

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2009

Evelyn Baron (1)	Stephen Esposito (2)	Rabbi Pollack (1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee (0)	Dr. V. Evangelista (0)	R. Rampershad (1)
Wallace Bock (1)	Susan Farrell (0)	Mohamed Safie (2)
Thomas Chiofolo (1)	Jan Fenster (2)	Ragbir Singh (0)
Jim Coccovillo (1)	Joseph Iaboni (1)	Regina Santoro (0)
Nick Comaianni (1)	Scott E. Jordan (0)	J. Richard Smith (1)
Andrea Crawford (0)	Sherman Kane (1)	Dr. S. Sofer (0)
Richard David (0)	Robert Mangieri (1)	Maria Thomson (0)
Joan Decamp (0)	Ivan Mrakovic (0)	Marie Turley (0)
Anton Dietrich (0)	Kevin O'Leary (0)	Clark Whitsett (0)
H. Singh Duggal (0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Akhtar Ali (1)	Rajinder Singh Bawa (2)	Latchman Budhai (2)
Palo Dedvukaj (3)	Priscilla Levine (3)	Balbir Kaur (2)
Sam Esposito (3)	John Carter (2)	Sandra Datnarain (1)
Ralph González (2)	Sylvia Hack (1)	Joseph Todisco (2)
Naidoo Veerapen (1)		

*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, staff

GUESTS

Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Senator Addabbo
Mark Haken, Assembly Member Lancman
P.O. McCoy, 102 Pct.
Council Member Eric Ulrich
Scott Strober, Marbridge Realty
Ralph Mancini, Ridgewood Times
Cynthia Dickerson, Resident
Scott Codey, Citizens Committee
Sonia Saleh, Resident
Carlos Espinosa, Resident
Nick Morforgen, MTA Bus
Kathy Masi
Grainne Vis
Chandra Morgan
Andrew Falcon
Jeff Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo

Jerry Cronin, Council Member Ulrich
Kate Mooney, Council Member Crowley
Larry Love, AM Pheffer
Jennifer Manley, Mayor's Office
Audrey Lucas, Council Member White, Jr.
David Quintana, Richmond Hill
Randy LaFarque, Public Advocate's Office
M. Leavitt, Candidate for Borough President
Steven Fiedler, CB 5Q Parks Chair
Dolores Crawbuck, Resident
Jay Van Devin, Resident
Carmen Paul Student
Joe Raskin, NYC Transit
Barbara Crawbuck
Farouk Samaroo
Sam Frangul
Frank Gulluscio, District Leader
Joanne Francis

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Mark Leavitt

Mr. Leavitt announced that he is a candidate for Queens Borough President. He believes that the job of the borough president is to promote the borough, bring in new ideas, and work with all groups. He is an Elder lawyer and does pro bono work for the community. Mr. Leavitt is a lecturer, has been a school board member, and has belonged to civic organization.

2. Cynthia Dickerson

Ms. Dickerson addressed the 102PCT. regarding a block party that was held on her block. The party was held without a permit and it went on till 3:30 am. Neighbors complained to 311 regarding the excessive noise.

3. Scott Codey

Mr. Codey represents Citizens Committee for New York City, a non profit organization that provides grants and technical assistance to neighborhood based community groups or projects.

4. Dolores Crawbuck

Ms. Crawbuck stated that a block party was held on her block recently and they played loud music until 3 am. She questioned the 102 PCT. as to what time is music allowed to be played?

5. Sonia Saleh

Ms. Saleh of the School Sister of Notre Dame Educational Center, Inc. recently moved into Ozone Park and gave a brief overview of the services they provide. They service women 19 years of age and older. They have GED, Basic Education, and Computer Skills programs.

6. Jay Van Deven

Mr. Van Deven is a resident of the Forest Park Coops and informed the board that the neighborhood has been plagued by vandalism to cars on Woodhaven Blvd. He stated that the 102 PCT and local elected officials have been working to eradicate the situation, and that they were promised security cameras on Woodhaven Blvd. Ms. Crawford asked Mr. Deven to forward any info he has on this situation to the board office.

7. Carlos Espinosa

Mr. Espinosa presented a petition to the board regarding a change to the traffic sign on Atlantic Ave and the Van Wyck Expy (northbound). He states the community is against this change and asks for it to be changed back to the way it was.

Chairperson Crawford introduced the legislators and their representatives, and asked for updates.

- Mark Haken representing Assemblyman Lancman's introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his involvement with Community Boards as long time member and chair of CB #8Q.
- Larry Love representing Assembly Woman Pheffer updated the board on the Cease and Desist Law, which expired on 8/1/09. The assembly woman along with Senator Addabbo held a public hearing in Ozone Park in order to gather enough evidence to provide to the Secretary of State to renew the law. Despite public input, and letters received (many of which came from CB#9 residents, and organizations) the Secretary of State found that they did not have enough evidence of brokers who were improperly soliciting people. Assembly woman Pheffer is now working with the Secretary of state to find ways to extend the program. A letter is going out to the community, community boards, and elected officials from The Secretary of State's office to let them know that they will continue to accept evidence of improper solicitation of residents from brokers until October 31, 2009.
- Senator Joe Addabbo- welcomed board members back. He announced that he was sponsoring a Mobile Mammography van that will be on Jamaica Ave. on Oct. 17, 2009, and the event is free. Please call the office to let them know you will be attending. They will be addressing the restoration of the Jamaica Ave L.
- Kate Mooney representing Council Woman Crowley stated that the council woman is very concerned about the H1N1 virus and its impact on schools and has some apprehension on the Mayors H1N1 plan for schools. Ms. Mooney

stated that the council woman met with DOT Commissioner, Maura McCarthy regarding the Woodhaven Blvd. Traffic Study, monies for curb restorations, etc.

- Audrey Lucas representing Councilman White, Jr. complemented the board on the organization and detail to its meeting agenda, particularly the Liquor Licenses. She invited the board, civic groups, and community based organizations to participate in Banner Day.
- Jennifer Manley representing the Mayor's Office welcomed board members back, and stated that the Mayor's Office is doing a lot of preparation for H1N1 and will be doing vaccinations for the elderly and small children. She also gave info on the Graffiti Free NYC program and said to call 311 to report graffiti.
- Councilman Eric Ulrich updated the board on a bill before the council's environmental protection committee, 622A which has to do with the retrofitting of Diesel power fuel on NYC School Buses. He also informed the board that he initiated a Graffiti program where he established three graffiti free zones, 101st Ave, Rockaway Blvd. Woodhaven Blvd. and Crossbay Blvd. The councilman also announced that the Ozone Park Library would be getting a new air conditioning system.
- Randy J. LaFargue representing the Public Advocate's office- The Public Advocate, Betsy Gotbaum worked with the Mayor on the ...Pharmacy Chain Bill. She also worked hard on the issue on School Governance/Mayoral Control.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. *FY 2011 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities*
2. *Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received*

- a. **On Premise Liquor License- New**

Loumax Billiards Too, Inc.
132-10 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

- b. **On Premise Beer & Wine- New**

El Puerto Jarocho, Inc.
84-28 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Angelito Restaurant, Inc.
111-17 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Kew Gardens Pizza Corp.
124-34A Queens Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

c. **On Premise Beer - New**

Tony's Pizza Corp.
109-18 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

BRB Mini Mart
95-13 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

d. **Premise Liquor License-Renewal**

The Ranch Restaurant & Bar of Guyana, Inc.
134-01 Liberty Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Navan Café, Inc.
94-02 80th St.
Ozone Park, NY 11416

1. **On Premise Beer- Renewal**

Forest Golf Corp.
81-01 Park Lane South
Woodhaven, NY 11421

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

City Line Car Service, Inc.
81-06 101 Ave.
Ozone, Park, NY 11416

Kew Gardens Enterprise, Inc.
122-11 Hillside Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

3. **TLC-For Hire Base Station- New**

General Car Service, Inc.
86-44 121 St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Triple D Car & Limo Service Inc.
110-01/03 101 Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

Corrections & Additions to the June 2009 minutes:

Submitted by Maria Thomson: Page 4, item#7, 4th sentence should have read: There have been 35 arrests so far of graffiti vandals. In reference to the rape and attempted rape in Forest Park, patrols have been increased.

Motion #2 & Vote # 2 & discussion on motion are omitted.

Regina Santoro motioned to accept minutes as amended.
Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as amended

Vote #1: 29 in favor, 4 abstained, 13 absent

Chairperson Andrea Crawford presented the following board members with Certificates of recognition from Borough President Helen Marshall for years of service to the board. Marie Turley, Wallace Bock, and Joseph Todisco.

**2. Guest Speakers- Joe Raskin- Dir. Governmental Relations, MTA
Nick Morforgen- Asst. General Superintendent for Road Operations**

Mr. Raskin and Mr. Morforgen discussed the new management system for the bus lines that operate in Queens. There is one structure now for managing the operations of the buses. Prior to what we have now, there were several groups within MTA New York City Transit, as well as the five private bus companies (Green Bus Lines, Jamaica Buses, Triboro Coach Corporation, Queens Surface Corporation, and Command Bus). The operation of the buses that are operated by NYC Transit and the MTA Bus Company are monitored by the Division of Road Operations. Mr. Morforgen handles the buses in Southern Queens and Brooklyn. One management structure facilitates smoother, more efficient operations.

The speakers were asked to look into complaints about the operation of deadheading buses along 111th Street, bus bunching on the Q10, people going up the back steps of buses at crowded stops, adding a stop on the Q53 at Cross Bay Boulevard and 164th Avenue, and looking for a better location for the Q37's terminal stop at Union Turnpike and Queens Boulevard. Question and answer period followed.

3. Chairperson's Remarks – Andrea Crawford

Ms. Crawford welcomed everyone back and hoped everyone had a good summer. The Chairperson and Mary Ann Carey, District Manager, met with Council woman Crowley, and Debbie Kuha, Forest Park Administrator, to discuss the status and plans for The Forest Park Carousel.

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

The District Manager Thanked the board for the beautiful fruit arrangement that they sent. She assured the board members that the office was in good hands during her absence. Mrs. Carey went on to say that the office was very busy this summer, and that we had two Summer Youth Employment Students from July 1st to August 16th. Under the direction of the staff they updated all mailing lists, updated and added email addresses to our Community

Based Organization List, OMRDD list of group homes, and our park triangle list. They also prepared our holiday cards, and mailings. We processed over 100 Street Activity Permits.

The District Manager met with several agencies to prepare for Budget Consultations which will take place on September 25, from 9:30 am to 3:30 PM with DOB, DFTA, FDNY, HRA, ACS, and DHS; and on October 1st at 2:00 PM with DEP, and lastly on Oct. 7 from 9:15 to 3:00PM with DOS, HPD, EDC and NYPD. J. Richard Smith and I met with the Forest Park Administrators office, The Forest Park Trust, and Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley to discuss the rundown condition of the facilities in Forest Park. We discussed the prospects for our Antique Mueller Carousel, and Parks unsuccessful attempts to locate a concessionaire to repair, operate and maintain the carousel and band shell. The Executive committee and the Parks committee met and reviewed our budget priority list.

5. Monthly Update Report -102 Pct

P.O. John McCoy of the 102 Pct. reported that the precinct has made 86 arrests since April 1, 2009 for lewd behavior in Forest Park. He stated that they were up in Burglaries, but made arrests in Woodhaven robberies. Officer McCoy also stated that met with Murray Berger and Sylvia Hack regarding the summer day camps at the Yeshiva's in Kew Gardens, specifically the bus parking issue. He stated that for next summer they will address this in a different way for the safety of the children. Several board members praised the officers of the 102 for their hard work. Question and answer period followed.

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

No Report

7. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni

Mr. Comaianni stated that the DOE is registering new students and that you can call 311 to find out where your child's zoned school is, etc.

8. Health and Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Ms. Baron spoke about Public Forums being sponsored by Congressman Gregory Meeks on Healthcare. She informed board members that there is an upcoming Symposium on Substance abuse, and the information is in board member folders. The borough needs Primary Care physicians. Another issue of concern is the H1N1 vaccine specifically the dilemma to get the shot or not. It is a two shot vaccine and Ms. Baron pointed out that a prominent physician was having his children vaccinated. NYS recently passed a law which expands health dependent health care coverage to their children up to the age of 29.

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

Mr. Smith thanked the members of the committee for reviewing the parks issues on the FY 2011 Capital & Expense Budget.

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

The first item listed for a vote, Kew Gardens Enterprise, Inc, should not be there, the board voted on this last month and the committee will continue to monitor the base station and be in contact with the owner.

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

James Coccovillo motioned to send a letter of no objection for General Car Service, Inc. Joan DeCamp seconded the motion.

Motion #2: To send letter of no objection for General Car Service Inc.

Vote #2: 29 in favor, 2 opposed.

James Coccovillo motioned to send a letter of no objection for Triple D Car& Limo Service, Inc.

Tom Chiofolo seconded the motion.

Motion #3: To send letter of no objection for Triple D Car & Limo Service, Inc.

Vote#3: 29 in favor, 2 opposed.

➤ **On Premise Beer- New**

BRB Mini Mart
95-13 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Vote To Be Taken

Mr. Coccovillo stated that this item was put on the agenda for a vote because it was an On Premise Beer license, and the committee had concerns due to a number of grocery stores putting tables in their establishment. The applicant has since withdrawn its application for an off premise beer license.

The committee chair informed the board that they have received new information on two establishments and since voting new information has been provided by the 102 PCT. The reports submitted by the precinct include numerous assaults, robberies, and noise complaints on both establishments. The establishments are: Enterprise Group Inc, D/b/a Masala Café, 117-10 Jamaica Ave. Richmond Hill, NY 11418 and Kaetueur Cabana Restaurant, 116-02/04/06 Jamaica Ave. Richmond Hill, NY 11418.

Joan DeCamp questioned why Loumax Billiard Too, Inc. was not listed for a vote to be taken as it is the board's policy to oppose liquor licenses in billiard halls and if. Joan DeCamp made a motion to oppose Loumax Billiard Too, Inc license as it is CB#9 policy to oppose the sale of Liquor in billiard halls, Maria Thomson seconded the motion.

Motion #4: To send a letter of no objection to the SLA re: Loumax Billiards Too, Inc. 132-10 Jamaica Ave. Richmond Hill NY 11418

*Vote #4 19 Opposed
12 in Favor*

11. Executive Committee Report- Andrea Crawford

FY 2011 Capital & Expense Budget- Ms.Crawford reminded board members that the order of the priorities does not count, and that the board was under the amount allowable on both the Capital & Expense priorities.

Evelyn Baron made a motion to accept the FY 2011 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities as presented.

Ivan Mrakovcic seconded the motion

Motion #5: To approve the FY 2011 Capital & Expense Budget as presented.

Vote#5: Unanimous

12. New Business

- Jim Coccovillo motioned to send a letter of objection for Masala Café, 117-10 Jamaica Ave.
Tom Chiofolo seconded the motion.

Motion #6: To send a letter of objection to the SLA for Masala Café.

Vote #6: 28 in favor, 3 opposed

Jim Coccovillo motioned to send a letter of objection for Kaeteur Cabana Restaurant, 116-02/04/06. Jamaica Ave.

Tom Chiofolo seconded the motion.

Motion #7: To send a letter of objection to the SLA for Kaeteur Cabana Restaurant.

Vote #7: 28 in favor, 3 opposed.

- Maria Thomson announced that the 102 PCT Council meeting will be cancelled due to The Primary Election on Sept. 15, 2009

13. Old Business

14. Public Forum

No Speakers

Wally Bock made a motion to end the meeting, Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:30 p.m.

