

MARCH 13, 2012 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
WOODHAVEN/RICHMOND HILL AMBULANCE CORP 78-15 JAM. AVE WOODHAVEN, NY
11421

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)*
Regina Santoro	(1)	Richard David	(5)	Jim Coccovillo	(0)
Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Jan Fenster	(1)	Mohamed Safie	(5)
Scott Jordan	(3)	Wallace Bock	(2)	Albert Cohen	(4)
Nick Comaianni	(1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)	H. Singh Duggal	(3)
Sylvia Hack	(2)	Maria Thomson	(0)	Raj Rampershad	(3)
Joseph Iaboni	(1)	Ramon Rodriguez	(3)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)
Sherman Kane	(0)	Seth Welins	(1)	Akhtar Ali	(1)
Andrea Crawford	(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)	D. Bhattacharjee	(2)
Marian Molina	(0)	Sam Esposito	(5)*	Priscilla Levine	(1)
Naidoo Veerapen	(2)	Maharani Singh	(2)		
Joseph Todisco	(6)				

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ragbir Singh	(1)	Evelyn Baron	(2)	Latchman Budhai	(3)
Tony Rodriguez	(5)	John Carter	(3)	Sandra Datnarain	(5)
Balbir Kaur	(4)	Ralph Gonzalez	(5)	Melquiades Gagarin	(6)
Stephen Esposito	(5)				

* 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

Mohamed Hack, CM Wills
Bruce Eiber, CM Koslowitz
Alexander Marion, Assemblyman Miller
Pat McCabe, Senator Addabbo
Mike Persaud, Assemblyman Hevesi
CM Eric Ulrich

Enea Gjoza, Congressman Turner
Wilma Bynum, QBP Helen Marshall
Kate Mooney, CM Crowley
Lisa Atkins, QBPO
Scott Wolff, Assemblyman Simanowitz

GUESTS

Glenn Urbanas, Zoning
Janet Pellegrino, resident
Wen Ramattan, Shots Bar
Paul O'Neil, Resident
Merianne Meturi, resident
Joan Bartos, resident
Sam Goldman, Times News
Marge Augiera, resident
Ernest Wohlmaker, resident
Laita Dhanatrar, resident
David Adorno, WRBA
James Fusco, Resident
Pam Steffens, WRBA
Sofie Bennet, resident
Pat Kolakowshi, resident
Maureen Bermingham, resident
Asta Lukosevicus, Resident
Vishnu Mahadeo, RHEDC
John Krall, Parkway Hospital
Ralph Mancini, Times Newsweekly
Dominic Rafter, City Tribune
Edward Rendell, WRBA
Rosemary Kulick, Resident
MaryAnn Simulinas, Resident
Selim Ozalp, SCA
Cynthia Dickerson, RH Resident
Charles Jensen, resident
Diane Yodice, rezoning
Alex Glatt, Rezoning

Janet Chase, WRBA
Levi Rodney, WRBA
Anne Dowling, Resident
Roberto Diyga, resident
Tom Carmody, resident
Luis Grona, The Forum
Helgo Manning, Resident
Louis Wohlmaker, resident
Suresh Dhanatwarl, resident
Vance Barbour, WRBA
J. Melnicoff, resident
Mark Ruffin, WRBA
Cathy Deluca Resident
Cathy Kenealy, WRBA
Maureen Bermingham, resident
Eugene MaCaulen, Resident
Dane Kalarmauth, Richmond Hill Resident
John Young, City Planning
Monica Gutierrez, SCA
Randolph Mifflin, NYCSCA
Phyllis Jordan, Resident
Louis Hobbs, Resident
Daren Dutchin, Bumpers Restaurant
Chris Persheff, NYCSCA
Richard Iritano, Civic Virtue
Margeret Finnegan, resident
Sal Congemi, Resdient
Ed Wendel, Resdient
Carina, Nieves, rezoning

PUBLIC FORUM

Margret Finnegan- spoke out in opposition of the street conversions on 89th Ave and 84th street conversions

Carlos Jensen- spoke out in opposition of the street conversion spoke out against the 89th Ave. and 84th street conversions.

Sal Confemi- spoke out in opposition of the street conversion spoke out against the 89th Ave. and 84th street conversions.

Laura Congemi- spoke out in opposition of the street conversion spoke out against the 89th Ave. and 84th street conversions.

Diane Yodice- spoke out in opposition of the street conversion spoke out against the 89th Ave. and 84th street conversions.

David Adorno- spoke about rezoning issues in the Community Board 9 area.

Ed Wendell- spoke out in opposition of the street conversions on 89th Ave. and 84th street conversions.

Alex Glatt- spoke out in opposition of the street conversion on 89th Ave. and 84th street

Carina Nieves- spoke about rezoning issues in the Community Board 9 area.

Janet Pellegrino- spoke out in opposition of the 89th Ave. and 84th street conversions.

Glen Urbanas- Spoke of the importance of restoring the Civic Virtue Statue. He also spoke about a 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 continue to make an effort in keeping this statue.

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

Council Member Eric Ulrich- spoke about the proposed street conversions on 89th Ave. and 84th street. He stated that he is grateful for community board involvement and attentiveness.

Alexander Marion representing Assemblyman Mike Miller's office- spoke about the redistricting in community board 9 area. He also spoke about a recycling day in Forest Park on April 15, 2012.

Kate Mooney representing Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley spoke about the Health Fair for children, seniors, women and men at the Glendale Kiwanis Club on Saturday March 24 from 10 am to 1pm. The fair will provide on the spot testing for blood glucose and HIV/STDs and will provide other health related information. She also spoke in opposition of the street conversions of 89th and 84th street.

Scott Wolf, representing Assemblyman Hevesi spoke about benefits for senior citizens which include social security retirement, survivor, and disability disabilities as well as supplemental security income, Medicaid and Medicare, food stamps and senior exemptions.

Pat McCabe representing State Senator Addabbo- stated that the senator is currently on his way to the meeting from Albany and he is hoping to make it in time for the meeting.

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

Mohammad Hack- representing Ruben Wills- spoke about free tax preparations on Saturday march 17 from 11am to 3 pm at 165-48 Baisley Blvd.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conversion of 89 Ave. from a Two Way operation to a One-Way Eastbound operation between Woodhaven Blvd. and 97th St.
(Please see public hearing sign in sheet for Speakers)
2. Conversion of 84th ST. from a One Way Northbound to a One Way Southbound from Liberty Ave. to Atlantic Ave
(Please see public hearing sign in sheet for Speakers)
3. BSA 2-12 BZ - 95-36 115th St. Richmond Hill, NY 11419
Variance to permit construction of a cellar and three-story, two family dwelling that does not provide required side yards or parking spaces and locates a proposed parking space within the proposed front yard.
No speakers
4. BSA No. 10-12-BZ- 114-01 95 Ave. Richmond Hill, NY 11419
Variance to permit legalization of an existing cellar and two story, two-family detached dwelling that does not provide two required front yards contrary to ZR23-45, and does not provide a required side yard per ZR23-461.
No speakers
5. The Center for Family Support- Proposed Group Residence- 94-19 127th St. Richmond Hill Individual Residential Alternative servicing 5 individuals from the local community with Developmental disabilities.
No speakers
6. Woodhaven/Richmond Hill Rezoning
(Please see public hearing list)
7. Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received

a. On Premise Liquor License- New

Shots Pool Hall, Inc.
87-50 Lefferts Blvd.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

b. On Premise Beer & Wine License- New

Montanez NY Inc.
D/b/a Montanez NY Restaurant
126-19 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

c. On Premise Liquor License – Renewal

Destination Food Corp.
D/b/a El Viejo Yayo Restaurant
97-12 101 Ave.
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No Speakers

Lin Wines & Liquors
118-04 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

Atlantic Bamboo Garden Inc.
107-04 Atlantic Ave.
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No Speakers

Cocina Latina Restaurant LTD
D/b/a Cocina Latina
125-22 Queens Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No Speakers

d. On Premise Beer & Wine License- Renewal

Pops Restaurant Inc.
85-22 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No Speakers

Metro Sushi Café, Inc.
118-21 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No Speakers

Mehak Corp.
D/b/a Mehak Restaurant
83-06 Austin St.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No Speakers

Paul Michael's Brick Oven Café
85-19 126 St
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No Speakers

T&H Village Food Corp.
D/b/a Village Diner
81-74 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No Speakers

De River Inc.
D/b/a Moca Night Club & Lounge
130-35 91st Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

e. Off Premise Grocery Beer & Wine License- Renewal

Rinom's Deli & Grocery Inc.
114-01 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. The Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes

Motion #1: to adopt minutes as presented

Vote #1: Unanimous

2. Monthly Update- 102 PCT-

No Report.

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

The Chairperson spoke about the meeting which was held regarding budget cuts for the next Fiscal Year. Queens has an unfairly low per capita allowance.

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

District Manager Mary Ann Carey informed the board of the Ozone Park Kiwanis Club' Karaoke night on March 16, 2012 at 7PM @ The Bella Vita Restaurant.

5. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

Andrea Crawford turned the floor over to Wallace Bock to introduce the motions.

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

Motion #2: to disapprove Conversion of 89 Ave. from a Two Operation to a One-Way Eastbound operation between Woodhaven Blvd. and 97th St

Vote #2: Unanimous

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

Motion #3: to disapprove Conversion 84th St. from a One-Way North Bound to a One-Way South Bound from Liberty Ave to Atlantic Ave.

Vote #3: Unanimous

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

- ❖ **BSA 2-12 BZ - 95-36 115th St. Richmond Hill, NY 11419**

Variance to permit construction of a cellar and Three- Story, Two Family Dwelling that does not provide required side yards or parking spaces and locates a proposed parking space within the proposed front yard.

Motion #4: to send letter of opposition for BSA 2-12 BZ - 95-36 115th St. Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Vote #4: 30 in favor, 4 opposed, and 1 abstention

- ❖ **BSA No. 10-12-BZ- 114-01 95 Ave. Richmond Hill, NY 11419**

Variance to permit legalization of an existing cellar and two story, two-family detached dwelling that does not provide two required front yards contrary to ZR23-45, and does not provide a required side yard per ZR23-461.

Motion #5: to send letter of support for BSA 10-12-BZ – 114-01 95 Ave. Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Vote #5: 26 in favor, 8 oppsed, 1 abstention

Guest speaker John Young & Brendan Pillar gave a presentation regarding the Woodhaven/Richmond Hill Rezoning.

Discussion period Followed.

Motion #6: send letter of support for the Woodhaven/ Richmond Hill Rezoning.
Vote #6: Unanimous

7. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

Seth Welins stated that there will be a meeting on April 5th at Richmond Hill High School to discuss proposed school closure.
Discussion period followed.

8. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Stephen Sofer for Evelyn Baron
Guest Speaker Barbara Greenwald of the Center for Family Support spoke about the proposed group residence at 94-19 127th St. Richmond Hill which will be an Individual Residential Alternative servicing 5 individuals from the local community with developmental disabilities. Discussion period followed.

Motion #7: To table the vote for the proposed group residence at 94-19 127th St. Richmond Hill
Vote #7: 28 opposed 7 in favor

Motion #8: To send letter of support for proposed group residence at 94-19 127th St. Richmond Hill
Vote #: 32 in favor, 3 opposed

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

No Report

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

➤ On Premise Liquor License- New

Shots Pool Hall, Inc.
87-50 Lefferts Blvd.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #9: To send letter of opposition for Shots Pool Hall, Inc. 87-50 Lefferts Blvd
Vote #9: 34 in favor, 1 opposed

➤ On Premise Beer License – Renewal

Montanez NY Inc.
D/b/a Montanez NY Restaurant
126-19 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #9: To send letter of no objection for Montanez NY Inc. D/b/a Montanez NY Restaurant
Vote #9: 34 in favor, 1 opposed

❖ **Off Premise Grocery Beer & Wine License- Renewal**

Rinom's Deli & Grocery Inc.
114-01 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #10: To send letter of opposition for Rinom's Deli & Grocery Inc. 114-01 Atlantic Ave.

Vote #10: 33 in favor, 1 not present, 1 opposed

De River Inc.
D/b/a Moca Night Club & Lounge
130-35 91st Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #11: To send letter of opposition for De River Inc. D/b/a Moca Night Club & Lounge 130-35 91st Ave

Vote #11: 29 in favor, 6 opposed

12. **Election of Officers**

Ivan Mrakovcic received nominations for Chairperson.
Nominee: Andrea Crawford and Joan DeCamp
Vote: 18 for Andrea Crawford, 17 for Joan DeCamp
Andrea Crawford is elected Chairperson

Ivan Mrakovcic received nominations for 1st Vice Chair
Nominee: Rabbi Pollack
Vote: unanimous
Rabbi Pollack is elected 1st Vice Chairperson

Ivan Mrakovcic received nominations for 2nd Vice Chair
Nominee: Ivan Mrakovcic and Joe Iaboni
Vote: 24 for Ivan Mrakovcic, 9 for Joe Iaboni, 2 Did Not Vote
Ivan Mrakovcic is elected 2nd Vice Chair

Joan DeCamp received nomination for Executive Secretary
Nominee: Clark Whitsett and J. R. Smith
Vote: 18 for Clark Whitsett, 16 for J. R. Smith, 1 Did not Vote
Clark Whitsett is elected Executive Secretary

13. **Old Business**

Maria Thomson thanked the board for the rezoning in Woodhaven, which is the first time in 70 years

Andrea Crawford thanked the board for their support with the Queens Green Way.

14. New Business

Harjinder Sing Duggal stated that Jamaica Hospital may be sold.

Richard S. David stated that there is going to be a tree giveaway at Smokey Park this Sunday.

Public Forum

Janet F. Pellegrino- Thanked the board for their votes of opposition of the street conversations at 84th street and 89th Ave.

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

The meeting ended at 11 PM