

**APRIL 9, 2013 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO
101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2013**

David Adorno	(0)	Sam Esposito	(0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)	Stephen Esposito	(0)	Raj Rampershad	(0)
Akhtar Ali	(0)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Mohamed Safie	(0)
Evelyn Baron	(0)	Jan Fenster	(0)	Regina Santoro	(0)
Julio Batista	(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)	Maharani Singh	(0)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)	Ralph Gonzalez	(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)	Scott Jordan	(0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)	Patrick Khan	(0)	Marie Turley	(0)
Richard David	(0)	Joel Kuszai	(0)	Seth Welins	(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)	Priscilla Levine	(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(0)
Anton Dietrich	(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)	Clark Whitsett	(0)
H. Singh Duggal	(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Wallace Bock	(1)	Nick Comaianni	(1)	Marian Molina	(1)
John Carter	(1)	Andrea Crawford	(1)	Jagir Singh	(1)
Albert Cohen	(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)	Joseph Todisco	(1)

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, Congresswoman Meng
Kate Mooney, CM Crowley
Vishnu Mahadeo, Senator Sanders
Chris Kaznowski, AM Hevesi
Mary Ann Maltese, AM Miller
Michael Cohen, Karen Kozlowitz

Wilma Bynum, QBPO
Council Member Eric Ulrich
Scott Wolf, AM Simanowitz
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
PO Jose Severino, 102 Pct.
Leilani Blira-Koessler, AM Miller

GUESTS

Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

Chairperson Jim Coccovillo moved item #3 on the agenda to the last item.

PUBLIC FORUM

Neil Giannelli-spoke in opposition to Queens Way project and asked to plant more street trees.

Robert Tilley, Foreclosure Services Coordinator- stated that he represents Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica, Inc. which helps in the following:

- educating consumers about affordable mortgage products
- recognizing the signs of housing discrimination and filing a housing discrimination complaint
- giving free advice and recommendations on construction services program
- foreclosure prevention counseling
- home maintenance training program, etc.

Information is available at www.nhsj.org

Chairperson Jim Coccovillo introduced legislatives and their representatives.

Marian Gottlieb representing Senator Addabbo-stated Senator is sponsoring a Prostate Screening Event on 4/15/13 at Martin Luther High School from 4-6 pm; co-sponsoring a Recycling Event on Sunday, April 28 with AM Miller at the Forest Park Bandshell from 10 am to 3 pm and a post Sandy Job Fair at the Resorts World Casino on May 14 from 9am to 3 pm.

Vishnu Mahadeo representing Senator Sanders stated that because of State budget cuts they have to hold off on the opening of the Richmond Hill office. The Senator will start lobbying on the immigration reform tomorrow.

Leilani Blira-Koessler representing Assembly Member Miller- no report

Wilma Bynum representing Queens Borough President Marshall-no report

Mary Ann Maltese representing Assembly Member Miller made an announcement about a free mammogram event that he is sponsoring on May 11, 2013 at 9 am.

Kate Mooney representing Council Member Crawley-reported on the following issues:

- CM Crowley had a scoping meeting with the Dept. of Parks & Recreation at the Mary Whalen Playground where she has allocated \$ 700,000. Only one half of the park will be done with this funding.
- Council Member is very concerned about the sexual assault in Forest Park and has been in regular contact with 102 Pct. and is in conversation with Forest Park Road Runners. She is considering capital improvements in the Park to enhance safety.
- PS 66, the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School in Richmond Hill was honored for its progress with academic advances by Latino children.
- The Council voted on a Bill to Replace Fines with Warnings for Small Businesses. Details on bill to come.
- Woodhaven Library is opening lower level to serve the public even while renovations are going on.

Ms. Mooney answered Board Members questions.

Council Member Ulrich- congratulated the new Chairperson James Coccovillo and discussed several issues. Among them were:

- the scandal involving several politicians;
- Bus Rapid Transit program.

Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi- is a Chairman of Oversight Analysis and Investigation Committee. This is the only committee that has a subpoena power. Since redistricting, the area he covers in CB 9 has grown tremendously and he is looking forward to serving the community.

Assembly Member Hevesi answered board members' questions.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application- New

F.C.B.R. Inc.
81-39 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

b. On Premise Wine & Beer Only License Application - Renewal

Metro Sushi Café Inc.
D/b/a Metro Sushi Café
118-21 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

Pop's Restaurant Inc.
85-22 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Paul Michael's Brick Oven Café, Inc.
85-19 126 St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

c. Alteration Application

Tropical Deli Café Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

d. Location Change

Tropical Deli Café Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

e. On Premise Wine & Beer Application- Renewal

Tropical Deli Café Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

f. On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal

Mingle #1 Inc.
130-18 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

There were no corrections submitted to March 2013 minutes.

Motion # 1: to adopt minutes as submitted

Vote # 1: unanimous

2. Monthly Update Report- 102 Pct.

P.O. Severino stated that the search for a suspect of the rape that occurred on 3/29/13 in Forest Park is still active because the previous arrest was made by mistake.

P.O. Severino informed the board that the 102 Pct. will be offering summer programs. The deadline for applying is May, 2013.

Question and answer period followed.

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

Chairperson Jim Coccovillo introduced new board members and welcomed them to the board.

Chairperson thanked the board for their support and stated that he looks forward to working on the board's issues and goals.

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

District Manager Mary Ann Carey congratulated the new chair.

Mrs. Carey stated that she will be attending a Public Hearing on Close to Home Initiatives, Phase 2 that will take place April 10, 2013 at the Queens Borough Hall.

Evelyn Baron gave a brief explanation on Close to Home Initiative Program.

5. Guest Speaker- Endzone Industries-Ted Coyle, et al.

Mr. Coyle gave a power point presentation regarding their project on the former Ozone Industries Site.

Question and answer period followed.

6. Transportation Committee Report- Andrea Crawford

No report

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

No report

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

Mr. Welins stated that parents should contact their child's school and enroll their child in one of the summer programs because programs fill up quickly.

Parents should speak with their child's principal or parent association president about having a conference of standardized testing. They have to find out how the school is using the test scores with respect to program and call placement. Parents should also learn how these tests are constructed and how to interpret the scores.

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Evelyn Baron reported on the following:

- The migration of Long Term Care patients to a Manage Care Long Term Care programs;
- The difference between Medicare & Medicaid
- The 'parts' of the Medicare program
- Responded to questions related to Medicare and Medicaid.

Dr. Evangelista added the potential move of Medicare toward controlling.

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

DEP will have the lowest increase in water cost that they have had in the last 8 years. Public Hearings will be held in every borough from April 29 to May 3, 2013. Queens public hearing will take place at LaGuardia College on May 2, 2013 at 7pm.

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

➤ **On Premise Wine & Beer Only License Application - Renewal**

Metro Sushi Café Inc.
D/b/a Metro Sushi Café
118-21 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

No vote will be taken at this time because all paper work is in order.

➤ **On Premise Liquor License Application- New**

F.C.B.R. Inc.
81-39 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 2: *To send letter of opposition for F.C.B.R., Inc. 81-39 Lefferts Blvd.*

Vote # 2: *40 in favor, 1 opposed*

➤ **On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal**

Mingle #1 Inc.
130-18 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 3: *To send letter of no opposition for Mingle #1, Inc., 130-18 101 Ave*

Vote # 3: *40 in favor, 1 opposed*

Next Public Safety committee meeting will take place on Monday, April 16, 2013 at 7 pm.

12. Old Business
No speakers

13. New Business
No speakers

14. Exec Session

- “Consideration of removal of Albert Cohen from membership on Community Board No. 9 for substantial non-attendance”.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Joan DeCamp made a motion to make an amendment and eliminate the word ‘consideration’ from agenda item # 3. Sam Esposito seconded the motion.

Motion # 4: *To eliminate word ‘consideration’ from agenda item # 3.*

Vote # 4: *40 in favor, 1 opposed*

Motion # 5: *To remove Albert Cohen from membership on Community Board No. 9 for substantial non-attendance.*

Vote # 5: *40 in favor, 1 opposed*

15. Public Forum

Tony DeSilva spoke against the cleanup of the Ozone Industries site.

David Quintana suggested Endzone Industries have a meeting with Council Member Eric Ulrich and DEC.

Greg Levine representing Congresswoman Grace Meng invited all to commemorate her first 100

days in office at her Inaugural Ceremony on Sunday April 14, 2013 at 2pm at Francis Lewis High School.

Sam Esposito made a motion to adjourn the meeting Rabbi Pollack seconded this motion.

The meeting ended at 11 pm.