

**FEBUARY 14, 2012 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**KEW GARDENS ROAD KEW GARDENS, NY 11415**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**  
**ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2011**

Marie Turley	(1)	Joan DeCamp	(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)
Anton Dietrich	(2)	Rabbi Pollack	(0)	Clark Whitsett	(1)*
Balbir Kaur	(3)	Ralph Gonzalez	(4)	Jim Coccovillo	(0)
Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)	Jan Fenster	(1)
Scott Jordan	(3)	Wallace Bock	(2)	Albert Cohen	(4)
John Carter	(2)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)	H. Singh Duggal	(3)
Sylvia Hack	(2)	Maria Thomson	(0)	Raj Rampershad	(3)
Melquiades Gagarin	(5)	Ramon Rodriguez	(3)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)
Sherman Kane	(0)	Seth Welins	(1)	Stephen Esposito	(5)
Akhtar Ali	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(1)	D. Bhattacharjee	(2)
Andrea Crawford	(0)	Marian Molina	(0)	Evelyn Baron	(1)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rajinder S. Bawa	(7)	Joseph Todisco	(6)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)
Latchman Budhai	(2)	Mohamed Safie	(5)	Nick Comaianni	(1)
Tony Rodriguez	(4)	Regina Santoro	(1)	Maharani Singh	(2)
Sandra Datnarain	(4)	Richard David	(5)	Sam Esposito	(5)*
Joseph Iaboni	(1)	Priscilla Levine	(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**

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

## Legislative Representatives

Nick Roloson, Assembly Mbr. Miller  
Mike Persaud, Assembly Mbr Hevesi  
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo  
Kate Mooney, CM Elizabeth Crowley  
Josh Spielman, Congressman Turner

Richard Mumith, CM Crowley  
Wilma Bynum, QBPO  
Jason Hillard, Cong. Greg Meeks  
Alexander Marion, Assemblyman Mike Miller

## GUESTS

Sam Goldman, Times News Weekly  
Max Rodriguez, Maracas  
Joseph Reuter, Resident  
David Quintana, guest  
Lee Kim Keva, Resident  
Cheril alexander, resident  
Dana Saunders, Queens College

Robert Walker, York College  
Diane Yodice, resident  
Murray Burger, resident  
Naslya Montreal, Hunter College  
Jay Van Deven, resident  
James Depal, resident  
Ellen By, Queens Outreach

## PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers.

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

Kate Mooney representing Councilmember Crowley spoke about the reorganization of thirty two schools. There will be a Health Fair on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Peter Goldbaum Center in Community Board 5

Marian Gottlieb representing Assemblyman Addabbo nothing to report.

Wilma Bynum, representing the QBPO stated that the Boro President is renewing board member applications and accepting new ones.

Jason Hillard representing Congressman Gregory Meeks stated there will be a meeting regarding the Department of Education with Chancellor Dennis Walcott on February 27. He also spoke about the congressman's support of the Dream Act, which focuses on immigration.

Nick Roloson of Assemblyman Miller's spoke about congressional redistricting.

Mike Persaud of Assemblyman Hevesi's office nothing to report

Jason Hilliard- Congressman Meeks- no report

Josh Spielman representing Congressman Turner spoke about the meeting the congressman had with Commissioner Kelly from the NYPD regarding transportation.

## PUBLIC HEARING

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

El Cacique Bar Corp.  
88-19 Jamaica Ave.  
Woodhaven, NY 11419  
*No Speakers*

Maracas Club and Restaurant, Inc  
121-08 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

Las Bereas Restaurant Inc.  
102-03 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

### **b. On Premise Liquor License- Transfer**

S&S Bar & Lounge LLC (formally Rumors Bar & Lounge)  
105-06 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

### **c. On Premise Liquor License – Renewal**

Rumors Bar & Lounge, Inc.  
105-06 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

Whiskey Bar, Inc.  
105-13 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

Tequila Bar LLC  
105-13 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

MBM Entertainment Inc.  
D/b/a Bistro Filipino  
89-29 130 St  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No Speakers*

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

Tu Casa Restaurant Corp.  
119-05 Metropolitan Ave.  
Kew Gardens, NY 11416  
*No Speakers*

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

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

e. On Premise Beer & Wine License- Renewal

101 Bar & Grill Corp  
D/b/a Caribbean Temptation  
106-05 101 Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416  
*No Speakers*

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

1. The Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Corrections/additions to January 2012 minutes:

Submitted by Maria Thomson: for number 8 in the Education and Youth Services Report, Seth Wellins was reminded that District 24 is also covered by Community Board 9.

*Motion #1: to adopt minutes as amended.*

*Vote #1: unanimous*

2. Monthly Update- 102 PCT-

Captain Briffa informed the board that there have been no homicides in the 102 Pct. so far in 2012. Call the office with any questions or concerns at 718-805-3215. Question and answer period followed.

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

There was a motion for the consideration of Removal of Board Member Rajinder Singh Bawa.

*Motion #2: to remove Rajinder Singh Bawa from Community Board 9.*

*Vote#2: 22 in favor, 7 opposed.*

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

District Manager, Mary Ann Carey spoke about her testimony at the Queens Boro President's Hearing regarding the Capital and Expense Budget for FY 2013, her testimony included community board's budget, Civic Virtue and other important issues.

5. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

Conversion of 89 Ave. from a Two Operation to a One-Way Eastbound operation between Woodhaven Blvd. and 97th St.

Conversion of 84th St. from a One-Way North Bound to a One-Way South Bound from Liberty Ave. to Atlantic Ave.

Chairperson Andrea Crawford motioned to postpone votes on the above mentioned street conversions. Sylvia Hack seconded the motion.

*The votes on street conversions were postponed.*

There was a motion made to support the Greater Woodhaven Development Corp., Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair, on Oct 14, 2012

Motion #3: to support the Greater Woodhaven Development Corp., Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair, Oct 14, 2012

Vote #3: 29 in favor, one unanimous

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

No report.

7. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

Seth Welins spoke about school closings. He informed the board that Richmond Hill High School will be reorganized into smaller schools replacing teachers with master teachers. Question and answer period followed.

8. Health& Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Evelyn Baron spoke about the poverty lines which affect Medicaid recipients. The governor is now saying that 75% of Medicaid payments must be directly used for patient care. This means that there is a cap on Medicaid moneys which can be used for salary and administrative purposes. The governor is also planning on putting a stop to the practice of spouse refusal. This means that healthy spouses will no longer be able to transfer benefits to their sick spouses.

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

Richard Smith stated that there will be a health fair at 107-66 Merrick Blvd. on April 14, 2012. There was also an op-ed piece by Andrea Crawford regarding the Queens Greenway in the Daily News.

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

❖ On Premise Liquor License- New

Maracas Club and Restaurant, Inc.  
121-08 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #4: To table the vote for Maracas Club and Restaurant, Inc. 121-08 Jamaica Ave.

Vote #4: unanimous

❖ **On Premise Liquor License- Renewal**

Rumors Bar & Lounge, Inc.  
105-06 Jamaica Ave.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

*Motion #5: To send letter of opposition for Rumors Bar & Lounge, Inc. 105-06 Jamaica Ave.*

*Vote #5: unanimous*

Tequila Bar LLC  
105-13 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

*Motion #6: To send letter of opposition for Tequila Bar LLC 105-13 Jamaica Ave.*

*Vote #6: unanimous*

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

101 Bar & Grill Corp  
D/b/a Caribbean Temptation  
106-05 101 Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

*Motion #7: To send letter of no objection for 101 Bar & Grill Corp D/b/a Caribbean Temptation*

*Vote #7: unanimous*

Caridad of Woodhaven Rest. Corp  
90-19 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

The vote on Caridad of Woodhaven Rest. Corp. 90-19 Jamaica Ave was withdrawn.

12. **Old Business**

No reports.

13. **New Business**

Wally Bock stated that the Kew Gardens Civic Association has been newly renovated.

Joan DeCamp requested an audit on improvements which were supposedly done to the Q37 bus route.

14. **Public Forum**

David Quintana- spoke about the Queens Greenway as a very important means of transportation. It will allow easier access to trains for residents of board 9.

Wally Bock motioned to adjourn the meeting, Andrea Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:15 PM