

MARCH 10, 2009 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
MARJESTIC MARQUEE 88-03 101 AVE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2008

Jan Fenster	(3)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(3)	Joe Todisco	(5)
Sam Esposito	(3)	Akhtar Ali*	(1)	Maria Thomson	(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(3)	Sam Esposito	(3)	Marie Turley	(0)
Tomas Chiofalo	(3)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)	Mohammed Z. Safie	(5)
Richard S. David	(3)	Sherman Kane	(0)	O. Raj Rampershad	(1)
John Carter	(1)	Robert Mangieri	(1)		
Nick Comaianni	(1)	Priscilla Levine	(3)		
Andrea Crawford	(0)	Ivan Mrakovic	(0)		
Sandra Datnarain	(1)	Ralph González	(5)		
Palo Dedvukaj	(2)	Stephen Esposito	(2)		
Anton Dietrich	(0)	James Coccovillo	(2)		
Balbir Kaur	(3)	Regina Santoro	(1)		
Susan Farrell	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Naidoo Veerapen	(2)	Latchman Budhai	(2)	Evelyn Baron	(3)
Wallace Bock	(3)	Nick Comaianni	(2)	Harjinder S. Duggal	(1)
Joan DeCamp	(2)	Jan Fenster	(5)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(3)
Sylvia Hack	(2)				

*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.

ALSO PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Brian Pugh, Assemblyman Lancman	David Qunitana
Anne Watson, Assemblyman Lancman's Office	Martha Ayon, NYC Comptroller
Scott Wolff, Assemblywoman Mayersohn	C.M. Eric Goia
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo	C.M. Eric Ulrich
Amit Bagga, Congressperson Weiner	David Siegal
P.O. Jay Remsen, 102 Pct.	Teresa Audler
P.O. McCoy, 102 Pct.	Grecso Eurbeco
Kate Mooney, C.M. Crowley	Richard Weinberg

Scott Strober, Marbridge Realty
Ralph Mancini, Ridgewood Times
Jeff Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Anabel Williams, Congressperson Weiner
Ruth Eddolf
Vid Sukdeo
Miguel Gomes
Ron Layer
Elizabeth Tavares
Anhery Tavares
Flor Tavares
Jeannette Rodrigues
Juan Tavares
Eileen Keegan
Debbie Van Cura
Raymond Aviles
Kathleen Kogan
Ernest Liebovits
Mary G. Lovitz
Helen Day
Claudia Whitsett
Eileen Whitsett
Dianna Carbelo
Albert Baldeo
Randy Rock
John Frank
Susan Carter
Clark Whitsett
Arvin Tavares
Uzziel Tavares
Wendy Brown
Joan Pomillio
Ronald Frank

Vanice Barbour
Linda McCauley
Savitree Sahadeo
Jen Hargrove
Murry Berger
Katherine Triebil
Raghibir Singh
Janice Layer
Kathryn Posekel
Joan Bachert
Wendy Bourne
Peter Heinz
Anne Kilkenny
Chris Luther
Katherine McGrath
Richard F. Dono
Rimia Leibovitz
Ronald Frank
Ray Delatalie
Joselyn Salazar
Cecilia Siegal
Chisopher Hall
Toni Ann Branda
Paul Challita
Rebecca Chan
Nigeria Worthington
William Gati
Fiona Kerns
Patrick Kearns
S. Malcom Menries
Smickia Warsmar
Bruce Cole
George Matassov

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Toni Anne Brada

Despite community board 9's vote opposing the instillation of parking meters on 101st Ave, signs have gone up and tickets have been issued. Luckily the Community Board helped prevent DOT from putting up the meters.

2. David Quintana

Mr. Quintana spoke about the Ridgewood Reservoirs upcoming listing tours and invited CB# 9 to attend. He also mentioned the MTA'S proposed service cuts of the Q56, which will negatively affect the Community Board #9 area.

3. Albert Bourdier

Mr. Bourd spoke about foreclosure issues and scams. Do not fall for false advertisements that have been posted in the area. If any one has questions or concerns dealing with foreclosure issues, come to 153-01 Jamaica Ave. from 9:00 to 5:00 for legitimate information and advice.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Association for the Advancement of Blind and Retarded, Inc.

Proposed Community Residence- 84-20 112 Street

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

Deleted:

a. On Premise Liquor License- New

Lefferts Café
87-16 Lefferts Blvd.
Richmond, Hill NY 11418

b. Off Premise Grocery Beer & Wine License-New

New Apple Food Market, Corp.
102-01/03 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

c. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal

Hamleans Café Inc.
D/b/a Lenihans
119-09 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

The Little Brown Jug, Inc.
124-02 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Greenheart Bar, Inc.
D/b/a Finally Al's
108-12 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Fiesta Mi Gente Restaurant
125-15 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

d. **Off Premise Beer & Wine- Renewal**

Tu Casa Restaurant Corp.
119-05 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

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

116-02 101 Ave. Bar Corp.
D/b/a Flight 116
116-02 101 Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Metro Sushi Café, Inc.
118-21 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

e. **TLC For Hire Base Station- Renewal**

Community Consequya Car Service, Inc.
86-29 102nd St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

Additions/Corrections to the February 10, 2009 minutes:

Under Old Business, Maria Thomson made an addition to the minutes that should state:

Principal Evan A. Hern, of Franklyn K. Lane H.S. has passed away at the age of 53; he did much good for the school and will be greatly missed.

*Stephan Esposito motioned to accept minutes as amended.
Susan Farrell seconded the motion.*

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as presented

Vote #1: unanimous

2. **Chairperson's Remarks – Andrea Crawford**

Ms. Crawford spoke about the Borough Board meeting. In the meeting they spoke about a waterfront access zoning law, which was voted on and approved. The law will grant better usage of water front for the neighborhood. On the Capital and Expense Budget, The construction of new public school buildings in Community Board 9 area, Greenhouse rehabilitation in Forest Park and Renovation and reconstruction of Tennis Courts in Forest Park have all been approved for funding. Although the Civic Virtue Statue has not been approved, it has not been removed from the Capital Budget.

She introduced the legislators and their representatives, and asked for updates.

- Brian Pugh of Assemblyman Lancman's office left "Do Leave Unsolicited Items on this Property" Flyers for homeowners. If anyone has questions or concerns please call the office.
- Martha Ayon stated that the NYC Comptroller's Office is fighting budget cuts. The Dept. of Buildings has changed its policy; due to the "objection rule" information will no longer readily be available to the public on their website. Also please visit the comptroller's website at comp@nyc.gov
- Eric Ulrich, newly elected councilmember thanked community board 9 for their support. He has not been sworn into office yet, but there will be a swearing in ceremony this Sunday in P.S. 207, Mayor Bloomberg will be attendance. Mr. Ulrich is looking forward to working with the Community Board 9.
- Councilmember Eric Gioia spoke about the overlooked hunger crisis in NYC. He stated that out of the two million New Yorkers who qualify for food stamps, only half actually receive them. If you make under \$ 24,000 and have children, you qualify.
- Amit Bagga of Congressman Weiner's Office introduced Annabel Williams, new liaison for Ozone Park and Woodhaven. He congratulated Councilmember Eric Ulrich on his victory. There will be 4,400 new cops in the next two years. Congressman Weiner is fighting the recent parking meter increases. DOT recently reduced the time for parking meters from 30 to 20 minutes without any notification to the public.
- Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley asked any one who has questions or concerns on any issues going on to day to please stop by the office which is located by Dry Harbor Rd. by St. Johns Cemetery. She also commented on the AABR public hearing, stating that her child hood home was sold to a similar organization.
- Jeff Gottleib stated that State Senator Joe Addabbo is against tolls on free bridges and is fighting against this. He is also opposed to budget cuts on veteran care as well as Medicare for the elderly. Call the office at 718-738-1111 for more information.

3. **Executive Committee Report- Andrea Crawford**

- ❖ **Association for the Advancement of Blind and Retarded, Inc.**

Proposed Community Residence- 84-20 112 Street

The AABR is an organization founded in 1956 which has provided specialized services to people of all ages who have mental retardation and developmental disabilities. This particular proposed group home will house 6 autistic boys ages 16-18 who have grown up together and will continue to go to school together. For the public hearing, there were 22 speakers.

The following speakers were in support of the proposed AABR group home:

John Frank	Patrick Kerns
Nigeria Worthington	Malcolm Menries
Ray DeNatale	Wendy Bowne
Paul Challita	Smillia Warmar
Randy Rock	John Pomillio
Susan Carter	Fiona Kerns
Bruce Cole	

The following speakers were in opposition to the proposed AABR group home:

William Gati	Uzziel Tavares
Clark Whitsett	Ronald Frank
Rebecca Chang	George Matassuv
Arvin Taveras	David Seigal

*Andrea Crawford motioned to send letter of support for AABR
Ivan Mrakovcic seconded the motion.*

*Motion # 2: To send letter of support for the AABR group home
Vote #2: 24 in favor, 4 opposed*

4. District Managers Report- Mary Ann Carey

CB9 has over 20 group homes within its boundaries. In the 25 years since the first home was approved in Richmond Hill until today the CB has never received a complaint about the homes or its residences. The operators of the various homes have kept them in better than good condition inside and out, the operators recruit members of the surrounding area to participate on their board and hire qualified individuals from the community for various positions. The clients in the homes are taken from Queens with priority given to those living in proximity to the home. Our Board has a reputation for reviewing and voting on these residence in accordance with the Padavan Law, a copy of which is in the Board members folders and available at the door. It lists the Board's options.

The District Manager attended South Jamaica Zone Administrative Board Meeting where new businesses opening in CB9 are reviewed and discussed. The official zone boundaries encompass CB9 up to 130th Street along Jamaica Avenue. But any business in Queens may apply for the benefits of the Empire zone. The first is the Gotham Green

Farms which is a start up business, the first commercial hydroponics rooftop farm in New York. The applicant plans to add three employees over the next five years and will include health care and three weeks of vacation. This is the first project of its type and the second in the city. The first is located in New York on the Hudson River. They expect the new project to produce 5000 to 7000 lbs of food a month and they have an agreement with seven restaurants. There is also an opportunity for training in this field with York College.

5. **Monthly Update Report -102 Pct**

P.O. Fisher spoke about the Paguah Parade on March 15th from 10-3. the parade will start on 134th St and Liberty and will end at Smokey Oval Park. There will be a pre-Paguah party from 3-9 pm on March 14th on 121-15 101st, while no street closures will be in effect, there may be some traffic during the celebration.

6. **Land Use Committee Report- reported by Andrea Crawford**

Chairperson Crawford spoke to John Young of City Planning, who was unaware of Joy Tienn's plans. J. Richard Smith will attend the Zoning Task Force Meeting.

The Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition strives to protect and improve the waters of New York City's Croton Watershed, a critical component of the water supply for over half of New York State. Safe, clean and affordable drinking water is a basic human right. There was a resolution to ban drilling in order to have filtered drinking water.

*Tom Chiofalo motioned to ban drilling on natural drinking water
Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.*

*Motion # 3: To support resolution
Vote #3: 27 in favor, 1 opposed*

7. **Education & Youth Services Committee Report-Nick Comaianni**

No Report.

8. **Health and Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron**

No Report.

9. **Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report- J. Richard Smith**

The Dept. of Sanitation Sand trucks, which are parked out side the office are going in to the air and have affected the office employee's health. The water used to hose down the trucks have gone into the walls of the building, causing mold has also

affected the employees health. It is unclear when the new garages will be built to store and wash these trucks.

10. **Public Safety, Consumer affairs, & Transportation Committee Report- Jim Coccovillo & Tom Chiofolo**

❖ **TLC For Hire Base Station- Renewal**

Community Consequya Car Service, Inc.
86-29 102nd St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

*Jim Coccovillo motioned to send letter of no objection for Community Consequya Car Service, Inc.
Tom Chiofolo seconded the motion.*

*Motion # 4: To send no objection for Community Consequya Car Service, Inc.
Vote #4: 27 in favor, 1 opposed*

❖ **On Premise Liquor License- New**

Lefferts Café
87-16 Lefferts Blvd
Richmond, Hill NY 11418

*Jim Coccovillo motioned to send letter of no objection for Lefferts Café
Tom Chiofolo seconded the motion.*

*Motion #5: To send no objection for Leffert's Café
Vote #5: 27 in favor, 1 opposed*

❖ **Off Premise Grocery Beer & Wine License-New**

New Apple Food Market, Corp.
102-01/03 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

*Jim Coccovillo motioned to send letter of no objection for New Apple Food Market
Tom Chiofolo seconded the motion.*

*Motion #6: To send letter of objection for New Apple Food Market
Vote # 6: 27 in favor, 1 opposed*

11. **Election of Community Board Officers**

Andrea Crawford received nominations for Chairperson.

Nominee: Andrea Crawford

Vote: unanimous

Andrea Crawford is elected chairperson

Andrea Crawford received nominations for 1st Vice Chair.

Nominee: Ivan Mrakovcic

Vote: unanimous for Ivan Mrakovcic

Ivan Mrakovcic was elected 1st Vice Chair

Andrea Crawford received nominations for 2nd Vice Chair

Nominee: Rabbi Pollack

Vote: unanimous

Rabbi Pollack was elected 2nd Vice Chair.

Andrea Crawford received nominations for Executive Secretary

Nominee: Regina Santoro

Vote: unanimous for Regina Santoro

Regina Santoro was elected Executive Secretary

12. Old Business

- Andrea Crawford gave an update on the BSA No. 88-08 BZ which was voted on and opposed in the May 2008 meeting as well as February 2009 meeting. The conversion of a residential structure in an R5 zone to Commercial Office was denied by the commissioner of the Board of Appeals.

13. New Business

- Stephen Esposito invited all board members to the GWDC Dinner Dance on May 15th.
- Priscilla Levine stated that the new and improved Forest view Dinner on Jamaica Ave. in Woodhaven has opened up again.

14. Public Forum

No speakers

Stephen Esposito made a motion to end the meeting, James Coccovillo seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:45 p.m.