13, 2016 at 4 p.m.
 - Speed Hump installation on 78th St, btwn 86th Ave & Jamaica Ave will be voted on at the January board meeting.
 - Attended the GWDC meeting regarding SBS proposal implementation.
 - The Community Advisory Committee meeting on SBS will take place on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015 at the Queens Borough Hall.

Question and answer period followed.

10. **Education & Youth Services Committee Report - Seth Welins, Chair**, reported on the following:
- There is an education bill being considered in Congress that will replace the current Elementary and Secondary Education Act (and the accompanying No Child Left Behind) with a new law called Every Student Succeeds Act. The new law would transfer many federally mandated regulations regarding testing, school and teacher evaluation and financing to the states. More information will be forthcoming if and when the bill becomes law.
 - Comptroller Stringer has not as yet responded to my request for an update on his promised financial and organizational audit of Success Academy and other charter schools.
11. **Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report - J.R. Smith & Laraine Fletcher, Co-Chairs - No report**
12. **Economic Development Committee Report - Richard David, Chair**, stated that Mayor de Blasio passed a Bill that created a new city agency: the Mayor's Office of Labor Standards. The Office will make recommendations for worker education, safety and protection, educate employers on labor laws, create public education campaigns regarding worker rights, and collect and analyze labor statistics.

13. Health & Social Services Committee Report - Marian C. Molina, Chair - *No report*

14. Old Business

Rabbi Pollack announced that the Community Board 9 meeting for October 11, 2016 fell on the Jewish Holiday of Yom Kippur.

Sylvia Hack stated that the issue of filming on the streets within CB 9 is becoming a big problem because of lack of parking.

Latchman Budhai asked if the meeting location for February 9, 2016 meeting can be changed to another one where there is more parking accessibility.

Seth Welins stated that there should be better arrangements regarding parking during film shooting on the streets.

15. New Business

Maria Thomson invited all to attend an event organized by Woodhaven BID on Saturday, December 12, 2015 and December 19, 2015 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Forest Parkway Plaza. There will be free goodies, giveaways and free pictures taken with Santa.

Mrs. Thomson stated that they give American flags to all who attend at all their giveaways and it is important for children to have an American flag.

Latchman Budhai reminded all that there will be no 102nd Pct. Council meeting in December because of the holidays.

16. Public Forum

Aaron Siegel, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, stated that they are having a Holiday Toy Drive to benefit charitable organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Queens. All donations must be received by December 18, 2015.

1st Vice Chair Smith recognized Anton Dietrich, former board member of Community Board 9.

Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, wished happy holidays to all

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn, Nick Comaianni seconded it.

The meeting ended at 10:25 p.m.