

FEBRUARY 8, 2011 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD PAVILLION 131-10 101 AVE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2010

Evelyn Baron	(0)	Sam Esposito	(3)	Rabbi Pollack	(0)
D. Bhattacharjee	(2)	Stephen Esposito	(2)	Melissa Rosales	(1)
Wallace Bock	(0)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Raghbir Singh	(1)
Thomas Chiofolo	(1)	Susan Farrell	(1)	Regina Santoro	(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)	Jan Fenster	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Albert Cohen	(3)	Mel Gagarin	(2)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Andrea Crawford	(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)	Scott Jordan	(2)	Marie Turley	(1)
Joan DeCamp	(0)	Sherman Kane	(1)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)
Palo Dedvukaj	(2)	Priscilla Levine	(1)	Clark Whitsett	(2)
Anton Dietrich	(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)		
H. Singh Duggal	(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(2)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Akhtar Ali	(2)	Nick Comaianni	(2)	Balbir Kaur	(4)
Rajinder S. Bawa	(6)	Richard David	(4)	Raj Rampershad	(1)
Latchman Budhai	(5)	Ralph Gonzalez	(7)	Mohamed Safie	(6)
John Carter	(2)	Sylvia Hack	(3)	Joseph Todisco	(5)

ALSO PRESENT

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
Larry Love, Assembly Mbr. Pheffer
Michael Persaud, Assembly Mbr. Hevesi
Nigel Loncke, Congressman Meeks
Wilma Bynum, QBP Marshall
Sgt. DeMarco, 102 Pct.
Jane Carey, Assembly member Lancman
Council Member Elizabeth Crowley

Jeff Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Richard Mumith, Council Mbr. Koslowitz
David Slavkin, Assembly Mbr. Miller
Doug McPherson, Congressman Weiner
Captain Briffa, 102 Pct.
PO John McCoy, 102 Pct.
Council Member Ruben Wills

GUESTS

Vishnu Mahadeo, RHEDC
Cynthia Dickerson, RH Resident
Magda Resto, Las Victorias Rest.
Richard Montanez, Brooklyn Resident
Harvey Levine, RH Resident
R. Shiwalak, Richmond Hill Resident
Pat Clark, NJC News
Jenny Framoz, Queens Resident
S. Smith, York College
S. Adorno, NYC Council
Jay Van Deven, Forest Park Coop
Andrea Sanchez, Richmond Hill Resident
Jessica Bartolini, Chhaya CDC

Dane Kalarmauth, Richmond Hill Resident
Jatindra Sunobatar S. Ozone Park Resident
Vera Vasaver, Las Victorias Rest.
Alexander Montoya, El Meson De Yully
R. Datnarain, Majestic Marque
J. Shiwalak, Richmond Hill Resident
Richard Weinberg, Attorney at Law
Andrea David, York College
Hassan King, Partnerships for Parks
Pedro Arias, NYC Council
Victoria Van Deven, Forest Park Coop
Luiggy Segura, Richmond Hill Resident
Inderpaul Ahluwalia, Kew Gardens Resident

PUBLIC FORUM

Vishnu Mahadeo- RHEDC & RHHS PA spoke about the RH rezoning proposal and stated that a portion of the community was not informed of the proposal. He asked the proposal be delayed until proper notification and information is given to the community. He also asked for the Board's help in disseminating information on an upcoming PTA meeting at Richmond Hill H.S.

David Kadarmanth - Merchant spoke about the snow and its impact on business. He also stated there is a problem with cars being parked in front of business for months. He mentioned that the merchants have been discussing the possibility of meters on 101 Ave.

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

Council Member Ruben Wills- Mr. Wills informed the Board that he and his staff have been very busy actively working on school closings in his district, of which one is Richmond Hill H.S., the city's response to the Snow Storms, and budget cuts, etc.

The councilman will be holding Listening Tours throughout his district which will give constituents an opportunity to meet one on one with him about issues that matter to them.

Other events scheduled are a Town Hall Meeting with Speaker of the Council Christine Quinn, an Employment fair and a town hall meeting on March 3 regarding property assessments. Please contact his office with any issues, concerns, etc. Question and answer period followed.

Marion Gottlieb, representing Senator Joe Addabbo - nothing to report.

Larry Love, representing Assemblywoman Audrey Pheffer- nothing to report.

Mike Persaud representing Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi wished all a Happy New Year. He informed the board of a recently passed bill to track and check how agencies spend money awarded to them.

Nigel Loncke representing Congressman Gregory Meeks wished all a Happy New Year. He stated there were calendars available in the back and encouraged everyone to take one.

Jane Carey representing Assemblyman Rory Lancman- Stated the assemblyman is up in Albany and is working on legislation regarding rent regulation laws which are set to expire this year and he is in favor of extending them.

Richard Mumith representing Karen Koslowitz asked board members to continue to call in their snow complaints into the office.

David Slavkin representing Assemblyman Mike Miller- \$500 for crime program collaboration with Council woman Crowley and Senator Addabbo. If you do see a crime in progress please call 911 not the assemblyman's office.

Wilma Bynum-representing Queens Borough President Helen Marshall reminded board members who are up for reappointment to please submit their applications, and thanked those who have already done so.

Douglas McPherson representing Congressman Anthony Weiner stated that Coops will be exempt from new Flip Tax law?

PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Greater Woodhaven Development Corporation*
"Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival"- Oct. 16, 2011
No Speakers
2. *Citywide Statement of Needs*
No Speakers
3. *Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received*

a. On Premise Liquor License- New

Las Victorias Restaurant Inc.
104-19 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

(January Meeting)

b. On Premise Wine & Beer-New

Gaaldy Sport Lounge (January Meeting)
105-20 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

EL Meson de Yully Corp. (January Meeting)
97-05 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No Speakers

c. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal

Montanez Restaurant
116-20 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

The Little Brown Jug, Inc
124-02 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

Hamlens Café Inc.
D/b/a Lenihans
119-09 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Forge Diner Inc.
D/b/a Pasta Lovers Trattoria
124-18 Queens Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No Speakers

Richmond Hill Moose Lodge 1176
D/b/a Loyal Order of Moose Richmond Hill No. 1176
87-25 118 St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

d. On Premise Wine & Beer-Renewal

101 Bar & Grill Corp.
106-05 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

Tiffany West Indian Grocery & Deli Inc.
95-01 104th St.
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No Speakers

d. On Premise Wine & Beer-Renewal-(cont'd)

Dani Pizza & Restaurant Corp.
81-28 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No Speakers

e. TLC For Hire Base Station Renewal

Community Quisqueya Car Service, Inc.
86-29 102 St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. The Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Wallace Bock motioned to accept the minutes for December as presented.

Maria Thomson 2nd the motion.

Motion #1: to adopt minutes as presented

Vote #1: Unanimous

2. Monthly Update- 102 PCT-

Captain Briffa gave an update on crime stats in the 102 PCT. Overall crime is up by 23%. Felony Assaults are up 23% 2011 vs. 15% 2010. Most of the assaults took place in bars over the holidays. Conditions Teams have been assigned to these crimes and it is making an impact on bringing these crimes down. Burglary 22% 2011 vs. 19% 2010, and Grand Larceny is up 131%, these are crimes involving credit card, bank checks and money order fraud etc. There were 22 arrests made out of 37 cases. The Officers also reported on undercover operation for prostitution at Rockaway Blvd and Atlantic Ave. where arrests were made; and it has been quiet for now. The activity may reoccur as the weather get warmer. Arrests were also made at local bars and restaurants for underage drinking. Question and answer period followed.

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

The Chair reported that the NYC Department of Finance has released info on the Annual Notice of Property Value. This information is available on line at www.nyc.gov/finance. Owners of Class 1 properties (1, 2, and 3 family homes) have until March 15, 2011 due to dispute their property values and owners of Class 4 Commercial and Industrial properties have until April 1, 2011. He also announced that board members as well as district managers and staff will undergo training from the Conflict of Interests Board 2x a year.

Mr. Mrakovcic stated there was a recent article in the NY Daily News regarding the Civic Virtue Statue and the Boards desire to have the statue restored. He recently saw a photographer from taking pictures of the statue and the gentleman was from the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services and they discussed the statue and the Board's efforts in saving the statue.

The vendor who will be running the Carousel in Flushing Meadows Corona Park will be running our Forest Park Carousel. The chair was recently asked about the Board's view on the Forest Park Carousel and he reiterated the board's position on having it opened and land marked.

The Queens Borough President will be holding hearings on the Preliminary FY 2012 Capital and Expense Budget on Feb. 23, 2011 at Queens Borough Hall, Rm. 200 and you can register for speaking time @718-286-2900 by Feb. 21, 2011.

Executive Committee Report- Ivan Mrakovic, Chair

The committee reviewed and discussed petitions for the Greater Woodhaven Developments Corporations "Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival scheduled for Oct. 16, 2011. Everything was in order and there were no negative reports received by the district office.

The executive committee recommends the support of this application. Joan DeCamp spoke in favor of the motion.

Motion #2: To support the application for the GWDC "Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival"
Vote #2: The vote was 32 in favor and 2 abstentions due to conflict of interest.

The committee reviewed the Citywide Statement of Needs and there was nothing pertaining to CB#9. The chair motioned to adopt the Citywide Statement of needs as submitted by the City of New York.

Motion #3: to adopt the Citywide Statement of needs as submitted by the City of New York.
Vote#3: Unanimous

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

The chair informed the Board that Mrs. Carey was ill with the Flu.

5. Guest Speaker- Hassan King, Partnerships for Parks

The Partnerships for Parks is an innovative joint program of City Parks Foundation and the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. Partnerships for Parks provide direct outreach and assistance to community groups in all five boroughs. They promote and encourage sustained involvement in parks by hosting events that celebrate the accomplishments of park groups and volunteers. They provide local community groups with training and resources to help strengthen their commitment to being vested in their parks.

Mr. King spoke about the Partnerships for Parks Corporate Volunteer program which provides companies with meaningful hands-on projects in NYC parks, and also raises funds for all of Partnerships' programs. They work with park managers to design projects which are funded and completed by corporate groups. Projects last between two and six hours and occur between April and October. This program will strengthen relationships between local community residents/stakeholders and City Government through private- public partnerships. Question and answer period followed.

6. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

Reported that during the Ice Storm the Q37 bus stopped running and there was no notification for two hours. The response from the MTA bus manager, Anna Peck was, it won't happen again, and that we should sign up for TA alerts! She asked Board members to let the Board office know if they have similar issues while waiting for a train or bus to contact the office. The committee will be having an educational seminar on bike commuting in the near future and Board member Melissa Rosales will help in putting it together.

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

John Young, Queens Director for the Department of City Planning will make a presentation on proposed Rezoning for the full Board. The remainder of the rezoning process will be undertaken over the next 4 to 6 months, one of which includes is an Environmental Impact Study and one issue that has come up is the impact the rezoning will have on the commercial strips.

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni

A letter was sent to the new chancellor and to date there has been no response.

9. Health& Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

The Department of health & Human Services has released the poverty levels for 2011, and they are 10, 890- 26,170 depending on the # of people. As of May 1, 2011 all benefits from federal government will be direct deposit only. At last meeting we were asked to send a letter to the mayor regarding budget cuts and its impact on Senior Citizens. Ms. Baron asked the board office to send the same letter we sent last year as issues are the same. The governor's budget includes cuts to Medicaid, particularly in personal care attendants.

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

Mr. Smith thanked Mary Ann Carey, District Manager for the interview on Channel 11 WPIX where she presented the boards view point on The Civic Virtue Statue and the urging for funds every year to restore it.

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

Mr. Coccovillo announced the next Public Safety committee meeting will take place on Feb. 15th not Feb 14th. He also stated the committee has created a new scenario in regard to on premise licenses stipulating that restaurants stop serving liquor at around 12 or 1 PM. The committee will also be looking at the on premise renewals and tracking them more closely.

➤ On Premise Liquor License- New

Las Victorias Restaurant Inc.
104-19 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN
(January Meeting)

Motion #4: To send a letter of no objection to the SLA with stipulations

Vote #4: 22 in favor, 12 opposed

➤ **On Premise Wine & Beer-New**

Gaaldy Sport Lounge
105-20 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN
(January Meeting)

Motion #5: To send letter of objection to the SLA
Vote #5: Unanimous

➤ **On Premise Wine & Beer-Renewal**

Tiffany West Indian Grocery & Deli Inc.
95-01 104th St.
Ozone Park, NY 11416

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #6: To send letter of objection to the SLA
Vote# 6: Unanimous

➤ **On Premise Wine & Beer-New**

EL Meson de Yully Corp.
97-05 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

VOTE TO BE TAKEN
(January Meeting)

Motion #7: To send letter of no objection to the SLA
Vote7: Unanimous

➤ **TLC For Hire Base Station Renewal**

Community Quisquaya Car Service, Inc.
86-29 102 St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #8: To send letter of no objection to the TLC
Vote #8: 25 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 NP
(Several board members spoke out against this license due to inappropriate behavior of some drivers.)

Council Woman Elizabeth Crowley hoped all Board members had a Happy Holiday Season. She updated the board on the recent hearings at City Hall regarding the Snow Storm "Blizzard". She stated the major mistake was not calling a State of Emergency despite prediction of a blizzard. The City Council is introducing new Bills to prevent this from happening again. The Council woman stated that most of Queens and every other Borough outside of Manhattan experienced similar conditions and were held prisoners in their own homes. Citizens couldn't get to work and EMS couldn't get to those in need.

Council woman Crowley met with the Queens Park Commissioner and stated that the fence surrounding the Forest Park Bandshell is near completion and should be ready for the summer concert series. The tennis courts will be worked on as the warmer weather approaches. Her office is compiling capital requests for the district and if you have projects that you would like to see funded please call her office and let them know. The Chairperson, Ivan Mrakovcic

suggested the Greenhouse in Forest Park as it is in poor condition. Ms. Crowley stated the parks commissioner informed her that the vendor who is chosen for Flushing Meadows Corona Park will also be running the carousel in Forest Park.

The Council woman discussed the budget and how it will affect the community especially as it pertains to the Fire Department. She also informed the board that they are looking for sites to build a new school in the Richmond Hill / Woodhaven area. Question and answer period followed.

12. Old Business

Evelyn Baron spoke about the discontinued bus to Queens College which was going to be served by ride share has now been canceled and once again riders who live in Kew Gardens are being subjected to a double fair.

13. New Business

Andrea Crawford announced that this Saturday at Maple Grove Cemetery @ 2PM Love Stories of all the couples buried there.

Stephen Esposito thanked the board for their support for the GWDC Streetfair.

Maria Thomson distributed whistles for safety purposes thanked Sandra Datnarain for providing beverages for the meeting.

Joan DeCamp stated that when someone from the public suggests the possibility of putting parking meters on one of the avenues that all recommendations by the board come only after a motion passed, voted on and discussed by the board and not by the leadership of the board.

Jan Fenster stated that On Feb. 15, 2011 Queens College will host an event in Honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day & Dedicated to Combating Genocide.

The Chair thanked the Fairfield Pavillion for hosting the meeting and the Nest Restaurant for providing refreshments.

Public Forum

Jay Van Deven stated that the noise level of people talking during the meeting made it difficult to hear what was being said.

Wallace Bock motioned to adjourn the meeting, Andrea Crawford 2nd the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:22 PM