

**MAY 14, 2013 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR MEETING THE CENTER AT MAPLE GROVE  
CEMETERY, 127-15 KEW GARDENS RD**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2013-MARCH 2014**

David Adorno	(0)	Stephen Esposito	(0)	Jagir Singh	(1)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Maharani Singh	(0)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)	Ralph Gonzalez	(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)	Scott Jordan	(0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
John Carter	(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(0)	Patrick Khan	(0)	Joseph Todisco	(1)
Nick Comaianni	(1)	Joel Kuszai	(0)	Marie Turley	(0)
Andrea Crawford	(1)	Marian Molina	(1)	Seth Welins	(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)	Clark Whitsett	(0)
Anton Dietrich	(0)	Raj Rampershad	(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)
H. Singh Duggal	(0)	Regina Santoro	(0)		

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Akhtar Ali	(1)*	Richard David	(1)	Sylvia Hack	(1)
Evelyn Baron	(1)	Sam Esposito	(1)	Priscilla Levine	(1)
Julio Batista	(1)	Jan Fenster	(1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)
Wallace Bock	(2)	Linda Fogal	(1)	Mohamed Safie	(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, Congress Member Meng  
Kate Mooney, CM Crowley  
Anthony Lemma, AM Weprin  
Chris Kaznowski, AM Hevesi  
Mary Ann Maltese, AM Miller

Wilma Bynum, QBPO  
Mohamed Hack, CM Wills  
Scott Wolf, AM Simanowitz  
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo  
Michael Cohen, Karen Kozlowitz

## GUESTS

Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Neil Giannelli - spoke in opposition of Queens Way project stating that trails and cemeteries decrease property value. He submitted petitions: 4 people support construction of a bike path and 229 people are opposed to the Queens Way.

Rev. Young Na, All Nations Praise Church, introduced the church, located at 85-07 86<sup>th</sup> Ave in Woodhaven and invited all to participate in their events.

Jon Torodash, thanked CB 9 for taking a vote against USTA expansion. He stated that Community Board 7 opposed the development of Willets Point and then reversed their decision in support of development.

Sasha Austri, Resorts World, made an announcement about the Job Fair at the Racino on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 10 am to noon.

## **Chairperson Jim Coccovillo introduced legislatives and their representatives.**

Mohamed Hack representing Assembly Member Ruben Wills- made announcements about Family Day and three movie nights on May 17, June 7 and June 27, 2013 at Phil Rizzuto Park.

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

- Tree planting lists for Jamaica Ave in Woodhaven are not ready yet.
- There is an ECB hearing for the property owner of the collapsed building in Woodhaven scheduled for May 28, 2013. Council Member Crowley is seeking the help of the NYPD to assist the senior center housed in the volunteer ambulance core on site.
- Council Member Crowley is working with CB9's Education Committee to accelerate the removal of outdoor trailer classrooms at Richmond Hill High School. They are working on including this change in the five year DOE capital budget in addition to the ADA.

- There are new recycling rules in place; Ms. Mooney will provide stickers at the next CB9 meeting.
- Council Member Crowley is working with the Parks Department and the NYPD to ameliorate the safety situation at Forest Park, particularly by upgrading lighting along the Bridal Path and improving signage to clarify park rules.
- Forest Park Road Runners are having a 4-mile fundraiser run on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.
- Holy Child School is having a block fair on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Greg Levine representing Congress Member Meng-reported on the following issues:

- Congress Member Meng Introduced a Bill to address the backlog of VA Applications.
- She is working on reducing a 6.8% increase to student loans.
- Congress Member is concerned about the collapse of the factory building in Bangladesh.
- Congress Member Meng and Council Member Koslowitz will be hosting a Heritage Month event at PS 139 in Rego Park on May 29, 2013.
- The office is moving to Forest Hills, the new address is 118-35 Queens Blvd, 16 Fl.

Scott Wolf representing Assembly Member Simanowitz- spoke about social security retirement benefits.

Anthony Lemma representing Assembly Member Weprin- stated that AM Weprin covers a small portion of Richmond Hill. He held a conference regarding the tragedy in Bangladesh.

Michael Cohen representing Council Member Koslowitz-stated that CM Koslowitz is currently engaged in budget negotiations with the Mayor's office. There are many things that the Council Woman is looking to restore, some of which are high on her list: daycare, education and educational services.

Marian Gottlieb representing Senator Addabbo-nothing to report

Wilma Bynum representing Queens Borough President Marshall-Ms. Bynum reminded new board members about the swearing-in ceremony on June 5, 2013 at 6 pm at the Hall of Science.

Chris Kaznowski representing Assembly Member Hevesi-stated that Assembly Member Hevesi's human trafficking bill, A5538A passed unanimously on the Assembly floor in April.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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

#### **a. On Premise Wine & Beer License Application- New**

Nordomi Coffee Shop Corp.  
89-20 101 Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416  
*No speakers*

#### **b. On Premise Liquor License Application-New**

Elixir Lounge & Restaurant, Inc.  
105-06 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No speakers*

#### **c. On Premise Beer License Application- Renewal**

Jamaica Fish Market, Inc.  
D/b/a Jamaica Fish Market  
88-02 Van Wyck Expwy #3A  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No speakers*

#### **d. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal**

Karp Hill, Inc.  
D/b/a Last Call  
81-72 Lefferts Blvd.  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415  
*No speakers*

#### **e. On Premise Wine & Beer- Renewal**

9010 Atlantic, Inc.  
90-10 Atlantic Ave.  
Ozone Park, NY 11416  
*No speakers*

Tropical Deli Café Corp  
D/b/a Tropical Deli  
88-19 Jamaica Ave.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421  
*No speakers*

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### 1. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Corrections to April 9, 2013 minutes submitted by Jim Coccovillo as per Ralph Gonzalez.

Page # 5, under Guest Speaker: After Endzone acknowledging contaminated soil and water in the community. Ralph Gonzalez made a motion which was seconded, in reference to contaminated soil and water, etc. A hand vote was taken and an open discussion began. Many questions were left unanswered and a debate started. The Chair ended debate and stated that the necessary parties and authorities would be contacted for accurate information. A request will be made for them to appear before the board as guest speakers to address questions from the board.

**Motion # 1:** to adopt minutes as amended

**Vote # 1:** unanimous

### 2. Monthly Update Report- 102 Pct.-not present

### 3. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report-James Coccovillo

Chairperson Jim Coccovillo stated that he attended a Borough Board meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013 where budget cuts to afterschool programs were discussed. Mr. Coccovillo and Mary Ann Carey met with Forest Park Administrator Debby Kuha regarding PEP officers and the mounted unit.

### 4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

District Manager Mary Ann Carey stated that at the Borough Cabinet meeting this morning, chaired by Barry Grodenchik, the Director of Community Boards, the guest speaker was Morgan Kuhl, supervisor of Lot Cleaning Division of the Department of Sanitation. He stated that there is an ongoing issue between the Department of Health and the Department of Sanitation when it comes to the cleaning of abandoned homes and vacant lots. A new five-day letter would allow DOH and the DOS to work together to expedite the inspection process of cleaning enclosed lots and abandoned houses. Supervisor Kuhl stated that they have the resources to go forward with the program. There are 500 vacant structures city wide and 137 in Queens. Two crews are assigned to this program and more will be assigned as needed. The office will monitor the process to see if this improves or delays the response to our requests.

Lisa Gomes represented the office at the KGCA Annual Meeting and installation of Officers. Mayoral candidates John Liu and Joe Lohita spoke. Lisa brought CB9 complaint forms and Know Your Community Board Brochures and reiterated the correct process for submitting requests to 311 and CB 9.

5. Guest Speaker-Big Apple Rx-Discount Prescription Program for NYC Residents-Bekim Taci

Mr. Taci reported on the BigAppleRx Program and a free prescription discount card that was developed to help NYC consumers save on their medication costs.

Question and answer period followed.

6. Transportation Committee Report- Andrea Crawford stated that the buses are still running on a winter schedule. There will be a decrease in bus lines when the spring/summer/fall schedule begins. There is no news about articulated Q10 buses. Mrs. Crawford suggested that if you have any complaints about MTA buses you should contact the Community Board office.

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

*No report*

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

Mr. Welins stated that the committee is very concerned about the trailer classrooms that are located in what was the Richmond Hill High School playground. They are an eyesore and they deprive the school of valuable physical education space. The committee will meet with Mr. Anderson, RHHS principal, and see what should be done to help him get these trailer classrooms removed.

The committee introduced a resolution opposing recent education related budget cuts. These cuts will have a very negative impact on after school and child care programs.

**Motion # 2:** to support Education & Youth Services Committee Resolution

**Vote # 2:** 37 in favor, 1 abstained

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron – not present

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

Ms. DeCamp stated that she followed up on Endzone. The plans for Endzone are available at the NY library. The Endzone crew has no further problems at PS 65 which resulted in the public's concern for other areas near and around PS 65. The committee is looking into getting a speaker for the June meeting.

Mr. Smith stated that at the meeting with the Parks Dept. they were informed that there is a section that has bad erosion under the fence across from the parking lot along the Freedom Dr. Funds were allocated to fix this but they have to wait for the work order.

Mr. Smith visited Greenwood cemetery where the Civic Virtue statue was relocated. He noted that the base quarter of it is broken off.

Maria Thomson stated that the Carousel is being calendared today and thanked the board for their support.

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

➤ On Premise Wine & Beer Only License Application - New

Nordomi Coffee Shop Corp.  
89-20 101 Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

**VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

**Motion # 3:** *To send letter of no opposition for Nordomi Coffee Shop, 89-20 101 Ave*

**Vote # 3:** *Unanimous*

➤ On Premise Wine & Beer License Application- Renewal

Tropical Deli Café Corp.  
D/b/a Tropical Deli  
88-19 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

David Adorno made a motion to table this application until June's meeting.  
Jim Coccovillo said that there is a motion on the floor to oppose and their license expires by the end of this month, therefore it can't be tabled.

**Motion # 4:** *To send letter of opposition for Tropical Deli Café Corp.,  
88-19 Jamaica Ave*

**Vote # 4:** *Unanimous*

12. Old Business  
*No speakers*

13. New Business

Andrea Crawford announced that there will be a park clean-up on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 9-12 pm at the Victory Field sponsored by Parks Dept. and friends of Queens Way.

Chairperson Coccovillo introduced two new board members Kenichi Wilson of Ozone Park and Jagir Singh of Richmond Hill.

Maria Thomson stated that Memorial Day Service will take place on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7 pm at Forest Park and Jamaica Ave at the Forest Parkway Plaza.

GWDC Spring Dinner Dance will take place June 6, 2013. The honorees are: Melva Miller of Queens Borough President's Office-Woman of the Year, Stephen Esposito-Man of the Year, John Patel-Business owner of the year and Dr. Paul Fish- Special Recognition Award 2013. This event will take place at the Woodhaven Manor, former Le Cordon Bleu.

Nick Comaianni stated that DOE Chancellor Walcott will be at PS 113 in Glendale on May 28, 2013 from 6-7 pm. He commended Jim Coccovillo for running a productive and efficient meeting.

David Adorno stated that Council Member Ulrich is holding a meeting on Endzone on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 12:30 pm.

Latchman Budhai reminded all about a Police Precinct Community Council meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at the Richmond Hill branch library from 7-9 pm.

Mary Ann Maltese, representing Assembly Member Miller, stated that AM Miller was selected to be the new chairman for the Committee for People with Disabilities. There will be a major task force meeting in Albany on June 3, 2013.

A Safety/Health Event sponsored by AM Miller and Senator Addabbo will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot. Pet Advocacy Day will take place July 13, 2013 at Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot. AM Miller sent a resolution to NYS DEC Commissioner on Ozone Industries Clean-up.

Alexander Blenkinsopp stated that the next WRBA meeting will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 1 p.m. at St. Luke's Church, 87-34 85 St.

Sherman Kane asked how Parks Department is addressing the problem regarding raccoons.

14. Public Forum

*No speakers*

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm