

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD. RH NY 11419

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2011

Akhtar Ali	(0)	Anton Dietrich	(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)
Evelyn Baron	(0)	H. Singh Duggal	(2)	Rabbi Pollack	(0)
D. Bhattacharjee	(1)	Stephen Esposito	(0)	Raj Rampershad	(1)
Wallace Bock	(0)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)	Susan Farrell	(0)	Regina Santoro	(0)
John Carter	(2)	Jan Fenster	(0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Thomas Chiofolo	(2)	Sylvia Hack	(2)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)	Marie Turley	(0)
Albert Cohen	(2)	Sherman Kane	(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)
Nick Comaianni	(0)	Priscilla Levine	(0)	Clark Whitsett	(0)
Andrea Crawford	(0)	Marian Molina	(0)		
Sandra Datnarain	(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rajinder S. Bawa	(2)	Ralph Gonzalez	(3)	Maharani Singh	(1)
Richard David	(3)	Scott Jordan	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Joan DeCamp	(1)	Balbir Kaur	(2)	Joseph Todisco	(3)
Sam Esposito	(3)	Ramon Rodriguez	(3)	Seth Welins	(1)
Melquiades Gagarin	(2)	Mohamed Safie	(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

Mary Ann Carey, Lisa Gomes, Irina Barayeva, Erica Dilan Staff

Legislative Representatives

Wilma Bynum, QBPO
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Kevonna Scott, Senator Shirley Huntley
Nick Roloson, Assembly Mbr. Miller
Nigel Loncke, Congressman Meeks
P.O. Martins, 102 Pct.
P.O. Severino, 102 Pct.

Aiysha Jaggassar, Senator Shirley Huntley
Richard Mumith, Council Mbr. Koslowitz
Dominick Panakal, Assemblyman Lancman
Nick Roloson, Assemblyman Miller
Morgan Jones, Mayor's Office
Captain Briffa, 102 Pct.

GUESTS

Glenn Urbanas, Forest Park Safety
Catherine Restripo, wine licenses
Maria Cruz, resident
Anna Halkidis, resident
Sam Goldman, Times News Weekly
Collin McDonald, resident
Cynthia Dickerson, resident
Simon Ramsawak, Kaibean Falls
Biniowtie Angelini, resident
James Capozzi, Aqueduct
Abraham Ortizm resident

David Polanco, resident
Joanne Franco, resident
Luis Martinez, resident
Noel Loginal, resident
Latchman Nagaswatm York College
Yashoda Padarat, York College
Angela Singh, Kaibean Falls
Nena Joy, York College
Jason Garcia, York College
Patrick Jenkins, Aqueduct
Junior Espinal, resident

PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers

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

Dominick Panakal representing Assemblyman Rory Lancman asked all to call the office at 718-820-0241 with any questions or concerns.

Wilma Bynum, from the Queens Boro Presidents Office- nothing to report.

Richard Mumith, representing Council Member Koslowitz- nothing to report

Nick Rolson of Assemblyman Mike Miller's office stated that there will be a safety event on October 1st from 10-2pm. There will be VIN and bike etching. Assemblyman Miller is opposed to a Liquor License at Nebu Hooookah lunge because it is within 200 feet of a House of Worship and it is in a residential area.

Aisha Jaggassar of Senator Huntley's office informed the board of a college fair which will feature historically black colleges. Call the office for more info.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. BSA 593-69 BZ- 108-01 Atlantic Ave-

Change in use of the accessory automotive repair bays to an accessory convenience store.

No Speakers

2. Installation of Speed Hump Requests-

86th St. between Atlantic Ave. & 95th Ave

76th St. between 88th Ave. & 90th Ave.

85th Rd. between 85th St. & Forest Parkway

No Speakers

3. Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received

a. On Premise Liquor License- New

Ross Flavor Lounge Corp.

117-03 Hillside Ave

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

No Speakers

Maracas Club & Restaurant LLC.

121-08 Jamaica Ave

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

No Speakers

Montanez NY Inc.

126-19 Jamaica Ave

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

No Speakers

La Cabana Restaurant & Bar Inc.

102-24 Jamaica Ave.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

No Speakers

El Puerto Mexicano, Inc.

84-28 Jamaica Ave

Woodhaven, NY 11421

No Speakers

Zen Hibachi Lounge Corp
117-15 101st Ave,
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No Speakers

Naciones Unidas # 7 Inc.
112-07 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

Richi Rich Palace
110 17-19 Atlantic Ave,
Richmond Hill, NY-11418
No Speakers

Garden Grill
116-35 Metropolitan Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

Jim & Rich LLC
107-14 101 Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No Speakers

b. On Premise Beer & Wine License- New

NEBU Hookah Lounge Inc.
86-74 80th Street
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No Speakers

Don Pollo Inc.
83-02 95th Ave.
Ozone Park, NY11416
No Speakers

c. On Premise Alteration Application

Hermes Billiards & Café
102-14 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

M & F Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Spolini's
116-25 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, NY 11418
No Speakers

d. On Premise Beer & Wine License- Renewal

Best Seafood & BBQ Chicken Corp
98-01 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No Speakers*

Mexico El Salvador Rest. Inc.
114-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

Bicheiros Place Inc.
94-04 80th Street
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No Speakers

e. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal

111 Atlas Restaurant Corp.
111-16 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No Speakers

Navan Café Inc.
94-02 80th Street
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No Speakers

Michael Brennan
79-19 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No Speakers

Villa Russo
118-16 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No Speakers

Kajeteur Fall Restaurant Ltd
116-02-04-06 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

KDR Restaurant Inc.
D/b/a Kaieteur Rest. & Sports Bar
87-12 Lefferts Blvd.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

Austin Steak & Ale House
82-70 Austin St.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No Speakers

Neirs Tavern Inc.
87-48 78th Street
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No Speakers

Golden Palace Catering Hall Inc.
123-08 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

f. On Premise Beer License/ Wholesale Distributor- Renewal

Piya Enterprise Inc.d/b/a Nandieta Beer & Soda
130-18 90th Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. The Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

There were no corrections to June's minutes.

Wallace Bock motioned to accept the minutes for June as presented.
Evelyn Baron 2nd the motion.

Motion #1: to adopt minutes as amended.

Vote #1: unanimous

2. Monthly Update- 102 PCT-

P.O. Briffa stated that crime has gone down in the last 28 days. Crimes the 102 Pct. encountered include felony assault and stealing cars. There was one grand larceny on 101st Ave. and a credit card fraud incident on Metropolitan Ave. There was an attempted rape in Forest Park of a young girl jogging. There was a request made for the Mounted Police Unit and more police presence. Police Officers on patrol are being asked to go into the park when they are not on call. Chief Secreto is the new Borough Command Office. Question and answer period followed.

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

The Chairperson spoke about board members doing their job for the community we live in.

4. Guest Speaker- James G. Capozzi, *US Dept. of Justice/FBI*

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Question and Answer Period Followed.

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

We hosted two summer interns for six weeks, again this year, who assisted us in answering telephones, mailings, printing labels, preparing our holiday cards. Roni Isacharov worked the entire time and Kimberly worked for two weeks.

Yesterday the Queens DM's held the first Budget consultations for the 2013 budget with DEP and DOT. Our Agenda comprises Borough wide issues. For examples:

DOT included questions regarding expanded bus lanes, installation of speed humps, safety of bridges, current staffing levels for traffic calming, all way stops resurfacing etc. There were 310 Lane miles of roadway resurfaced last year. Bridge safety was also a topic and DOT stated that the 787 bridges in NYYS are inspected every two years and must meet the National Standard. Problems are addressed immediately.

The DM's posed the question: Does DOT purpose to expand dedicated bus lanes in Queens?

For the last two years dot has been working on the Jamaica Bus Improvement Study in concert with local community and business leaders. This study recommends ways to improve bus service around Jamaica including adjusting bus stops, improving pedestrian connections upgrading existing bus lanes and addition selected new bus lanes. Implementation of these recommendations will begin this fall and will continue in 2012.

Two projects in the planning from this list are the Woodhaven Boulevard Congested Corridor Study and the LaGuardia Airport Alternatives Analysis study. Both of these studies include a look at the potential for bus lanes, but neither has recommended any specific lanes to date. The full list of corridors for future study is available **at DOT'S website**. Additionally DOT has worked with NYCTA and MTA Bus to identify other corridors in Queens that might be appropriate for transit improvements.

You will find a map of the Water main projects in your packet. Almost the entire CB has a water main project or a resurfacing project. This demonstrates **patients have** its rewards.

An update on Parks - **The** Bandshell fence contract has been transmitted and they is being reviewed by the City Law Department prior to advertisement for bidding. After bidding the low bidder will have to be approved awarded and registered. Anticipate construction in the spring of 2012 weather permitting.

Greenhouse is approximately 40% complete. However there have been many delays attributed to poor weather and it is likely the contractor will file for **an extension come next** spring. Completion should be in the summer of 2012

DEP- asked how the Agency is addressing the increased number of sewer/catch basin backups, cave-ins, throughout the Borough. DEP has added a midnight shift. There is a backlog of 1500 basins out of a total of 60,000 in Queens alone. There is a 30 day wait time on requests. We inquired about the water rates expect at least a 9.3% increase. The Jamaica Water Treatment Plant has 67 workers. Our drinking water is pure and there **are 300,000** tests of our drinking water per year.

6. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

There was a request for a speed hump at 86th Street between Atlantic Ave. and 95th Ave.
Question and Answer Period Followed.

Motion #2: *To send letter of support for a speed hump request at 86th Street between Atlantic Ave. and 95th Ave.*

Vote #2: *unanimous*

There was a request for a speed hump at 76th St. between 88th Ave. and 90th Ave.
Question and Answer Period Followed.

Motion #3: *To send letter of support for a speed hump at 76th St. between 88th Ave. and 90th Ave.*

Vote #3: *unanimous*

There was a request for a speed Hump at 85th Rd. between 85th Rd. between 85th St. and Forest Parkway.

Question and Answer Period Followed.

Motion #4: *To send Letter of support for a speed hump at 85th Rd.between 85th St. and Forest Parkway.*

Vote #4: *unanimous*

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

BSA 593-69 BZ- at 108-01 Atlantic Ave. RH,11418

An application was submitted for a variance to change the use of the accessory automotive repair bays to an accessory 24 hour convenience store. Question and Answer Period Followed.

Motion #5: To table BSA 593-69 BZ at 108-01Atlantic Ave.

Vote #5: 26 unanimous

BSA # 50-11-A - 134-07 87TH Ave. RH, 11418:

An application was submitted to the board requesting a waiver of the zoning resolution section 23-47 regarding rear yards. Question and Answer Period Followed.

Motion #6: To deny the request for a waiver for BSA 50-11-A at 137-07 87 ave.

Vote#6: 26 in favor, 7 opposed and 1 abstention.

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni

There will be a meeting at Queens Borough Hall on September 19, 2011 with the Department of Education regarding the implementation of the 2010-2014 Capital Plan and an update from the School Construction Authority re: development of new facilities in Queens.

9. Health& Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Ms. Baron spoke about the state of healthcare today, which means many are paying more but receiving fewer services.

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

No report

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

❖ **On Premise Liquor License- New**

NEBU Hookah Lounge Inc.
86-74 80th Street
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion #7: To send letter of opposition for NEBU Hookah Lounge Inc.

Vote#7: Unanimous

❖ **On Premise Beer & Wine License- New**

Kajeteur Fall Restaurant Ltd
116-02-04-06 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #8: *To send letter of opposition for Kajeteur Fall Restaurant Ltd.*
Vote#8: *Unanimous*

❖ **On Premise Liquor License- New**

La Cabana Restaurant & Bar, Inc.
102-24 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #9: *To send letter of opposition for La Cabana Restaurant & Bar, Inc.*
Vote#9: *Unanimous*

12. **Old Business**

John Carter commented on the poor condition of the trees in Forest Park due to Hurricane Irene, specifically the clean up effort, pointing out major safety issues.

Kevin O'Leary stated the Union Turnpike subway station is very dirty.

13. **New Business**

Sylvia Hack stated that the cable franchises in New York City are being redone, and the City Council will vote on them on Sept 20, 2011. DOITT will be touring Kew Gardens.

Wally Bock stated the LIRR did a great job on the repaving of the parking lot although it did create a loss of parking for Kew Gardens residents.

Stephen Sofer asked board members to go through old clothes and donate unwanted clothes to the needy.

Stephen Esposito stated the Wonderful Woodhaven Streetfair will take place Oct. 16, 2011. He also stated that DOT has done a terrible job on their sidewalk replacement/violation program.

Maria Thomson thanked the board for the letter to DOT regarding the increase in parking meter rates.

Public Forum

Glenn Urbanas spoke about the DOB Self Certification Policy, zoning and Forest Park Safety issues. He also questioned BSA application at 134-07 87 Ave. re: waiver of zoning regulation for rear yards.

Nicolas Plackis requested speed bumps to ensure the safety of residents. He requested a speed Hump at 115 St between Myrtle Ave. & 85 Ave. He also submitted a petition.

Wallace Bock motioned to adjourn the meeting, Latchman Budhai 2nd the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:00 PM