

MARCH 8, 2016 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING  
MAJESTIC MARQUISE, 88-03 101<sup>st</sup> AVE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2015-MARCH 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> # Represents Absences as of January 2016-December 2016 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1) (0)	Jan Fenster	(2) (0)	Regina Santoro	(2) (1)
Julio Batista	(2) (0)	Laraine Fletcher	(1) (0)	Jagir Singh	(1) (1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Linda Fogal	(2) (1)	Jarnail Singh	(1) (1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(0) (0)	Sylvia Hack	(3) (1)	Maharani Singh	(2) (0)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(3) (0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	Matthew Singh	(1) (0)
Latchman Budhai	(4) (1)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(3) (1)	J. Richard Smith	(1) (0)
Jim Coccovillo	(1) (0)	Sherman Kane	(1) (0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1) (0)
Nick Comaianni	(5) (2)	Joel Kuszai	(1) (0)	Maria Thomson	(0) (0)
Andrea Crawford	(2) (0)	Marian C. Molina	(1) (0)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Richard David	(1) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(3) (1)
Joan DeCamp	(1) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(1) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)
Stephen Esposito	(2) (0)	Mohamed Safie	(4) (1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

John Carter	(2) (1)	Priscilla Levine	(4) (2)*	Raghbir Singh	(1) (1)
Patrick Khan	(3) (1)	Ivan Mrakovic	(3) (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/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo  
Mohamed Hack, QBPO  
Mariela Cano, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich  
Mohamad Dahmad, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin  
Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller  
Scott Wolff, Rep. Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz  
D.I. Urprasad, NYPD/102 Pct.  
P.O. Edwin Martinez, NYPD/102 Pct.  
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz  
Kevin Sean Baptist, Rep. Senator Sanders  
Brandon Clarke, Rep. Council Member Rubin Wills

*Guests' sign-in sheets are available upon request.*

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**a. On Premise Liquor License Application – New**

Kai Lounge & Bar Corp.  
117-15 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419            *No speakers*

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

Royal Indian Palace & Restaurant, Inc.  
118-08 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419            *No speakers*

Majestic Marquise Corp.  
88-03 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416            *No speakers*

Atlantic Palace, LLC  
D/b/a Golden Terrace Banquet Hall  
120-23 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418            *No speakers*

New Talent Zone Corp.  
D/b/a Venue  
119-30 Metropolitan Ave  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415      *No speakers*

## **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Tatiana Strickland, Department of Consumer Affairs**, spoke about the advantages of a Commuter Benefits Program.

**Michael Moore, Richmond Hill Resident**, gave out information on Council Member Koslowitz Participatory Budget Schedule and NYC Parks Volunteer opportunities. He also stated that the area in the perimeter of Metropolitan Ave, Lefferts Blvd., Park Lane South and Myrtle Ave has satisfied the requirements outlined in the DOT criteria for a Slow Zone implementation consideration.

**Joseph Reuter, Richmond Hill Resident**, a DOT study for the pedestrian ramp installation on Atlantic Ave, between 106 St. and 108<sup>th</sup> St. He also invited CB9 members to come to the Boy Scouts 173 Club located at 101-18 104 St to speak.

**Sonia Shultz, Richmond Hill Resident**, asked Phagwah Parade organizers to make an effort to better clean the affected streets because last year many of the home owners were issued summonses.

**Helen Krisilas, H&R Block**, spoke about free services provided by H&R Block, i.e., Free Tax Seminars.

**Pat Lawenhaupt, Jackson Heights Resident**, announced the dates for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Queens World Film Festival 2016. She stated that 142 films from 23 Nations will be presented from March 15 to March 20, 2016 at the Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.

*Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.*

**Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz**, congratulated the Hindu Community with Maha Shiva Rathri holiday and gave out pamphlets about Winter/Spring 2016 events in Queens Borough Hall.

**Scott Wolff, Rep. Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz**, stated that staff from State Comptroller DiNapoli's & Assembly Member Simanowitz's office will be at the Queens Community House Forest Hills Senior Center on Friday, March 18, 2016, checking to see if local residents are owed some of New York's \$14 billion in unclaimed funds.

**Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz**, nothing to report.

**Brandon Clarke, Rep. Council Member Rubin Wills**, gave out information on the events sponsored by the Council Member:

- 2016 Free Tax Prep
- Free Immigration Services on Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Free Legal Assistance on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo**, made an announcement about semi-annual Recycling Fair that will take place on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot and Rain Barrel Giveaway on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Mohamad Dahmad, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin**, stated that the Assembly Member and NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance are hosting a Facilitated Self-Assistance Tax Preparation Site at the Queens Library at Lefferts, 103-34 Lefferts Blvd. All sessions will be held from 10 a.m-4 p.m. every Wednesday from February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 to April 13, 2016. Household income must be less than \$62,000 in order to be eligible for this service.

**Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Miller**, stated that due to NYC Regulations there will be no prescription drugs, paint and tires accepted at the Free Recycling Event co-sponsored by the Assembly Member.

**Marisa Cano, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich**, announced that the Councilman is sponsoring the Queens Symphony Orchestra Concert on March 10, 2016. It will take place at St. Helens Father Dooley Hall in Howard Beach. She also announced the Ozone Park Library is closing for renovations.

### **3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Smith asked for any corrections or additions to February 9, 2016 minutes. There were none.

**Motion # 1:** To accept February 9, 2016 minutes as presented

**Vote # 1:** 36 in favor, 1 not present and 1 abstention

### **4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.**

Deputy Inspector Urprasad stated that:

- The 102 Pct. is down over 28% in crime this year and 9% down for the last 28 days.
- There was a stabbing reported on Jamaica Ave last Thursday.
- The next 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Community Council Meeting will take place on March 15, 2016 at the New Heaven Ministries, 130-05 101 Ave, 7-9 p.m. where a presentation by the NYPD's Hate Crime Task Force will take place.

Questions and answers period followed.

## **5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – Raj Rampershad**

Chair Rampershad stated he was elected a year ago and he has enjoyed his time on the board as Chair. Chair Rampershad reflected on his interview with QBP Katz when she asked him which direction he saw this board moving and his response was “forward”. He believes there has been progress and praised the board and office for their efforts, efficiency and hard work. Chair Rampershad thanked all the chairs, board members, legislative representatives and press for attending all the board meetings. He also thanked Sandra Datnarin for hosting tonight's meeting.

Chair Rampershad announced the next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

## **6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes**

“On February 17<sup>th</sup> I was invited to Assemblyman David Weprin Tax Workshop at the Lefferts Blvd. Library Located at 103-34 Lefferts Blvd where tax preparers provided free Tax assistance to the Community.

On February 26<sup>th</sup> I attended Forest Park's recognition to volunteers who help keep Forest Park clean and participate in events. NYC Parks Commissioner Silver introduced our Elected Officials Staff who presented Certificates of Appreciation for the volunteer service to forest Park. It was a wonderful event and there were some board members that were there: Maria Thomson(GWDC) and Ivan Mrakovic (Queens Historically Society).

There were 42 complaints and requests processed in February, 2016 by Irina Barayeva. I want to thank Irina for all her hard work and dedication. Not only does she register complaints, she deals with constituents, elected officials, and civic groups, etc.

In addition I would like to thank Victor as well for his dedication and hard work with the Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee.”

## **7. Election of Officers**

Joan DeCamp opened nominations on the floor for Chairperson. Andrea Crawford nominated Raj Rampershad for Chairperson.

Vote: unanimous

Raj Rampershad is re-elected Chairperson.

Chair Rampershad received nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair.

Nominees: J. Richard Smith and Marian Molina

Vote: 28 for J. Richard Smith and 10 for Marian Molina

J. Richard Smith is elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson.

Chair Rampershad received nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

Nominees: Joe laboni, Marian Molina and Kenny Wilson.

Joe laboni withdrew his nomination.

Vote: 17 for Marian Molina and 21 for Kenny Wilson.

Kenny Wilson is elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

Chair Rampershad received nominations for Executive Secretary.

Nominees: Marian Molina, Joe laboni and Ivan Mrakovcic.

Vote: Marian Molina 6, Joe laboni 10 and Ivan Mrakovcic 22.

Ivan Mrakovcic is elected Executive Secretary.

## **8. Land Use Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs**

➤ ZQA/MIH Statement to City Council

***VOTE TO BE TAKEN***

Sherman Kane read the Statement from CB9Q Exec & Land Use Committee stating that the Committee unanimously approved it at their meeting on February 23, 2016.

**Motion # 2:** To support CB9Q Exec & Land Use Committees ZQA/MIH Statement to City Council

**Vote # 2:** 37 in favor and 1 abstention

- Met with Ken Lazar from DOB to review a list with problem locations. Mr. Kane stated that all DOB related complaints should be registered with 311 and then called in into the district office for processing. Will arrange a meeting with the Department of Finance as this agency can enforce the ECB violations.
- Met with Habitat NYC, the organization that's moving forward on an initiative to rehabilitate vacant, dilapidated homes in southeast Queens ; looking forward to working with this organization.

## **9. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenny Wilson, Chair**

Kenny Wilson announced the next Transportation & Traffic Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the district office.

➤ Guest Speaker – DOT Presentation - Safety Improvements to Rockaway Blvd., between 89<sup>th</sup> St. and 102<sup>nd</sup> Rd.

***VOTE TO BE TAKEN***

Albert Silvestri made a power point presentation re Pedestrian Accessibility and Safety Improvements on Rockaway Blvd., from 89<sup>th</sup> St to 102<sup>nd</sup> Rd stating the following proposals:

- Mark new high-visibility crosswalks on Rockaway Blvd. a & 89<sup>th</sup> St
- Construct concrete pedestrian safety island on Rockaway Blvd. at 89<sup>th</sup> St

- Construct concrete pedestrian safety island on Rockaway Blvd. at 90<sup>th</sup> St in existing flush median
- Build-out channelized triangle at intersection of Rockaway Blvd, 90<sup>th</sup> St & 102<sup>nd</sup> Rd
- Mark new high-visibility crosswalk at 102<sup>nd</sup> Rd & 90<sup>th</sup> St
- Upgrade all project area crosswalks to high visibility
- Add No Standing Anytime zone on 90<sup>th</sup> St at 102<sup>nd</sup> Rd to allow for emergency vehicle access

**Motion # 3:** To support DOT’s Safety Improvements Proposal to Rockaway Blvd. from 89<sup>th</sup> St to 102<sup>nd</sup> Rd

**Vote # 3:** Unanimous

**10. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – James Coccovillo & Maharani Singh, Co-Chairs**

**a. On Premise Liquor License Application – New**

Harbor Breeze Restaurant & Lounge, Inc.  
 107-12 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
 Ozone Park, NY 11416

***VOTE TO BE TAKEN***

**Motion # 4:** Not to oppose new on premise liquor license application with 1 a.m. stipulation for Harbor Breeze Restaurant & Lounge, 107-12 101<sup>st</sup> Ave

**Vote # 4:** 37 in favor and 1 abstention

Pop’s Restaurant  
 85-22 Jamaica Ave  
 Woodhaven, NY 11421

***VOTE TO BE TAKEN***

**Motion # 5:** To oppose new on premise liquor license application for Pop’s Restaurant, 85-22 Jamaica Ave

**Vote #5:** Unanimous

LaBoy Family, Inc.  
 105-06 Jamaica Ave  
 Richmond Hill, NY 11418

***VOTE TO BE TAKEN***

**Motion # 6:** Not to oppose new on premise liquor license application for LaBoy Family, Inc., 105-06 Jamaica Ave

**Vote# 6:** 30 in favor and 8 opposed

Mr. Coccovillo announced the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

#### **11. Education & Youth Services Committee Report – Seth Welins, Chair**

- The School Construction Authority rejected P.S. 90's request for air-conditioned classrooms and an elevator. CB9 supported this request.
- According to a recent IBO report, N.Y.C. Public schools' ELA and Math test scores no longer lag the rest of NY State, for the first time since 2006. The city's schools ELA scores are on a par with the rest of the state while the math scores are 3 percentage points below the State's average scores. When controlling for a number of student characteristics, the city's ELA and math test scores are approximately 13% higher than the scores of students in the rest of the state.
- P.S. 66, 64, 306 and 54 are overcrowded, according to the 2017 Expense and Capital Priorities report. The Education Committee will reach out to these schools and offer support in their effort to relieve overcrowding.

#### **12. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report – J.R. Smith & Laraine Fletcher, Co-Chairs**

J. Richard Smith asked Naidoo Veerapen to give background on the history of the Phagwah Parade. Mr. Veerapen stated that Phagwah, or Holi, is an ancient Hindu Festival that celebrates the triumph of good over evil. It also ushers the arrival of the spring season.

Over the last twenty seven years, the Phagwah Parade has attracted large crowds drawn from the New York Tri State communities, and even beyond. In fact the New York Times described it as "the biggest street festival in Queens".

The Phagwah Parade in NY, which was started by Hindu immigrants from Guyana and the Caribbean, truly reflects the cultural diversity of our country and strongly promotes the concept of unity in the face of adversity. Mr. Veerapen invited all to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Phagwah Parade which will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 10 a.m. The Parade's route is Liberty Avenue and 133rd Street; west on Liberty, north on 125th Street to Smokey Oval Park at 125th Street.

**Motion # 7:** To write a letter of support for the Phagwah Parade

**Vote # 7:** Unanimous

#### **13. Economic Development Committee Report – Richard David, Chair**

Mr. David had nothing to report, however he praised the organizers of the Phagwah Parade and encouraged everyone to participate in this very peaceful, enthusiastic and colorful event.



**14. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair,** reported on the following:

- ❖ The NY State Comptroller is conducting a survey on noise complaints in NYC neighborhoods; the forms are available in English, Spanish, Russian and Mandarin.
- ❖ The American Red Cross is offering Citizen Preparedness Training. Visit their website [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) if you are interested.
- ❖ Handed out flyers on How to Prepare for a Power Outage.
- ❖ Working on research to find out which pesticides are used during spraying for West Nile Virus. Joel Kuszai provided an article re: Coalition Against Poison Parks Releases Map of Where City Sprays Cancer-Causing Roundup.

**15. Old Business**

Sherman Kane requested an update on re-zoning for CB9 website.

Maria Thomson asked for an update on Woodhaven Blvd. SBS Proposal. Kenny Wilson stated there is none.

**16. New Business**

Kevin O’Leary asked for an update on his request to post a bus schedule on the Q37 bus stop at the intersection of Park Lane South & Metropolitan Ave.

Sylvia Hack inquired as to why MTA customers must wait outside during inclement weather while waiting for a bus.

Joan DeCamp congratulated Raj Rampershad on his re-election as CB9 Chair and announced that CB8Q Chair Warshaviak is stepping down at the end of the month. He has served twenty five years of his thirty five years on the community board as its Chairman.

Latchman Budhai reminded all that the March 15, 2016 102 Pct. Community Council meeting will take place at a new venue, 130-05 101<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Joe laboni suggested the board members getting IDs stating their membership on the board.

Sandra Datnarain stated she intends to honor the Calvary Mission and the River Fund New York Food Pantries at the next community board meeting. The school crossing guards will be honored at the June meeting.

Alex Blenkinsopp announced the WRBA next Townhall meeting will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at noon at the American Legion Hall in Woodhaven.

Mohamad Islam expressed his concern regarding new No Standing Anytime signs on 97<sup>th</sup> Ave & 108<sup>th</sup> St.

Maria Thomson stated that a new organization, Redemption Point, is moving to Woodhaven BID.

**17. Public Forum** *No speakers*

Joe laboni made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 10 p.m., Sylvia Hack seconded the motion.