

**MARCH 9, 2010 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARJESTIC MARQUEE 88-03 101 AVE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**  
**ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2009**

Akhtar Ali	(3)*	Anton Dietrich	(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)
Evelyn Baron	(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)	Rabbi Pollack	(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(3)	Stephen Esposito	(3)	Raj Rampershad	(2)
Latchman Budhai	(6)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Jan Fenster	(2)
Sylvia Hack	(1)	Ragbir Singh	(2)*	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Regina Santoro	(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)	Clark Whitsett	(0)
Palo Dedvukaj	(4)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Thomas Chiofolo	(4)	Andrea Crawford	(0)	Marie Turley	(1)
Joan DeCamp	(0)	Balbir Kaur	(6)	Naidoo Veerapen	(3)
Joseph Todisco	(4)	Susan Farrell	(1)	Sam Esposito	(7)
Richard David	(1)	Sherman Kane	(1)	Jim Coccovillo	(1)
Nick Comaianni	(2)*	Scott Jordan	(1)	Sandra Datnarain	(3)
Wallace Bock	(3)				

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rajinder Singh Bawa	(4)	John Carter	(3)	Ralph Gonzalez	(4)
H. Singh Duggal	(1)	Priscilla Levine	(3)	Mohamed Safie	(5)

**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**

P.O. McCoy, 102 Pct.  
P.O. Remsen, 102 Pct.  
Wilma Bynum, QBPO  
David Slavkin, Assembly Mbr. Mike Miller  
Mike Persaud, Assembly Member Hevisi  
Matt Hickey, Council Member Ulrich

Joe Nocerino, Council Member Koslowitz  
Marian Gottlieb, Sen. Addabbo  
Dorie Figliola, Assembly Member Mike Miller  
Roman Paprouci, Assembly Member Hevisi  
Kate Mooney, Council Member Crowley  
Allison Weingarten, Assembly Mbr. Lancman

## **GUESTS**

Albert Baldeo, Attorney  
Melissa Rosales, Resident  
Domenic Rafter, Queens Tribune  
Lynn Arderle, Resident  
Faudia Baynauth, Resident  
Hina Dar, Resident  
Catherine Wark, Resident  
Byron Munoz, DOB

Ralph Mancini, Ridgewood Times News  
Fay Brown, Resident  
Michele Anderle, Resident  
David M. Quintana, Resident  
Matilde Diaz, Resident  
Annam Biratti, Resident  
Kiri Cuomo, Resident  
Scott Stober, Marbidge Realty Co. Inc.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

*NO SPEAKERS*

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

- Allison Weingarten- representing Assembly Member Lancman stated they have a new office on 159 -16 Union Turnpike. If anyone has any concerns or issues feel free to call the office.
- Dorie Figliola/ David Slavkin- representing Assembly Member Miller- stated the the assemblyman apologizes for not being at the meeting but he is in Albany. He is working on legislation banning registered sex offenders from applying for jobs working with children.
- Roman Paprouci, / Mike Persaud – representing Assembly Member Hevisi introduced themselves and left their business cards. They asked that members feel free to contact them with any issues or concerns.
- Kate Mooney- representing Council Member Crowley stated she was at the borough president's presentation yesterday and the council woman is very aware of CB#9's requests and concerns. Council member Crowley is now the chair of the Fire Committee and is having a major press conference at city hall tomorrow to push back on the Mayors plan to close fire houses. She was very successful in getting the volunteer ambulance corps back on the 911 system. Ms. Mooney stated that the Charter Revision Commission is about to convene, and the majority of the members are from Manhattan and she emphasized the need for the public and board to get involved. The Forest Park trust would like to have people get involved with the organization. Ivan Mrakovcic, board member, asked about his email regarding the Richmond Hill Historical District and Ms. Mooney stated that it is on the agenda and they have to start looking at that along with the rezoning of Woodhaven, Richmond Hill, and Ozone Park. The Council member

will be meeting with Queens DOT Commissioner McCarthy and if anyone has any issues please bring it to her attention.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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

#### **a. On Premise Eating Place Beer License- New**

111 Express Grocery Corp.  
111-01 101<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419  
*No Speakers*

STK Convenience Inc.  
88-01 Jamaica Ave.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421  
*No Speakers*

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

Caridad of Woodhaven Restaurant Corp.  
90-19 Jamaica Ave.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421  
*No Speakers*

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

#### **c. On Premise Liquor - Reconsideration**

Golden Apple Restaurant & Lounge, Inc.  
104-26 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

#### **d. On Premise Liquor- New**

Tropicana Bar & Grill, Inc.  
117-11/13 Hillside Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

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

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.  
*Wallace Bock motioned to accept minutes as presented.*  
*Evelyn Baron seconded the motion.*

**Motion # 1:** *To adopt minutes as presented*

**Vote #1:** *unanimous*

## **2. Chairperson's Remarks – Andrea Crawford**

The chair stated the last three years representing the Board has been wonderful and hoped she represented the communities and the board members as best as possible. She thanked board members for their service and for their willingness to work together in civil and professional manner. Mrs. Crawford thanked the hard work and dedication of the office staff. The Chair spoke about the Mayors Charter Revision Commission, specifically the Community Board's role in the ULURP process and the importance of informing the public and our elected officials.

## **3. Monthly Update Report- 102 PCT.**

PO McCoy stated the Captain was unable to attend the meeting as he was called to meeting downtown. He reported that crime was down and they are #3 out of 16 precincts in Queens South. Officer McCoy informed the board that they apprehended someone in connection with some of the car breaks ins in Woodhaven. Officer Remsen informed board members of an ATM Scam that is occurring within the precinct and in the city. Jan Fenster commended the officers of the 102 for their efforts at traffic control during a recent event in Kew Gardens. Question and answer period followed.

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

Mrs. Carey reiterated the value of Community Boards and that of Board Members who volunteer their time and expertise, for the betterment of the community. She feels that the District Managers spend so much time fighting to save the community board's budget that there is no time to work on numerous important issues that have been languishing in our budget for so many years. Mrs. Carey testified last week at the Government Operations hearing on the budget at City Hall. She informed board members that the Queens District Managers developed a letter regarding the restoration of the board's budget and the need to preserve community input in the ULURP process. This will be a citywide effort. She asked the members to please fill out the info on the letter and that these letters will also go to the Civic & Religious groups in the community, and asked the member to share it with them as well.

She attended the Queens Borough President's borough cabinet meeting and there was a presentation addressing Graffiti removal. New legislation was passed which allows the City to clean graffiti in order to ease the burden for property owners. This includes commercial, industrial, and residential properties. She announced that sanitation pick up for the Passover holiday is scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2010, and letters are being sent out to the community.

Mrs. Carey stated that it has been a pleasure working with Andrea Crawford, CB9 Chairperson and commended her for her many long hours of hard work and dedication on behalf of the residents and members of CB. In conclusion Mrs. Carey wished all a Happy St. Joseph's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Happy Easter and a festive Passover.

## **5. Land Use Committee Report- Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane**

No Report.

**6. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni**

Mr. Comaianni informed the board that under the Chancellors regulation 8665 School Leadership Teams now have input into the school budget.

**7. Health& Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron**

Ms. Baron thanked the board for the letter they wrote in support the reinstatement of the Exception Rule into the current healthcare bill. The only problem is that it sunsets on March 31, 2010. She asked that the board resend the letter.

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

Mr. Smith stated the Parks Department is slated for a \$20 million budget cut. On March 6, 2010 a brunch was held at Forest Park to honor volunteers. The Forest Park runners group is planning a 5k run in the fall. There is a delay in painting the benches at the Band shell due to the snow. Oakridge is now available (once again) parties, fundraisers, and meetings, etc. Questions were raised regarding the Forest Park Carousel as to whether or not it would be open for this summer 2010. Mr. Smith did state there was going to be an open meeting regarding the RFP for the operation of the carousel. Mrs. Carey stated that Council Member Crowley stated she was working on something for this summer, and she asked Ms. Kate Mooney if she had anything to report on this issue. Ms. Mooney stated that there is an organization who is interested in running the carousel but no decisions have been made at this time.

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

▪ **On Premise Eating Place Beer License- New**

111 Express Grocery Corp.  
111-01 101<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

**Motion#2:** To send a letter of objection to the SLA  
**Vote#2:** unanimous

STK Convenience Inc.  
88-01 Jamaica Ave.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

**Motion#3:** To send a letter of objection to the SLA  
**Vote#3:** unanimous

▪ **On Premise Liquor - Reconsideration**

Golden Apple Restaurant & Lounge, Inc.  
104-26 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Mr. Coccovillo stated the committee and board voted to send a letter of objection due to incomplete paperwork, 102 PCT. policy of no new liquor license applications and the over saturation of licenses in the area. The applicant has asked for reconsideration due to the completion of their paper work. The committee is still opposed to this application, and after reviewing the paper work it was found they did not present a Public Assembly Permit and the Applicant was not present. **The motion to reconsider was withdrawn.**

▪ **On Premise Liquor- New**

Tropicana Bar & Grill, Inc.  
117-11/13 Hillside Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion#4: To table the vote as there are questions regarding the incomplete paper work.

**10. Election of Community Board Officers**

Andrea Crawford received nominations for Chairperson.

Nominee: Ivan Mrakovcic

Vote: unanimous

Ivan Mrakovcic is elected Chairperson

Andrea Crawford received nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Nominee: Andrea Crawford

Vote: unanimous

Andrea Crawford is elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson

Andrea Crawford received nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Nominee: Rabbi Pollack and Joe Iaboni

Vote: 26 for Rabbi Pollack, 9 for Joe Iaboni

Rabbi Pollack is elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Andrea Crawford received nomination for Executive Secretary

Nominee: Clark Whitsett

Vote: unanimous

Clark Whitsett is elected Executive Secretary

**11. New Business**

- Maria Thomson stated there will be a information meeting on Census 2010 at the Le Cordon Bleu caters in Woodhaven, on Thursday, March 11, 2010. She also mentioned the SLA is proposing a new law to sell wine coolers, and liquor in grocery stores, and supermarkets.
- Sylvia Hack John LIU comptroller?
- Wallace Bock asked if any one had any info on the large gash in the road on Lefferts Blvd. and 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
- Naidoo Veerapen thanked those board members who attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Spring Festival "Phagwah" and the events at City Hall. He also thanked the 102 & 106 PCT'S.

**12. Public Forum**

Glenn Urbanas- concerns about Safety issues in Forest Park and letters he has written to the board regarding these issues. Mr. Urbanas stated that several years ago he, Mr. Mrakovcic, and Mary Ann Carey worked on the board's website with DOITT and feels it should be upgraded.

Wallace Bock motioned to close the meeting, Joe Todisco 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
**The meeting ended at 10:00 PM**