

**JUNE 11, 2013 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING
MAJESTIC MARQUISE, 88-03 101ST AVE**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2013-MARCH 2014

David Adorno	(0)	Anton Dietrich	(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)	H. Singh Duggal	(0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)
Akhtar Ali	(1)*	Sam Esposito	(1)	Raj Rampershad	(0)
Evelyn Baron	(1)	Stephen Esposito	(0)	Mohamed Safie	(1)
Julio Batista	(1)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Regina Santoro	(0)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)	Jan Fenster	(1)	Maharani Singh	(0)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0)	Linda Fogal	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(0)
Wallace Bock	(2)	Ralph Gonzalez	(0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)	Sylvia Hack	(1)	Maria Thomson	(0)
John Carter	(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)	Joseph Todisco	(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0)	Scott Jordan	(0)	Marie Turley	(0)
Nick Comaianni	(1)	Patrick Khan	(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(0)
Andrea Crawford	(1)	Joel Kuszai	(0)	Clark Whitsett	(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)	Priscilla Levine	(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)
Richard David	(1)	Marian Molina	(1)		
Joan DeCamp	(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sherman Kane	(1)	Raghbir Singh	(1)	Jagir Singh	(2)
Seth Welins	(0)				

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

Greg Levine, Congress Member Meng
Kate Mooney, CM Crowley
Chris Kaznowski, AM Hevesi
Michael Cohen, Karen Kozlowitz
Ido Shargal, Mayor's Office

Wilma Bynum, QBPO
Mohamed Hack, CM Wills
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Vishnu Mahadeo, Senator Sanders
Leilani Blira-Koessler, AM Miller

GUESTS

Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

Due to other commitments the 102 Pct. was given the first opportunity to speak.

1. Monthly Update Report- 102 Pct. - PO Severino stated that crime stats is up by 7% year to date. A volume of noise complaints increases during summer months. He explained the proper procedure for handling complaints: constituents should call 311 and get service request number. 102 Pct. Community Affairs officers address these complaints by visiting locations and writing warning letters.

Question and answer period followed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Michelle Bogart, Professor Stony Brook University- expressed strong support for District Manager Mary Ann Carey based on their collaboration on the problem of Civic Virtue. She commended her dedication to improving the community and relayed the board's good fortune in having her.

Richard Iritano, Ozone Park resident spoke in support of retaining Mary Ann Carey as District Manager. After working with her for five years he saw how determined and diligent her work ethic was in representing the many constituents who are served by her district.

Jon Torodash, Ozone Park resident spoke about District Manager Carey's instrumental role in helping him create www.civicvirtue.org as well as her general devotion and drive to fight for the constituents of the board. He spoke of how she consistently went above and beyond the call of duty and urged the board to recognize the treasure they have in her as a District Manager.

Carol Simon, SQBGC- joined the other voices in saluting District Manager Mary Ann Carey, citing her support of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Queens. Serving at-risk youth and supporting numerous events are a small demonstration of her commitment and hopes that she can continue to serve our community.

Lorenzo Sistrunk, SQBGC-commended Mary Ann, noting that even though he has only worked with her for a short period of time her contribution to the community and continued need for her work as District Manager is abundantly evident.

Nancy DiCroce stated that she knew Mary Ann since she was a secretary in CB 10, at which time there was never a complaint that she did not see through to its solution. She commented that it is unjust for anyone to try to uproot Mary Ann and that she hopes the attempt is unsuccessful.

Sasha Austrie, Resorts World, made an announcement about the Job Fair at the York College on Thursday, June 13, 2013 from 11 am to 3 pm and the Job Fair at PS 40 in Jamaica on June 27, 2013. She wished all a great summer.

Ed Mainor, Combined Insurance Company, introduced his company which trains employees and offers insurance products to small businesses, and stated that they are recruiting people from around the country. He left his contact information for anyone that may be interested.

George Russo applauded the Board on its consistency and continuity over the years. He remarked that the face of the leadership of the Board is its District Manager and that the Board's decision to have Mary Ann serve in this position is commendable. He asked that the Board retain her as District Manager to serve in the changing times ahead.

Joseph Reuter talked about lack of debris removal caused by car accidents.

Stanley Schuckman stated that he stayed in touch with Mary Ann Carey since of the original tenants Atlantic Ave & 102nd St was Service Merchandise. Mrs. Carey was always an epitome of integrity and because of her tireless efforts the area has been kept clean for many years.

Jeremy Walsh, Queens Library talked about city budget and how it relates to all the libraries in Queens. He stated that last year, the Woodhaven branch was visited 410,000 times, 41,000 items were lent out and more that 1,600 free programs were offered. This year they are facing a \$29.6 million budget cut, which is 35%. They will be forced to close more than half of libraries in Queens if this happens. They are collecting petitions to prevent this budget cut.

Paul Sapienza commended Mary Ann's work as a District Manager stating that she knows many people in many departments and how to address any problem.

CWA is working on bill A.7144/S.4434 that takes ends grants, loans, tax benefits and stated contracts for companies that shift customer service jobs overseas. The bill covers employers with fifty or more full-time or full-time equivalent workers. The bill also establishes tax credits for companies that create new call center jobs subject to wage requirements.

Frederick Beekman, Jamaica Hospital expressed his gratitude to DM Carey stating that for over 30 years Jamaica Hospital and Community Board 9 have had excellent working relationship which has benefited the residents of CB 9. Mrs. Cary's active and consistent participation on the hospital's Community Advisory Board has been instrumental in insuring services, programs and projects are consistent with community needs. Mr. Beekman listed numeral projects that Mary Ann Carey was involved with, i.e. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of modernization of Jamaica Hospital and a 1,000 parking car garage.

Rudy Garcia read a letter on behalf of former board member Maria Camacho regarding the District Manager Mary Carey's service to the board.

Evelyn Ortiz, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow (OBT). Ms. Ortiz stated that OBT is currently recruiting for Young Adult Paid Internship Program (YAIP) for individuals 17-24 who are not enrolled in school and who are not working. The program offers 5 weeks of intense training in house and then 11 weeks of training at an internship at a corporate company, hospital, elected officials office or law firm. Interns work 25 hours per week \$7.25 per hour. Applicants must reside in South Queens.

YAIP starts on July 8th. All interested candidates should come in to the office located at 161-04 Jamaica Avenue in the Jamaica Arts and Learning Center ASAP. Call the office at (718)387-1600 for further information.

Chris Persad spoke about his marketing company which helps to increase income, protect families and safeguard assets. The company is going to recruit and hire 750 agents within next 10 years.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premise Liquor License - New

Delicioso Restaurant & Bar
D/b/a Pollos Dona Maria
93-03 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Davinder Kaur
D/b/a to be determined
102-46 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Wine Room NYC LLC
117-03 Hillside Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

b. On Premise Wine & Beer Application- New

Jot Jagraj Singh
D/b/a Novelty Indian Restaurant
110-15 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

El Gran Canario II Restaurant Inc.
111-17 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Raj & Singh Corp.
D/b/a Sohna Punjab
117-10 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

c. On Premise Wine & Beer Application- New- Reconsideration

Odradeks Coffee House
82-60 Austin Street
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

d. On Premise Liquor License Application- New- Reconsideration

CW Group Inc.
D/b/a Crazy Willy's
117-10 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

e. On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal

La Cumbre Corp.
D/b/a El Pachangon
125-15 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Austin Ale House
D/b/a Austin Ale House
82-70 Austin St.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

Bicheiros Bar Inc.
94-10 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

f. Off Premise Liquor Store Notification- Renewal

Super Liquor and Wine, Inc.
107-14 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

g. On Premise Wine & Beer License Application- Renewal

Mehak Corp.
D/b/a Mehak Restaurant
83-06 Austin St.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Andrea Crawford made a motion to amend the agenda to move all guest speakers to the beginning of the agenda and immediately followed by exec session. Ivan Mrakovcic seconded this motion. The reason for going into executive session is to discuss medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion # 1: To amend the agenda to move all guest speakers to the beginning of the agenda and immediately followed by exec session

Vote #1: 43 in favor, 3 not present

2. Guest Speaker-NYC Department of City Planning – Tom Smith

➤ Ozone Park Rezoning

Mr. Smith gave a power point presentation for the area bounded by Rockaway Boulevard, Atlantic Ave, and 101st Ave to the north; the Van Wyck Expressway & Lefferts Blvd. to the east; the Belt Parkway to the south; and the Brooklyn borough line to the west. He stated

that the Ozone Park rezoning was undertaken in response to concerns raised by Community Boards 9 & 10, local civic organizations, and local elected officials that existing zoning does not closely reflect established building patterns or guide new development to appropriate locations.

Mr. Smith said that the recommended zoning changes reinforce the area's predominantly one- and two-family residential character and direct moderate amounts of new residential and mixed-use development to locations along the area's main commercial corridors and near mass transit resources.

Question and answer period followed.

Guest Speaker-NYS Department of Environmental Conservation-Former Ozone Industries Site-*John Durnin*, NYS Department of Health- *Bridget Callaghan*

Mr. Durnin stated that action will soon be taken to address the contamination related to the Ozone Industries site located at 100th Street, btwn. 101st & 103rd Avenues under New York's Stated Superfund Program. He gave a brief background on the location, current zoning, site geology and hydrology. Mr. Durnin pointed out highlights of the upcoming cleanup activities stating that the Endzone, Inc. is responsible for conducting the cleanup. The construction activities for the cleanup are expected to occur between June, 2013 and mid-September, 2013. Mr. Durnin stated that the NYS DEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

Ms. Callaghan talked about how on-site and off-site impacted groundwater is going to be monitored.

Question and answer period followed.

Board members went into executive session and Chairperson James Coccovillo asked the public and staff to leave the room.

After executive session a motion was made to give a 5% raise to Community Board # 9 staff members Lisa Gomes and Irina Barayeva.

Motion # 2: To give a 5% raise to Lisa Gomes & Irina Barayeva

Vote # 2: Unanimous

Nick Comaianni made a motion to give six month probation period to Mary Ann Carey with evaluation system and training. Ralph Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Motion # 3: To give Mary Ann Carey, District Manager, six month probation period with evaluation system and training.

Vote # 3: 42 in favor, 4 opposed

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Motion # 4: To adopt minutes as presented

Vote # 4: Unanimous

4. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report-James Coccovillo-waived report

5. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey-waived report

6. Transportation Committee Report- Andrea Crawford –waived report

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

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins-not present

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron – waived report

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

11. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- Jim Coccovillo/Rabbi Pollack

➤ On Premise Liquor License Application - New

Delicioso Restaurant & Bar
D/b/a Pollos Dona Maria
93-03 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 5: *To send letter of no opposition conditioned upon no alcohol to be served after 1 a.m. for Delicioso Rest. & Bar, 93-03 Jamaica Ave*

Vote # 5: Unanimous

Davinder Kaur
D/b/a to be determined
102-46 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 6: *To send letter of opposition for Davinder Kaur, 102-46 Jamaica Ave*

Vote # 6: Unanimous

Wine Room NYC LLC
117-03 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 7: *To send letter of no opposition for Wine Room NYC LLC, 117-03 Hillside Ave*

Vote # 7: 41 in favor, 5 opposed

➤ **On Premise Wine & Beer License Application- New**

Jot Jagraj Singh
D/b/a Novelty Indian Restaurant
110-15 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 8: *To send letter of no opposition for Novelty Indian Restaurant,
110-15 101st Ave*

Vote # 8: *45 in favor, 1 opposed*

El Gran Canario II Restaurant, Inc.
111-17 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 9: *To send letter of no opposition for El Gran Canario II Restaurant, Inc.,
111-17 Jamaica Ave*

Vote # 9: *45 in favor, 1 opposed*

Raj & Singh Corp.
D/b/a Sohna Punjab
117-10 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 10: *To send letter of no opposition conditioned upon no alcohol to be
served after 1 a.m. subject to receipt of signature for Raj & Singh
Corp., 117-10 Atlantic Ave*

Vote # 10: *45 in favor, 1 opposed*

Austin Ale House-Renewal
D/b/a Austin Ale House
82-70 Austin St.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

All paper work is in order. Signed agreement is in file on outside area only. All alcohol has to be stopped being served after 11 pm on week nights and after 12 am on weekends and holidays.

Odradeks Coffee House
82-60 Austin St
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 11: *To send letter of no opposition conditioned upon no alcohol to be served outside after 11 pm on week nights and after 12 a.m. on weekends and holidays for Odradeks Coffee House, 82-60 Austin St*

Vote # 11: *45 in favor, 1 opposed*

CW Group Inc.
D/b/a Crazy Willy's
117-10 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 12: *To send letter of no objection conditioned upon letter from Mayor's office confirming a waiver of a handicap ramp.*

Vote # 12: *45 in favor, 1 opposed*

12. Old Business
No speakers

13. New Business

Sam Esposito suggested naming a committee or subcommittee that would address issues of the office.

14. Public Forum

Ido Shargal from Mayor's office introduced himself and stated that all issues can be emailed to him at ishargal@cityhall.nyc.gov .

Glenn Urbanas extended his gratitude to Mary Ann Carey for her work and professionalism. He wished her many more years of service in this community.

Wally Bock made a motion to adjourn, Nick Comaianni seconded it.

The meeting ended at 12:15 am