

MARCH 8, 2011 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
MARJESTIC MARQUEE 88-03 101 AVE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2010

Akhtar Ali	(2)	Anton Dietrich	(0)	Raj Rampershad	(1)
Evelyn Baron	(0)	H. Singh Duggal	(0)	Melissa Rosales	(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(2)	Sam Esposito	(3)	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Wallace Bock	(0)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Latchman Budhai	(5)	Susan Farrell	(1)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Thomas Chiofolo	(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)	Marie Turley	(1)
John Carter	(2)	Scott Jordan	(2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)	Balbir Kaur	(4)	Clark Whitsett	(2)
Albert Cohen	(3)	Sherman Kane	(1)		
Nick Comaianni	(2)	Priscilla Levine	(1)		
Andrea Crawford	(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)		
Sandra Datnarain	(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(2)		
Joan DeCamp	(0)	Rabbi Pollack	(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rajinder S. Bawa	(7)	Mel Gagarin	(3)	Mohamed Safie	(7)
Richard David	(5)	Ralph Gonzalez	(8)	Ragbir Singh	(2)
Stephen Esposito	(3)	Sylvia Hack	(4)	Joseph Todisco	(6)
Jan Fenster	(2)	Regina Santoro	(2)		

* 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

Lisa Gomes, Irina Barayeva, Erica Dilan Staff

Legislative Representatives

Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Larry Love, Assembly Mbr. Pheffer
Michael Persaud, Assembly Mbr. Hevesi
Nigel Loncke, Congressman Meeks
Wilma Bynum, QBP Marshall
P.O. Estrella, 102 Pct.
Jeff Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo

Richard Mumith, Council Mbr. Koslowitz
Councilmember Eric Ulrich
Nick Roloson, Assembly Mbr. Miller
Sal Simonetti, CM Ulrich
Lavonne Brown, Assemblyman Lancman.
P.O. John McCoy, 102 Pct.

GUESTS

Vishnu Mahadeo, RHEDC
John Krall, Parkway Hospital
Glenn Urbanas, Civic Virtue
Richard Iritano, Civic Virtue
Vishnu Mahadeo, Resident
Cynthia Dickerson, RH Resident
Rose Corsi, Resident
John Young, City Planning
Dominic Rafter, City Tribune
Edward Rendell, WRBA
Rosemary Kulick, Resident
MaryAnn Simulinas, Resident
Randolph Mifflin, NYCSCA

Dane Kalarmauth, Richmond Hill Resident
Monica Gutierrez, SCA
Selim Ozalp, SCA
Merlene Persaud
Anthony Marotla, Resident
Josephine Maruca, Teacher
Amtio Cilqcemani, Resident
Ralph Mancini, Times Newsweekly
Phyllis Jordan, Resident
Louis Hobbs, Resident
Daren Dutchin, Bumpers Restaurant
Chris Persheff, NYCSCA

PUBLIC FORUM

John Krall- came to speak about the reopening of Parkway Hospital. It will be renamed The Gloria D'Amico Medical Center. He asked for help from Community Board 9 with raising awareness and support. Fundraising is in process with 75 million already raised. All insurance will be accepted. Call Mr. Krall at 646-525-1681 for more information.

Question and answer period followed.

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. which will be held on March 24 at 7pm.

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.

Glen Urbanas- spoke of the conference held by Congressman Anthony Weiner in front of the Civic Virtue statue on February 26, 2011, very ambivalent of constituents' appreciation of the statue in our community. We must make continue to make an effort in keeping this statue.

Richard Iritano- Thanked Mary Ann Carey and Ivan Mrakovcic for keeping the issue of Civic Virtue at the forefront of Community Board 9 constituents. He also noted that 79% of the public want the statue to remain at its current location.

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

Council Member Eric Ulrich- thanked the owners of Marjestic Marquee. He also spoke of proposed budget cuts for the Department of the Aging. These cuts would result in the closure of one hundred and five senior centers in NYC. The City would save \$ 25 million which would be used for child care services. We should remember that closing these senior centers would lead to isolation of the elderly and loss of daily socialization. He also spoke about his conversation with Andy Koltz regarding the cleanup of bayside cemetery.

There are new garbage pails on 101st ave. He also gave his support for the proposed new school on 101st ave and 90 street in Ozone Park.

Richard Mumith- representing Karen Koslowitz stated that the councilwoman is currently in Albany fighting against tax cuts for DOA. Also reminded all who have children are unemployed etc. to claim the Earned Income Credit when filing their taxes. Also, there is a new program from DEP called the Leak Notification Program which lets homeowners know when they have a leak, go to NYC.gov for more information.

Mike Persaud representing Assemblyman Andrew stated that the Assemblyman is working hard to prevent budget cuts to the Department of Aging.

Nigel Loncke, representing Congressman Gregory Meeks- nothing to report.

Marion Gottlieb representing Senator Joe Addabbo informed the board that the Senator is currently in Albany fighting to keep Senior Centers open.

Wilma Bynum-representing Queens Borough President Helen Marshall- nothing to report

Larry Love representing Assemblywoman Audrey Pheffer- Aqueduct Racetrack project is moving forward. The casino is set to open this summer.

Mohammad Hack- representing Ruben Wills- There will be an open house at the Councilmembers new office on Friday March 18 all day. All are invited to meet staff and ask questions. Call the office at (718)206-2068 for more information. He asked all to please call 311 about any potholes. Also there will be a town hall meeting on Thursday March 10 regarding the budget. There will be an application training seminar on Friday March 10 at 93-42 Sutphin Blvd.

Nick Rolson of Assemblyman Mike Miller's office stated that the Assemblyman is currently in Albany fighting the proposed budget cuts. He also informed the board of a scam where people are posing as a gas company, shut off gas and charge high fees to turn it back on.

Lavonne Brown representing Assemblyman Rory Lancman stated the Assemblyman is also currently in Albany fighting budget cuts.

Chairperson Ivan Mrakovcic requested that all Legislative Officials have a written statement of their standing regarding the Civic Virtue Statue prepared by Community Board #9's April Meeting.

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

Bumpers Restaurant Bar & Grill, Inc.
123-13 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Mixteco Inc.
D/b/a El Pachangon
125-15 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

b. On Premise Liquor License - Renewal

Cordon Bleu D/b/a Woodhaven Terrace Inc.
96-01 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

M&O Jewelry Corp.
D/b/a The Link
110-12 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Jim Byrne's Wee Pub, Inc
93-01 95 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

116-02 101 Ave. Bar Corp
116-02 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

c. **On Premise Beer License- Renewal**

Richmond Hill Deli Corp
D/b/a Richmond Hill Deli Restaurant
123-07 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

d. **On Premise Beer & Wine License- Renewal**

Metro Sushi Café, Inc.
D/b/a Metro Sushi Café
118-21 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Tu Casa Restaurant Corp.
119-05 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

John's Luncheonette & Deli Grocery, Inc./ *Eating Place Beer*
95-14 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Caridad of Woodhaven Restaurant Crop
90-19 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

e. **On Premise Wine License- Renewal**

T&H Village Food Corp.
D/b/a Village Diner
81-74 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

Correction for number 7 under the Land Use Committee Report, the last sentence should read: "of the new commercial zones on community density."

Submitted by: Sherman Kane

Wallace Bock motioned to accept the minutes for February as amended.

Maria Thomson 2nd the motion.

Motion #1: to adopt minutes as presented

Vote #1: Unanimous

2. Monthly Update- 102 PCT-

Police Officer McCoy spoke about arrest of the forty-year-old graffiti perpetrator who has been tagging numerous properties in Richmond Hill over the past several months. Police Officer Herdinia is the new graffiti officer; contact the 102 Pct. with questions.

Question and answer period followed.

3. Chairperson's Remarks and Executive Committee Report – Ivan Mrakovic

The Chairperson requested that all board members present at meetings sit at the table designated for board members. He also reminded members to attend their assigned Committee meetings, which usually meet once a month. Members are to stay until the end of each Board meeting, not for the last vote.

He spoke about the Civic Virtue Statue and about Congressman Wiener's ill-mannered remark to "sell it on Craig's List." He requested to augment the current resolution on the statue to remain in its current location.

Question and answer period followed.

The executive committee recommends the support for the Civic Virtue Statue to remain in its current location.

Motion #4: To support the resolution to keep Civic Virtue in its current location.

Vote #4: The vote was 34 in favor and 1 opposed.

4. Guest Speaker- John Young, Director of the Queens Planning Office, Department of City Planning

Mr. Young gave an in depth presentation on the goals and objectives of the Woodhaven/Richmond Hill Rezoning. Please see attached for details. Question and Answer period followed.

5. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

District Manager Mary Ann Carey thanked the board as well as Glen Urbanas and Richard Iritano for their support of Civic Virtue. She stated that Phyllis Cohen of Municipal Arts Society has sent a letter in support of the Statue as well.

6. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

Ms. Crawford discussed that as a green community we should support DOT Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan and bike lane initiative. A resolution will be prepared and voted on at the April Board meeting.

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

No Report.

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni

Monica Gutierrez of NYC DOE and Selim Ozalp of the School Construction Authority spoke about the proposed project to build a school located at the North East and North West Corners of 101 Ave. and 90 St. in Ozone Park. The facility will include a 416 seat primary school and schoolyard. It will be in the Community School District No. 27. Monica Gutierrez stated that anyone with concerns or questions can call (718) 472-8114.

**Several neighboring residents who spoke had questions about the proposed school. Question and Answer Period Followed.

Motion # 2: *To support proposed New 416 Seat Primary School Facility –NE & NW Corners of 101 Ave. and 90 St. Ozone Park*

Vote #2: *34 in favor, 1 abstention due to conflict of interest.*

Mr. Commianni also created a resolution regarding rollover funds for New York City School's principals. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the City of New York under Mayor Michael Bloomberg is forcing the Department of Education, under Chancellor Cathie Black to cut money that Principals have already saved in hard economic times in preparation for even harder economic times during fiscal year 2011-2012, otherwise known as rollover funds;

Whereas Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Chancellor Cathie Black are forcing principals to use their surpluses funds or lose them, thus running the risk of our principals losing the incentive to save money;

Whereas the confiscation of this reserve budget is destructive to our school community leading to programs being eliminated, class sizes to explode, and the loss of teaching positions;

Whereas, the principals were advised and permitted, by the Department of Education, to be fiscally responsible by putting aside funding for times of economic stress;

Whereas the Community Board 9 believes the timing of the decision and its announcement is causing great distress to the staff, students and parents of our City;

Be it resolved that Community Board 9 is unequivocally against roll over budget cuts to any schools throughout New York City.

Motion #3: *To support resolution of rollover funds for DOE schools.*

Vote #3: *34 in favor, 1 abstention due to conflict of interest.*

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Ms. Baron informed the board that the governor is working to amend expenditure of Medicaid. There are a few proposals which include the gross reduction of: personal care attendants, transportation, for medication only a percentage will now be covered, for a certain amount time and fewer brand names will be covered, as well as all types of dental services.

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

Mr. Smith informed the board that approval was granted for seating areas on Raul Wallenberg Square at Metropolitan and Park Lane South Aves.

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

➤ On Premise Liquor License- New

Mixteco Inc.
D/b/a El Pachagon
125-15 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #5: To send letter of no opposition for Mixteco Inc. d/b/a El Pachagon.

Vote #5: 34 in favor, 1 opposed.

➤ On Premise Beer License – Renewal

Richmond Hill Deli Corp
D/b/a Richmond Hill Deli Restaurant
123-07 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #6: To send letter of opposition for Richmond Hill Deli Corp D/b/a Richmond Hill Deli Restaurant.

Vote #6: unanimous

➤ On Premise Beer & Wine License- Renewal

John's Luncheonette & Deli Grocery, Inc./ Eating Place Beer
95-14 Jamaica Av.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion #7: To send letter of opposition for John's Luncheonette & Deli Grocery, Inc./ Eating Place Beer

Vote #7: 34 in favor, 1 abstention due to conflict of interest.

- Caridad of Woodhaven Restaurant Crop
90-19 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Committee has no objection, no vote taken.

➤ **On Premise Wine License- Renewal**

T&H Village Food Corp.
D/b/a Village Diner
81-74 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Committee has no objection, no vote taken.

➤ **On Premise Liquor License - Renewal**

M&O Jewelry Corp.
D/b/a The Link
110-12 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #8: To send letter of opposition M&O Jewelry Corp. D/b/a The Link

Vote #8: unanimous

12. **Election of Officers**

Ivan Mrakovcic received nominations for Chairperson.

Nominee: Andrea Crawford

Vote: unanimous

Andrea Crawford is elected Chairperson

Ivan Mrakovcic received nominations for 1st Vice Chair

Nominee: Rabbi Pollack and Joe laboni

Vote: 26 for Rabbi Pollack, 8 for Joe laboni

Rabbi Pollack is elected 1st Vice Chairperson

Ivan Mrakovcic received nominations for 2nd Vice Chair

Nominee: Ivan Mrakovcic and Joe laboni

Vote: 24 for Ivan Mrakovcic, 10 for Joe laboni

Ivan Mrakovcic is elected 2nd Vice Chair

Ivan Mrakovcic received nomination for Executive Secretary

Nominee: Clark Whitsett and Joe laboni

Vote: 22 for Ivan Mrakovcic, 12 for Joe laboni

Clark Whitsett is elected Executive Secretary

13. **Old Business**

Tom Chiofolo spoke about Congressman Weiner's disregard and disrespect regarding the Civic Virtue Statue. His attitude proves that he is not truly representing the people who voted for him.

Wally Bock thanked Ivan Mrakovcic for a good job as Chairperson.

14. New Business

Andrea Crawford announced that Saturday March 26th at Maple Grove Cemetery @ 7PM Pianist Frank Levy will be performing as part of the Rhosinna Lhevinne Concert Series and there will be a wine and cheese reception. The prices are as follows: \$25 adults; \$20 seniors; \$15 students.

Harjinder Sing Duggal inquired how Community Board 9 can be involved with the "Adopt a Highway" Program.

District Manager Mary Ann Carey informed all of the passing of former board member Arlene Pedone, she gave her condolences to the Pedone family.

Nick Comaianni wished everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day.

District Manager Mary Ann Carey invited all to the Kiwanis Club meeting at 106-09 Rockaway Blvd on March 25, 2011, Dinner will be served. Cost is \$25.00.

Public Forum

Richard Iritano- reiterated Congressman Anthony Weiner's lack of respect and apathy for the same constituents who voted him into office. His comment about putting it for sale on Craig's List is rude and unacceptable.

M. Davidson- Ms. Davidson spoke about the teenagers who frequent the library on Lefferts Blvd by Liberty. She stated that they threaten the assistant librarian when she tries to discipline them.

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

The meeting ended at 11 PM