

APRIL 12, 2011 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2011

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| Akhtar Ali | (0) | Stephen Esposito | (0) | Raj Rampershad | (0) |
| Evelyn Baron | (0) | Clark Whitsett | (0) | Mohamed Safie | (0) |
| D. Bhattacharjee | (0) | Jan Fenster | (0) | J. Richard Smith | (0) |
| Wallace Bock | (0) | Dr. V. Evangelista | (0) | Dr. Stephen Sofer | (0) |
| Latchman Budhai | (0) | Susan Farrell | (0) | Maria Thomson | (0) |
| Rajinder S. Bawa | (0) | Joseph Iaboni | (0) | Marie Turley | (0) |
| John Carter | (0) | Scott Jordan | (0) | Regina Santoro | (0) |
| Jim Coccovillo | (0) | Mel Gagarin | (0) | Ragbir Singh | (0) |
| Sherman Kane | (0) | Marian Molina | (0) | Ramon Rodriguez | (0) |
| Nick Comaianni | (0) | Priscilla Levine | (0) | Maharani Singh | (0) |
| Andrea Crawford | (0) | Ivan Mrakovcic | (0) | Seth Welins | (0) |
| Sandra Datnarain | (0) | Kevin O'Leary | (0) | Joan DeCamp | (0) |
| Rabbi Pollack | (0) | | | | |

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Thomas Chiofolo | (1) | Sam Esposito | (1) | Balbir Kaur | (1) |
| Albert Cohen | (1) | H. Singh Duggal | (1) | Melissa Rosales | (1) |
| Palo Dedvukaj | (1) | Ralph Gonzalez | (1) | Joseph Todisco | (1) |
| Anton Dietrich | (1) | Sylvia Hack | (1) | Naidoo Veerapen | (1) |
| Richard David | (1) | | | | |

* 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

CM Rubin Wills
Sal Simonetti, CM Ulrich
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Kate Mooney, CM Crowley
Nick Roloson, Assembly Mbr. Miller
Lavonne Brown, Assembly Mbr. Lancman
Nigel Loncke, Congressman Meeks
P.O. John McCoy, 102 Pct.

CM Karen Koslowitz
Wilma Bynum, QBP Marshall
Richard Mumith, CM Mbr. Koslowitz
Councilmember Eric Ulrich
Doug McPherson, Congressman Weiner
Mohammad Hack, CM Wills
P.O. Estrella, 102 Pct.
Captain Briffa, 102 Pct.

GUESTS

Harvey Levine, Resident
John Krall, Parkway Hospital
Richard Iritano, Civic Virtue
Vishnu Mahadeo, Resident
Rosemary Kulick, Resident
Tiffany Elwin, Resident
Ralph Mancini, Times News Weekly
Inderpaul Aliuwalia, Resident
Levina Dirpaul, Resident

Ximeno Guileo, Resident
Parsarm Dirpaul, Resident
Mohammad Mahji, Resident
Jessica Bartolini, CHHAYA
Michelle Bogart, Civic Virtue
Gabriel Echevarria, NYC Parks
Ann Gustafson, Queens Chronicle
Harjinder Pal Singh, Resident

PUBLIC FORUM

Michelle Bogart- Professor of Art at Stonybrook University and resident of Brooklyn came to speak out in support of conservation funding for the Civic Virtue Statue. She stated that as an art historian, she has been researching that statue and it would be upsetting for the statue to be removed, given its historical and social significance of “civic virtue”.

Vishnu Mahadeo- RHEDC & RHHS PA spoke about the meeting held by RHEDC regarding Richmond Hill rezoning. There were between 120-150 residents and businesses that showed up to speak with the city planner. The RHEDC was proud to host such an important meeting, directly affecting the community.

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. This is the only facility in Queens that can still be used as a hospital. Call Mr. Krall at 646-525-1681 for more information.

Gabriel Echevarria- NYC Dept. of Parks, Manager of Community Board 9 parks. He asked for support of community with enforcing litter clean up, and the new law which bans smoking in public parks and beaches. Please call Mr. Echevarria at 347- 386-9431 for more information.

Jessica Bartolini- CHHAYA Community Development Corp. spoke about the efficiency program in Queens. Most homes are eligible for free assessments to see where waste

occurs in the home. All homes are eligible for incentives from 10 to 100 percent of money spent on home improvements which help with conservation of energy in the home.

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

Council Member Karen Koslowitz- spoke in opposition of the Civic Virtue statue. The current fiscal crisis calls for Capital money to be spent on more important things like education, infrastructure and senior care. Question and Answer Period Followed.

Sal Simonetti representing Council Member Eric Ulrich- nothing to report, the council member will arrive later in the meeting.

Marion Gottlieb representing Senator Joe Addabbo informed the board that the Senator is pleased that the cuts have been restored to keep Senior Centers open.

Wilma Bynum representing Queens Borough President Helen Marshall- reminded new board members that there will be a training and orientation at 5:30pm on May 12th in Borough Hall in room 213. A swearing in ceremony will be held at 6pm on June 14th at the Hall of Science.

Kate Mooney representing Councilwoman Crowley- stated that the council woman is currently trying to incorporate volunteer and private ambulance corporations into the 311 call system. She also spoke about the J-train track work improvements. The cuts facing the FDNY will mean that a fire house will be closing in Richmond Hill. The funds for NYC DOE have been restored for School restorations.

Council Member Rubin Wills- There will be a town hall meeting to stop the six sexual predators living in a homeless shelter five blocks away from P.S. 124. On April 23 there will be a "Homeowner Rescue Fair" at York College between 10-3pm. The fair will be helpful, but homeowners must keep in mind that many backs have predatory practices and scams. Everyone who attends this seminar must be aware of this. There also be a fair on April 16th for "Strategies for Success and Negotiations through Mortgage Delinquency" which will give tips on what to look out for when dealing with banks and mortgage consultants.

Council Member Eric Ulrich- congratulated the new board members. He also spoke of the cleanup of Bayside cemetery on Liberty Avenue and 84th street. There will be an event on May 1st between 12-3pm by KJACK, which has raised over \$50,000 to preserve Jewish Cemeteries, to clean up the Cemetery.

Doug McPherson- representing Congressman Anthony Weiner stated that the Congressman is fighting potentially devastating budget cuts for Fiscal Year 2011. These cuts include the change of Medicare to a voucher program.

Nick Rolson of Assemblyman Mike Miller's office stated that the Assemblyman will be sponsoring a job fair on May 14th at St. John's the Baptist Church (80th street off of Jamaica). All looking for employment are invited.

Lavonne Brown representing Assemblyman Rory Lancman – nothing to report

Nigel Loncke, representing Congressman Gregory Meeks- stated there will be a job fair on Friday May 6th from 10am -3pm at York College. Any one looking for employment is welcomed.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. **On Premise Catering Liquor License- New**

Arising Banquet Catering Hill, LLC
127-07 94th Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

b. **On Premise Beer License - New**

Karan Deli & Grocery Inc.
86-02 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

El Buen Gusto/RM Deli Bakery & Grocery Corp.
87-17 Lefferts Blvd.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

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

Mingle #1 Inc.
130-18 101 Ave,
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

M&F Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Spolini's Restaurant Inc
116-25 Metropolitan Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

GT Palace, Inc. / Liquor Store
D/b/a GT Wine & Liquor
78-20 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

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

Pop's Restaurant Inc.
85-22 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11412

Paul Michael's Brick Oven Café
85-19 126th St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

e. **Alteration Application**

Navan Café, Inc
94-02 80th St
Ozone Park, NY 11416

f. **TLC For Hire Base Station- Renewal**

JSE Management Corp.
D/b/a Dial A Ride
76-19 Rockaway Blvd
Woodhaven, NY 11421

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

Erica Dilan submitted corrections to minutes: Pg. 4 under the Public Hearing, item #1 should read, Proposed New 416 Seat Primary School Facility –NE & NW Corners Of 101 Ave. and 90 St. Ozone Park. No Speakers. Item #2 should be removed and Item #3 should be item#2. (Both items were from the previous months' meeting).

On Pg. 9 Election of Officers, under Exec. Secretary it reads 22 votes for Ivan Mrakovic, it should read for Clark Whittsett. In addition Motion #4 33 in Favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention, the abstention is not counted in the vote.
Submitted by: Maria Thomson

Wallace Bock motioned to accept the minutes for February as amended.
Joe Iaboni 2nd the motion.

Motion #1: to adopt minutes as amended.

Vote #1: Unanimous

2. **Monthly Update- 102 PCT-**

Captain Briffa stated that within the last 28 days assault in the 102 Pct has gone down, The most reported types of offences are domestic violence and grand larceny of cars and items in cars. Tickets for bicycle infractions are being issued at high rates in the CB 9 area, the speed limit for bicycles and cars is 30 MPH on City streets. Question and answer period followed.

3. **Chairperson's Remarks and Executive Committee Report** – Andrea Crawford

The Chairperson thanked Ivan Mrakovic for the wonderful leadership during the past year as chairperson. She reminded board members to attend committee meetings and be vigilant Community Board 9 residents. Please fill out committee assignments and contribute to the good and welfare fund.

4. Guest Speaker- TLC- Five Borough Taxi Plan- Mayor Bloomberg's plan to give residents outside of Manhattan the ability to legally hail a cab off the street- Guest speaker was unable to attend meeting.

5. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

District Manager Mary Ann Carey reported that the American Red Cross has helped 65 people in CB #9 from January to March 2011. Community Car Services now support the expansion of taxi services to Outer Boroughs, but there is opposition to the creation of dual purpose vehicles that provide both pre-arranged and taxi street hail services, as this will destroy community car services. The proposal to restore the Forest Park Carousel and concession stand must be submitted no later than May 13, 2011. FDNY statistics showed that there was a three percent rise in structural fires in CB9. The application process for Block Party applications through the Street Activity Permit Office has changed. All applications must be filed online and constituents are no longer able to file an application at the CB office. This will limit the community's ability to interact with the board and puts a significant burden on those that don't have access to computers, in that the only other means of filing an application is to go into Manhattan and file the application in person.

6. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

No report

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

There was a meeting with Byron Muñoz, of DOB and liaison to Community Board 9. He was very receptive and eager to help with the issues brought up which included illegal conversions, signage, commercial use of residential properties, and use of abandoned property. The Land use committee will continue to work with Mr. Munoz on these issues. There will be a follow up meeting in the near future. Question and Answer Period Followed.

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni

There was a meeting with former school chancellor Cathy Black, where she was not able to answer most of the questions she was asked. A few weeks later there was a meeting with Deputy Mayor Walcott, although he does not have much educational experience, the future seems more promising with him about to take office. Question and answer Period Followed.

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Ms. Baron reported that the new proposed budget cuts will redesign Medicaid in New York. There will be cuts in care, nursing homes, home care. Contact Evelyn Baron through the Community Board Office for more information or questions.

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

Mr. Smith informed the board of the yellow signs in the grass in Forest Park which are warnings of the Asian Longhorn Beetle.

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

▪ **On Premise Catering Liquor License- New**

Arising Banquet Catering Hill, LLC
127-07 94th Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion #2: To send letter of opposition for Arising Banquet Catering Hill, LLC.

Vote #2: 36 in favor, 1 opposed abstention due to conflict of interest

▪ **On Premise Beer License - New**

Karan Deli & Grocery Inc.
86-02 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion #3: To send letter of opposition for Karan Deli & Grocery Inc.

Vote #3: unanimous

El Buen Gusto/RM Deli Bakery & Grocery Corp.
87-17 Lefferts Blvd
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #4: To send letter of opposition for El Buen Gusto/RM Deli Bakery & Grocery Corp

Vote #4: unanimous

▪ **On Premise Liquor License- Renewal**

GT Palace, Inc. / Liquor Store
D/b/a GT Wine & Liquor
78-20 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion #5: To send letter of opposition for GT Palace, Inc / Liquor Store D/b/a GT Wine & Liquor

Vote #5: unanimous

▪ **TLC For Hire Base Station- Renewal**

JSE Management Corp.
D/b/a Dial A Ride
76-19 Rockaway Blvd.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion #6: To send letter of no objection for JSE Management Corp. D/b/a Dial A Ride
Vote #6: 35 in favor, 2 opposed

12. Old Business

Evelyn Baron stated the vendors that used to be at aqueduct race tract are now open for business on Merrick and in Brooklyn. She also stated that mattresses being disposed of must be fully enclosed.

Joe Iaboni congratulated Latchman Budhai on a very successful Pagwhah Parade.

13. New Business

Rabbi Pollack stated that although Nettie Mayersohn stepped down from office, the governor has yet to declare a special election, and the office remains open.

Maria Thomson thanked elected representatives for reopening the Senior Center in Woodhaven. Also the Easter Bunny will be taking pictures at Jamaica Ave. and Forest Park Drive, this Sunday between 1-4pm. There will be music, and all are invited to the festivities.

Stephen Esposito invited all to the GWDC Finally Spring Dinner Dance on Friday May 20th at 7:30pm at the new Cordon Bleu Catering Hall, 96-01 Jamaica Ave. Tickets are \$65.

Priscilla Levine asked about the status of the renewal of Rent Control in the city council.

Public Forum

Richard Iritano- has remained active in restoring Civic Virtue. He sent a certified letter to Donald Trump and has called his office to ask for his support several times.

Wallace Bock motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sandra Datnarain 2nd the motion.

The meeting ended at 10 PM