

DECEMBER 14, 2010 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
JAMAICA HOSPITAL, 90-28 VAN WYCK EXP.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2010

Akhtar Ali	(1)	Stephen Esposito	(2)	Raj Rampershad	(0)
Evelyn Baron	(0)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Melissa Rosales	(1)
Wallace Bock	(0)	Susan Farrell	(1)	Mohamed Safie	(5)
John Carter	(2)	Mel Gagarin	(2)	Raghbir Singh	(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)	Sylvia Hack	(2)	Regina Santoro	(1)
Nick Comaianni	(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Andrea Crawford	(1)	Sherman Kane	(1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)	Balbir Kaur	(3)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)	Priscilla Levine	(1)	Joseph Todisco	(4)
Anton Dietrich	(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)	Marie Turley	(1)
H. Singh Duggal	(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)
* Sam Esposito	(3)	Rabbi Pollack	(0)	Clark Whitsett	(2)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rajinder S. Bawa	(5)	Albert Cohen	(3)	Jan Fenster	(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(2)	Richard David	(3)	Ralph Gonzalez	(6)
Latchman Budhai	(4)	Palo Dedvukaj	(2)	Scott Jordan	(2)
Thomas Chiofolo	(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

Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Michael Persaud, Assembly Mbr. Hevesi
Nigel Loncke, Congressman Meeks
Richard Mumith, Council Mbr. Koslowitz
Assemblyman Lancman
Jane Carey, Assembly member Lancman

Jeff Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
David Slavkin, Assembly Mbr. Miller
Doug McPherson, Congressman Weiner
Sal Simonetti, Council Mbr. Ulrich
PO John McCoy, 102 Pct.

GUESTS

Rob Mackay, Safe Space
Cynthia Dickerson, RH Resident
Gurdev Jagra, Moonlight Café
S. Amluwalia, Tandoori Hut
Harvey Levine, RH Resident
Rudi Garcia, OP Resident

Peter Kosimkyev,
Gyarav Aggarwal, Moonlight Cafe
K. Gova, Tandoori Hut
Janet Chan-Smith, WRBA
R. Datnarain, Majestic Marque

PUBLIC FORUM

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

- Rory at the Lancman- Assembly Member- informed the board that he chaired the advisory board at Queens Hospital Center before he was an Assemblyman. He reiterated the need for strong community support to help Jamaica and Queens Hospitals receive the monies they need to serve the residents of southeast Queens. Richmond Hill H.S. will not be closed. Unfortunately Jamaica H.S. will close. He wished all members a Healthy & Happy New Year.
- Sal Simonetti representing Council Member Eric Ulrich- Wished all a Healthy & Happy New Year on behalf of the councilman.
- Richard Mumith representing Council Member Karen Koslowitz- The council woman has been appointed the chair of the economic development committee. He wished all a Happy & Healthy New Year.
- Doug McPherson representing Congressman Anthony Weiner- reported on the proposed night time closure of the firehouse on Jamaica Ave. and the congressman is keeping a close eye on this. He wished all a Happy & Healthy New Year on behalf of the congressman.
- Nigel Loncke representing Congressman Gregory Meeks- stated Queens is experiencing high foreclosure rates and the congressman's office is offering assistance to residents in navigating this serious issue. He stated the office is available to help with any issues, problems, or questions constituents may have. Wished all Happy Holiday on behalf of the congressman.
- David Slavkin representing Assembly Member Mike Miller- Wished all Happy Holidays on behalf of the Assemblyman. Crash Tax?

- Mike Persaud representing Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi- Property Tax cut – He wished all a Happy, Healthy & Fun Holiday.
- Marion Gottlieb representing Senator Addabbo who wished all a Happy & Healthy Holiday.

PUBLIC FORUM

Rob Mackay- External Affairs Officer for Safe Space. This is a non profit organization that runs group homes for runaway teens, after school programs, and domestic violence programs. They have a myriad of programs and more information is available on their website <http://www.safespaceny.org>.

Cynthia Dickerson- informed the board she is an LPN and a student showed her something in the bible and someone told her she could not discuss the bible with the student as per a law by congress. She wanted to know if there is such a law.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premise Liquor License- New

New Tandoori Hut, Inc
 119-08 94th Ave.
 Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No Speakers

b. Eating Place Beer License- Renewal

VNK Coffee Shop Inc.
 90-17 130th St.
 Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

c. Cabaret License- New

Moonlight Café
 89-25 130th St.
 Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. The Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Corrections submitted by Maria Thomson- Motion#4 should be Motion # 5, etc.
 Wallace Bock submitted Corrections/Addition to the minutes.
 Rabbi Pollack 2nd the motion.
Motion #1: to adopt minutes as corrected
Vote #1: 36 in favor, 10 not present.

2. Monthly Update- 102 PCT-

Officer McCoy Wished all & healthy New Year! Rabbi Pollack thanked Officer McCoy for his effort and help with the funeral of Mrs. Rosenswieg. Maria Thomson also thanked him for his help with the tree lighting ceremony in Woodhaven. Question and answer period followed.

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

The chair is trying to reach out to the Forest Park Trust to understand how monies are distributed throughout Forest Park. Issues discussed at the executive meeting were, The Forest Park Trust, Cabaret Licenses, and the rezoning study which will be discussed in more detail under the Land Use committee report.

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

5. Guest Speaker- David Rosen, President & CEO Jamaica Hospital

Mr. Rosen made a statement regarding civic duty and that Community Board 9 along with Jamaica Hospital had to fight to maintain a vital community resource. The hospital has grown from 900 employees to 11,000 employees and is now a 2 billion dollar a year operation. They are responsible for four hospitals and three nursing homes. Through its variety of businesses throughout the US and its efforts to bring and maintain services has attracted highly specialized people who set up practices in the area. Mr. Rosen stated this was possible due to the support of the people in the community as they recognized Jamaica Hospital's role as an economic engine and an anchor for the area. The hospital is instituting a \$75 million dollar electronic medical records system at all of their campus, (Peninsula, Flushing, Brookdale, and Flushing Hospitals). Question and Answer period followed.

6. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

The chair gave an update on the sewer projects in Kew Gardens. She also reported on the rehab of the J line stating it is progressing and the stairs have been installed and functioning well.

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

On December 1, 2010 the board held its first presentation to the community on the Rezoning Study on Woodhaven. Representatives of the Department of City of Planning, John Young, Dir. of Queens City Planning along with Brendon Pillar, CB9's liaison addressed community members on the scope of the study. A second presentation will be held tomorrow night at the Royal Indian Palace 118-06 Atlantic Ave. @ 7:30PM which will highlight the rezoning study in Richmond Hill/Ozone Park.

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni

Mr. Comaianni addressed the issue of "Closing Schools". He explained that when there is a failing administration they restructure the school. Large schools with 3000 plus students don't always work so they break up the HS into mini schools with 400 or 500 students in each school and bring a new administration for each school. Students are phased in. Despite

public opposition and no Educational experience Cathy Black will be the new Chancellor of NYC Public School System. Question and answer period followed.

9. Health& Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Queens Hospital Center is opening up 40 new beds. Access a Ride is cutting # of rides for people. Everyone is encouraged to get the Flu shot. She wished all a very Healthy & Happy New Year.

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

Sidewalk violations have been issued to many residents in CB9 and homeowners should be aware they cannot cut the roots of trees and there is a large fine for doing so. Mr. Smith along with other members of CB9 was present for Councilman Ulrich's presentation with the Sanitation Commissioner for new litter baskets at the corners on 101st Ave. Pamphlets were handed out and the councilman asked for added enforcement. He wished all a Happy & healthy New Year.

11. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- Jim Coccovillo & Tom Chiofola

The Chair announced to the board members there was a letter in their packets from the Public Safety committee regarding how business is conducted with the committee and asked members to please read it.

o On Premise Liquor License- New

New Tandoori Hut, Inc
119-08 94th Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

The applicant has applied for a license in the past but there were issues with the 200Ft rule and after meeting with the applicant and receiving clarification on the rule from the SLA the committee has no objection to this license.

Motion #2: To send a letter of No Objection to the SLA

Vote #2: 35 in favor, 1 opposed

o Cabaret License- New

Moonlight Café
89-25 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #3: To send a letter of objection to the SLA due to complaints from residents and the Police Dept. regarding patron behavior when leaving the establishment and the over saturation of similar establishments in the immediate area.

Vote #3: 28 in favor, 8 opposed

12. Old Business

Regina Santoro inquired as to why there has been no construction on the Republican Club for the past six months.

13. New Business

Wallace Bock asked if anyone knew about the new construction on Rockaway Blvd near the airport.

Andrea Crawford informed the board that on Friday evening at Flushing Town Hall at 7PM There will be a performance "Noel Night of Everlasting Light" to benefit Maple Grove Cemetery.

Harjinder Singh Duggal spoke about the \$20 million budget cut to The Department of the Aging and urged the board to oppose the cuts.

Maria Thomson stated the Department of Transportation has proposed increasing parking Meter rates from .25 cents for 20 minutes to .25 cents for 15 minutes, and this will negatively impact the small business / commercial areas. Ivan Mrakovcic asked Mrs. Thomson to put together a resolution.

Sylvia Hack spoke on the horrific budget cuts facing the City and suggested the board have a meet- with our City council members to understand exactly what the cuts are and what we can do about it.

Nick Comaianni stated Dept. of Transportation is proposing to install cameras on MTA buses, costing \$18,000 a bus and a group in Florida is suppose to get the contract.

Maria Thomson stated that by the time she rights the resolution the rate hike for the parking meters will already be in effect.

Mrs. Thomson made a motion to send a letter to DOT regarding the hike and its detrimental effect on the small business community. Regina Santoro 2nd the motion.

Motion #3: To send a letter to DOT regarding the rate hike for parking meters.

Vote #3: Unanimous

Maria Thomson also stated a church was recently given historical designation and they and they didn't want it and she requested it be given to the Forest Park Carousel. Ivan Mrakovcic, chairman, asked Mrs. Thomson to resubmit the application for landmark status for the carousel.

12. District Managers Report- Mary Ann Carey-

Mrs. Carey wished all the board members a Healthy & Happy Holiday season and New Year. She then she proceeded with our annual gift giving to the board members.

Wallace Bock motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joe Todisco 2nd the motion.

The meeting ended at 11:00 PM

