

MAY 9, 2012 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
THE CENTER AT MAPLE GROVE 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2012

Etienne Adorno (0)	Joan DeCamp (0)	Rabbi Pollack (0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia (0)	Anton Dietrich (0)	Raj Rampershad (0)
Evelyn Baron (0)	Stephen Esposito (1)	Regina Santoro (0)
Julio Batista (0)	Dr. V. Evangelista (0)	Maharani Singh (0)
D. Bhattacharjee (0)	Ralph Gonzalez (1)	J. Richard Smith (0)
Alex Blenkinsopp (0)	Sylvia Hack (0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer (0)
Latchman Budhai (1)*	Joseph Iaboni (0)	Maria Thomson (0)
John Carter (1)	Kevin O'Leary (0)	Richard David (0)
Sandra Datnarain (0)	Ivan Mrakovcic (0)	Seth Welins (0)
Jim Coccovillo (0)	Sherman Kane (0)	Naidoo Veerapen (0)
Albert Cohen (0)	Balbir Kaur (0)	Marie Turley (0)
Nick Comaianni (0)	Patrick Khan (0)	Clark Whitsett (0)
Andrea Crawford (0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

H. Singh Duggal (1)	Sam Esposito (1)	Akhtar Ali (2)
Ragbir Singh (1)	Joseph Todisco (1)	Mohamed Safie (1)
Jan Fenster (1)	Tony Rodriguez (1)	Melquiades Gagarin (2)
Marian Molina (1)	Wallace Bock (2)	Scott Jordan (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, District Manager, Lisa Gomes, Irina Barayeva, Erica Dilan Staff

Legislative Representatives

Enea Gjoza, Congressman Turner
Alexander Marion, Assemblyman Miller
Veda Jamoona, Congressman Turner
Guy Ognibene, CM Eric Ulrich
Council Member Karen Koslowitz

Richard Mumith, CM Koslowitz
Kate Mooney, CM Crowley
Scott Wolff, Assemblyman Simanowitz
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Councilmember Grace May

GUESTS

Mildred Facinelli, resident
Jennifer Manley, Libraries
Vishnu Mahadeo, RHEDC
PO Martins, 102 Pct
Sam Goldman, Times Newsweekly
Manuel Tejada, resident
Wayne Cunningham, resident

Mark McCarthy, liquor licenses
Ed Wendell, resident
PO Severino, 102 Pct
Captain Briffa, 102 Pct
PO Martins, 102 PCT
Richie Raj, Moka Club
Luis Gronda The Forum News Group

PUBLIC FORUM

Mildred Facinelli- Spoke in favor of the proposed speed bump on 98th street between Jamaica Ave. and Park Lane South. She had 98 signatures from residents on the block. Two children have been hit and there have been countless car accidents.

Ed Wendell, WRBA- spoke in support of speed bumps on all residential street. He also spoke about a block party on Saturday June 23 in the Forest Park Picnic Area. All are invited.

Jennifer Manley, Queens Libraries- spoke regarding the Richmond Hill, Woodhaven and Briarwood branches which are undergoing renovations. There are proposed budget cuts of around \$26.7 million; this will mean that libraries will go from 5 ½ days to 3 days. This is 31% of the budget which is being proposed to be cut leading to 18 library closures and 600 jobs lost. Please join the Queens libraries on Mary 31st at City Hall on June 1st at 3pm.

Vishnu Mahadeo, RHEDC- invited all to the PTA meeting in Richmond Hill High School and John Adams High school. There are going to be major changes in how the schools are run, and it is important for the community to be involved. He also spoke about traffic congestion on Van Wyck Blvd. and Atlantic Ave.

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

Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo- The senator is currently trying to balance the budget and funding for community programs.

Richard Mumith from Karen Koslowitz- Gave out flyers to the Pacific Islander Event on May 17. The Councilmember will be also speaking.

Alexander Marion from Assbly.Mbr. Miller- The budget had been passed early; it is the first early budget since 1983. He spoke about the new policy on teaching. The field of educating children should not have a policy in which they do more with less. There is no emergency funding, and in New York City, most funding is distributed to rich school districts. Also, Earth day was April 22. There will be a mammogram screening for uninsured women over 40. The event will be on May 19 at 83-19 Woodhaven Blvd.

Enea Gjoza, from Congressman Turner spoke about the Metro card fair with MTA staff on hand on May 21 from 10-2pm.

Council Member Karen Koslowitz- discussed funding for the DOE fund. She also mentioned the Mayor's decision to discontinue after school programs based on zip codes which is unfair. Cameras are being place on Jamaica Avenue around 120's streets.

Assembly Woman Grace Ming- Thanked the board for allowing her to speak. She spoke about a City Council bill which will increase minimum wage to something comparable to surrounding states.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premise Liquor License- New/Change In Class

Arising Banquet Catering Hall, LLC
D/b/a Kerryel Banquet Hall
127-07 94th Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No Speakers

b. On Premise Liquor License – Renewal

Bicheiros Café Inc. (Formerly Rumors Bar & Lounge)
105-05 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

. Francy Restaurant Inc
80-29 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No Speakers*

c. On Premise Beer & Wine License- Renewal

9010 Atlantic Inc
90-10 Atlantic Ave.
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No Speakers

2. Request for Installation of Speed Humps:

- *80th St. Btwn Park Lane South & Jamaica Ave.*
 - *98th St. from Jamaica Ave. to Park Lane South*
 - *94th St. from 89th Ave. to Jamaica Ave.*
- Mildred Facinelli- spoke in favor of speed hump on 98th St.*

BSA Cal. 68-12-BZ- 89-15 Rockaway Blvd.

*Variance & Extension of time to obtain a New Certificate of Occupancy
For a Gasoline Service Station & Repair Facility.
No Speakers*

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. The Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

On page 6 for the votes:

Vote #5 should be 36 in favor, not 37.

Vote #6 should be 31 in favor, not 32.

Vote #7 should be 38 in favor, not 39.

Vote #8 should be 5 in favor, not 1 and 31 opposed not 36.

Vote #9 should be no objection.

Typo on the motion sheet: Motion # 6 on the third page should read Motion # 10.

All submitted by Maria Thompson

Joe laboni made a motion to accept minutes as amended.

Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

Motion #1 to accept April minutes as amended

Vote #1: 34 in favor, 2 abstentions, 1 not present

2. Monthly Update- 102 PCT-

Captain Briffa informed the board that there are fourteen new hires within the 102 Pct.

Question and Answer Period Followed.

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

Chair person Andrea Crawford spoke about the fact that New York State has authority over all liquor licenses; New York City is trying to make an agency which will have authority over NYC licensing and has been trying for years to create a NYC Liquor Authority.

Also, Committee Assignment placements are very important. Please attend monthly meetings. The chair person also asked all board members to be present for all votes, or they can be considered absent.

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

The district Manager reported that on April 30 she attended the dedication of the 3.8 million upgrade of the Forest Park Greenhouse, funded by the City Council, BP, and the Bloomberg administration. This upgrade will allow parks to increase the annual production of plants by 25% and grow its own plant. Parks Chair J Richard Smith was in attendance as well.

Thursday May 24, at 11 am is the re-opening of the Forest Parks Carousel.

Assemblyman Mike Miller and Senator Joseph Addabbo are sponsoring a Pet Adoption Day on June 2, from 10 am – to 2 pm at the Bandshell Parking lot.

CB 9 is participating in the Ozone Park Kiwanis Block Party 94th Avenue between 102nd Street and 104th Street. Jamaica Hospital, Community Board 9 and DOT will have tables.

The Annual Queens Zoo with Continental Breakfast is coming up. You are required to RSVP by Wednesday May 30th.

On Wednesday May9th PS 124 129 15 150th Avenue S. Ozone Park is sponsoring an Anti-Bullying Street Gang awareness internet safety seminar from 5:30 pm to 7:30 Presentations by NYPD, OEM AND FDNY Light Refreshments will be served. Questions may be directed to the District Office or the sponsoring organization.

5. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

Request for Installation of Speed Humps:

- 80thSt. Btwn Park Lane South & Jamaica Ave.
- 98th St. from Jamaica Ave. to Park Lane South
- 94th St. from 89th Ave. to Jamaica Ave.

**These votes will be taken during June meeting.*

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

Ms. Hack stated the committee met with Ira Gluckman, Queens DOB Commissioner and with the newly appointed liaison, Ken Lazar to discuss several outstanding issues in CB9 including the relationship between the DOB and the board.

The vote on the Cal. 68-12-BZ- 89-15 Rockaway Blvd., Variance & Extension of time to obtain a New Certificate of Occupancy for a Gasoline Service Station & Repair Facility; will take place in June meeting.

7. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

Mr. Welins spoke about the terrible conditions of P.S. 54, the committee went on a tour with the principal to see the deteriorating conditions of the walls, flaking plaster. There is no library, gym or computer lab. This is not a place where children should spend a majority of their time trying to learn. A letter will be drafted. He spoke about school closures which is AKA "Turn Around Model". Teachers are being asked to resign and reapply for their jobs. There was a proposed "restart model" in which a restructuring would take place but keep the same staff. This model was denied.

Discussion period followed.

8. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Ms Baron stated that Wally Bock is doing much better and is in out patient therapy. She spoke about cars getting ticketed for parking next to broken fire hydrants, which have been replaced by new ones. This is unfair to residents. Medicaid will cut its EPS, Episode Payment System. Medicaid will no longer pay for certain home care services. Dogs, or any type of animals are not allowed in any supermarkets besides service animals.

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

Mr. Smith informed the Board that eleven trees are being planted in Community Board 9.

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

❖ **On Premise Liquor License- New/ Change In Class**

Arising Banquet Catering Hall, LLC
D/b/a Kerryel Banquet Hall
127-07 94th Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion #2: To send letter of no opposition "with conditions" for Arising Banquet Catering Hall, LLC d/b/a Kerryel Banquet Hall

Vote #2: unanimous

❖ **On Premise Liquor License – Renewal**

*Bicheiros Café Inc. (Formerly Rumors Bar & Lounge)
105-05 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418*

Motion #3: *To send letter of no objection “with conditions for Bicheiros Café Inc. 105-05 Jamaica Ave.*

Vote #3: *unanimous*

Jim Coccovillo stated that the Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will be Monday at 7pm.

12. Old Business

No Reports

13. New Business

Jim Coccovillo inquired about replacing the lighting Forest Park.

Ralph Gonzales asked for information on curb cuts, green ways and drive ways, he will call office to make complaint.

Regina Santoro informed the board of the 30% Green space Rule.

Maria Thomson spoke about the GWDC meeting at St. Thomas the Apostle. On May 22 at 7:30pm it will be Candidates Night. On May 24 there will be a small ceremony at 6:30 in Forest Park Picnic Area. There will also be the GWDC Spring Dinner dance on ?? all are welcomed. Happy Mother’s Day!

Richard David invited all to the Lefferts Library, there will be a screening of “Not in Our Town” at 2 pm on Saturday.

Public Forum

No Speakers

Evelyn Barron motioned to adjourn the meeting, Latchman Budhai 2nd the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:15 PM