

OCTOBER 12, 2010 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
RICHMOND HILL BRANCH LIBRARY 118-14 HILLSIDE AVE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2010

Akhtar Ali	(1)	Anton Dietrich	(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(2)
Evelyn Baron	(0)	H. Singh Duggal	(0)	Rabbi Pollack	(0)
A. Blenkinsopp	(2)	Stephen Esposito	(2)	Raj Rampershad	(0)
Wallace Bock	(0)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Melissa Rosales	(1)
John Carter	(1)	Susan Farrell	(0)	Mohamed Safie	(4)
Thomas Chiofolo	(0)	Jan Fenster	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)	Mel Gagarin	(1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Nick Comaianni	(1)	Sylvia Hack	(1)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Joseph Iaboni	(0)	Marie Turley	(1)	Clark Whitsett	(2)
Richard David	(2)	Sherman Kane	(1)	Joan DeCamp	(0)
Priscilla Levine	(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)	Palo Dedvukaj	(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

*Rajinder S. Bawa	(4)	Sam Esposito	(2)	Raghibir Singh	(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(1)	Ralph Gonzalez	(5)	Regina Santoro	(1)
*Latchman Budhai	(2)	Scott Jordan	(1)	Joseph Todisco	(4)
Albert Cohen	(2)	Balbir Kaur	(3)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)	*Andrea Crawford	(1)		

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Ann Carey, District Manager
Lisa Gomes, 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

Capt. John Hall, 102 Pct.
Doug McPherson, Congressman Weiner
Larry Love, Assembly Mbr. Pheffer
Eric Ulrich, Council Member
Aiysha Jaggassar, Senator Huntley
Kate Mooney, Council Mbr. Crowley
Karen Koslowitz, Council Member
Rory Lancman, Assembly Member

Capt. Martin Buffer, 102 Pct.
Panal Polanco, Assembly Mbr. Miller
Barry Grodenchik, QBP
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Wilma Bynum, QBP
Joseph Addabbo, Senator
Jane Carey, Assembly Mbr. Rory Lancman
Jeff Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo

GUESTS

Al Baldeo, Candidate 20th CD
Harold Paez, Candidate 23rd AD
Bob Turner, Congressional Candidate
Henrietta Klugston, Richmond Hill Resident
Glenn Urbanas, Ozone Park Resident
R. Floria, Richmond Hill Resident
Billy Guchlecht, Richmond Hill Resident

Asher Taub, Candidate CD 6
Anthony Como, Candidate for Senate
D. Caltabiano, Candidate 38th AD
Tamara Michel, Queens Library
James Perkei, Times News Weekly
Maria Molina, Richmond Hill Resident
Rita Coyne, Richmond Hill Resident

PUBLIC FORUM

Tamara Michel- *Richmond Hill Cancer Action Council-* created by Queens Library Healthlink which is a partnership of Queens Library, American Cancer Society, Queens Cancer Center of Queens Hospital, and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. HealthLink functions through Cancer Action Councils (CACs) in 20 different neighborhoods in Queens. Each CAC is composed of committed community leaders who work to specifically tailor interventions and health events to meet their local needs to address health needs, improve access to cancer prevention and treatment, develop plans for action, and carry out health programs and DECREASE the cancer burden.

Henrietta Klugston- *resident of RH-* tree was uprooted and destroyed by the tornado and she has flagstone sidewalk. She is concerned that the city will replace her flagstone with regular cement and wants help in ascertaining information as to what the city will put there. Street light is leaning onto 85th Ave. Chairman gave her CB9 phone # and asked her to call the district manager.

Chairperson Mrakovcic introduced the legislators and their representatives, and asked for updates:

- o Aiysha Jaggassar- Senator Huntley will be sponsoring a Health Fair in November at York College, which will include but are not limited to Cancer screenings, HIV screenings, Diabetes testing, etc. Ms. Jaggassar informed the board that the senator is taking suggestions on any issues or concerns for workshops to be held in Richmond Hill. She distributed brochures on Child care and Identity theft.

- Wilma Bynum – Queens Borough President Helen Marshall- The annual Breast Cancer walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010 starting at Queens Borough Hall to 67th Dr. and back. It will start an 11am.
- Kate Mooney- Council Member Crowley- The council woman is an avid supporter and advocate for cancer awareness and is attending a fundraiser to support one of her staff members who lost her mother to cancer. Mrs. Crowley has asked for security cameras to be placed on the J line. The council woman attended the opening of PS 273 on 102St in Richmond Hill. Oct. 23, 2010 is My Park Day sponsored by New Yorkers for Parks and the council woman will attend. The council woman recently attended a meeting with officials from the Queens Library to talk about ways to secure funds for the Woodhaven Library.
- Jane Carey- representing Assembly Member Lancman – The assembly man was present and addressed the board. He stated that his district covers six different community boards. He recently sponsored a Community resource fair in Richmond Hill highlighting services and resources available to the Indo Caribbean. The Assemblyman recently sponsored the “Hospital Closure Planning Act”[along with the NYS Senate regarding streamlining the process and easing the burden of hospital closings and it’s impact on the community and on other local hospitals. He asked members to sign up for “NY Alert (state) and Notify NYC (city) to receive emergency information through cell phones and/ or internet. Question and answer period followed.
- Karen Koslowitz- Council Member- Stated she chairs the Consumer Affairs Committee, and she is on six committees. The council woman stated that you can contact her office to receive information on a daily basis. They will take your email address and you can keep up with what is going on in the district, etc. A major concern she is working on now is the Q37 bus. The residents are very angry that a bus stop was put in front of their building, and buses just sit there idling and there are very few riders that use this stop. In recent meetings with MTA the council woman emphasized that there are many parts of Queens that do not have access to trains, and they depend on buses. The cuts to the bus lines has impacted the borough, and she invited them to tour Queens. Question and answer period followed.
- Doug McPherson- Congressman Anthony Weiner- spoke about the current rule being proposed by the federal government that would restrict Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Banks from making loans to buyers on properties encumbered by a "Private Transfer Fee Covenant," more commonly known in New York as a flip tax. Question and answer period followed.
- Panal Polanco- Assemblyman Mike Miller- spoke about graffiti removal. Question and answer period followed.
- Larry Love- Assembly woman Audrey Pheffer- apologizes for not being here. Extended her thanks to the board for their hard work. He discussed the Cease & Desist law being extended in Woodhaven for five more years. She is pleased that the Aqueduct Racetrack deal has been finalized. Building will start in the next couple of months. Question and answer period followed.
- Joe Addabbo- Senator- Thanked the board for their service and emphasized the value of a good working relationship with the board and the community. He stated that he likes to attend board meetings and tries to when he is in the city. Sen. Addabbo stated he selects his committee assignments by local issues that affect the community.
- Mr. Addabbo is chair of the senate election committee and informed the board that a hearing was held on the new voting system on Primary Day. Issues of concern raised at

the hearing were (but not limited to) additional training for Poll workers, and Coordinators, opening Poling locations on time and privacy while voting. One major problem was military personnel and ensuring they get to vote. Question and answer period followed.

- o Eric Ulrich- Council Member- addressed board members (after candidates) and stated he was glad to be here during the candidates night and wish all a safe journey home.

Barry Grodenchik – Deputy Borough President presented service awards to the following Board members: 15 years of service - Sam Esposito, James Coccovillo, 10 years of service- Ivan Mrakovcic.

Candidates Night

Anthony Como candidate for 15th Senate District

Albert Baldeo candidate for 28th Council District

Bob Turner candidate, 9th Congressional District

Donna Caltabiano candidate 38th Assembly District

Harold Paez candidate for 23rd Assembly

Candidates addressed the board and question and answer period followed

PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premise Beer & Wine License- New

Nic's Restaurant, Corp.

111-17 Jamaica Ave.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

No speakers

b. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal

New Salerno Restaurant Corp

117-11/13 Hillside Ave.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

No speakers

CZ Tavern, Inc

D/b/a Kew Club

119-11/13 Metropolitan Ave

Kew Gardens, NY 11415

No speakers

Hermes Billiards & Café, Inc.

102-14 Jamaica Ave.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

No speakers

Starz Princess, Inc. (*Catering Establishment*)
107-11 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

The Hibiscus Restaurant & Bar, Inc
124-18 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

c. On Premise Wine & Beer License- Renewal

84 28 La Guadalupana Deli Inc
D/b/a El Potrillo
84-28 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Lucky Thailand Kitchen, Inc
D/b/a Thailand Kitchen
86-05 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Best Seafood & BBQ Chicken Corp.
D/b/a EL Anzuelo Fino
98-01 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Armando S. Pollo Rico Restaurant, Inc.
110-02 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

d. Wholesale Beer Distributor License- Renewal

PIYA Enterprise Inc.
D/b/a Nandieta Beer & Soda
130-18 90th Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

e. Off Premise Beer License- Renewal

74-39 Meat Corp
D/b/a C- Town Supermarket
74-39 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Joan DeCamp made a motion to change the order of the agenda, moving item # 4 to item #2, item #10 to item# 3 and item # 12 to item # 4.

Joe Ioboni 2nd the motion

Motion #1: To change the order of the agenda moving item # 4 to item #2, item #10 to Item #3 and item #12 to item # 4.

*Vote # 1: 25 in favor
9 opposed*

1. The Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Evelyn Baron submitted Corrections/Addition to the minutes. (See attached)
Wallace Bock made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected
Andrea Crawford 2nd the motion.

Motion # 2: To adopt minutes as corrected

Vote #2: Unanimous

2. Monthly Update- 102 PCT-

Captain Hall regretfully had to leave to attend another meeting (due to the candidate's forum). Captain Martin Buffer introduced himself and stated he came from Brooklyn north where he served for eight years. Question and answer period followed.

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

❖ On Premise Beer & Wine License- New

Nic's Restaurant, Corp.
111-17 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

*Nick Comaianni motioned to table the vote
Joe Ioboni 2nd the motion*

*Motion #3: To table the vote
Vote # 3: 27 in favor
7 opposed*

4. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report – Ivan Mrakovcic

The Executive Committee discussed the FY 2012 Budget Priorities. Evelyn Baron motioned to accept the FY 2010 Budget Priorities as presented by the Executive Committee.

Motion #4: to accept the FY 2010 Budgeted Priorities as presented by the Executive Committee.

Vote #4: 31 in favor
2 opposed
1 not present

The chair attended the Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair and had a great time. He also attended the Spirits Alive event at a Maple Grove Cemetery, where Council member Elizabeth Crowley participated and put on a wonderful show.

5. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

Mrs. Carey attended Borough wide Budget Consultations. The Queens District Managers met with City Agencies to discuss the Community Board's needs and to be updated by each agency. Due to time constraints of the meeting Mrs. Carey reported on consultations held on Oct. 4, 2010 with the Police Department, and the Department of Buildings.

Police Department

Chief Secreto Patrol Borough South and Chief Diane Pizutti, Patrol Borough North in addition to numerous representatives were present. In 2001 the Police Department had 39,600 officers, there is still a hiring freeze and they have seen a 2.7% budget reduction. There is a class scheduled to be graduated in April 2011 with 576 officers, July 2011 891 and in January 2012 623 for a total 2100. The attrition rate is at

Department of Buildings

We met with Commissioner Ira Gluckman and our liaison Bryon Munoz. DOB has 350 inspectors city wide. They have an 85% success rate gaining access and issued 54 access warrants and obtained 46 evictions. They also have 20 weekend inspectors and an emergency response unit.

DOB encourages anyone interested in learning more to attend their open meetings every Tuesday at Queens Borough Hall. There you can learn about the website and how to gain access to a wealth of knowledge. DOB has also scanned one million documents to its website for your perusal. Their Special enforcement Units disciplined 5 architects, served 143 violations for after hours, 84 this year.

6. Land Use Committee Report- Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane- *No Report*

7. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni- *No Report*

8. Health& Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Clarified the issue regarding the number of doctors (in last month's report), stating it is not that there are not enough doctors for the number of people; it is that the usage of this population is so high.

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

Ivan Mrakovcic, Mary Ann Carey, and J. Richard Smith toured Forest Park.

10. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford- Chairperson

The Kew Garden Water Main projected started over the summer with the gas companies' ripping up the sidewalks and streets to move the gas lines under the sidewalk to make way for the new water mains. This project includes a new delivery system and new catch basins. The project will unify the existing hybrid system which exists in most of Kew Gardens and Richmond Hill to the citywide reservoir system. It is suppose to increase water pressure as well.

11. Old Business

No speakers

12. New Business

Maria Thomson thanked all who attended the Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival. There were many festivities including but not limited to Chinese Dragon, Country Dancing, etc.

Joan DeCamp noted two stories featured in the Daily News, Spirits Alive and new trees and new families growing up in Community Board 9.

13. Public Forum

No Speakers

Wallace motioned to close the meeting, Nick Comaianni 2nd the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:30 PM