

**FEBRUARY 12, 2013 MINUTES OF PUBLIC
HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING KEW
GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTER**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2012

David Adorno	(1)	Richard David	(2)	Kevin O’Leary	(0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(2*)	Joan DeCamp	(0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)
Akhtar Ali	(3)	H. Singh Duggal	(1)	Raj Rampershad	(2)
Evelyn Baron	(1)	Stephen Esposito	(1)	Ragbhir Singh	(3*)
Julio Batista	(1)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(2)	Jan Fenster	(3)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1)
Wallace Bock	(3)	Sylvia Hack	(1)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Latchman Budhai	(3)	Joseph Iaboni	(2)	Marie Turley	(0)
John Carter	(3)	Sherman Kane	(0)	Seth Welins	(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0)	Patrick Khan	(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)
Nick Comaianni	(3)	Priscilla Levine	(1)	Clark Whitsett	(1)
Andrea Crawford	(0)	Marian Molina	(3)		
Sandra Datnarain	(2)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

D. Bhattacharjee	(2*)	Ralph Gonzalez	(4)	Regina Santoro	(4)
Albert Cohen	(4)	Scott Jordan	(5)	Maharani Singh	(2)
Anton Dietrich	(2)	Balbir Kaur	(7)	Joseph Todisco	(6)
Sam Esposito	(5*)	Mohamed Safie	(6)		

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Ann Carey, District Manager
Lisa Gomes, Irina Barayeva, Staff

* 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.

Legislative Representatives

Greg Levine, Congresswoman Meng
Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Michel Cohen, CM Koslowitz
Thomas Kulesza, AM Miller
PO Jose Severino, 102 Pct.
PO Noonan, 102 Pct.
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo

Thomas Smith, Dept. of City Planning
Wilma Bynum, QBPO
Lisa Atkins, QBPO
Chris Kuznowsk, AM Hevesi
Jennifer Benaey, AM Weprin
Kate Mooney, CM Crowley

GUESTS

Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

PUBLIC FORUM *no speakers*

PUBLIC HEARING

1. ***Greater Woodhaven Development Corp.- “Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair”
Oct. 2013- no speakers***
2. ***USTA Expansion- Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Strategic
Vision Project. Land Use Review App.#: C130155PPQ, CEQR#: 132DPRQ.***

Rob Mackay, Ted Newkirk, Jack Leone, Scot Daly, Jennifer Yu, York Cho, Jack Friedman and Vishnu Mahadeo spoke in favor of USTA expansion.

Ben Haber, Ed Wesley of Queens CB # 3, Geoffrey Croft of NYC Park Advocates and Neil Giannelli spoke against this project.

Jon Torodash stated that he is in the process of conducting an exploratory committee for the district council seat in district 29 in 2013 to give this community the voice that it needs. He intends to run as an independent and invites all to visit his website jontorodash2013.com.

3. ***Request for Speed Hump at Abingdon Rd between & Lefferts Blvd. & Brevoort St. No speakers.***
4. ***Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received***
 - a. **On Premise Liquor License Application- New**

Richmond Hill Lounge Corp.
D/b/a Jamaica Bar
131-15 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Oro Restaurant Inc.
79-17 Atlantic Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Rain Night Club
D/b/a Rain
89-29 130 St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Zen Hibachi Lounge Corp.
117-15 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

b. On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal

Hamlens Café Inc.
D/b/a Lenihans
119-09 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

The Little Brown Jug, Inc.
D/b/a The Little Brown Jug
124-02 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

c. On Premise Beer License Application- New

EL Piano Restaurant, LLC
96-01 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

d. On Premise Beer License Application- Renewal

Nassr M. Saleh
D/b/a Nassr Superette Inc.
74-25 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

e. On Premise Wine & Beer Application- New

Caridad Restaurant Corp.
90-19 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

f. On Premise Wine & Beer Application- Renewal

Enzo's Pizzeria
81-02 Rockaway Blvd.
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

Dani Pizza Restaurant Corp.
81-28 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

Tu Casa Restaurant Corp.
119-05 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

g. Wholesale Beer License Application- New

TWIB Wholesale Inc.
125-10 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

h. Corporate Change

CZ Tavern, Inc.
D/b/a Kew C
119-11/13 Metropolitan Ave.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

5. TLC - For Hire Base Station – Renewal

- a.** Jamaica Express Car Service # 2
120-20 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Corrections/additions to February 2013 minutes:

Submitted by Maria Thomson: page # 7, second to last sentence should read Committee will send a letter to SLA to suspend liquor license for Flavor Lounge, 117-03 Hillside Ave due to recent shooting at this establishment.

Jim Coccovillo stated that it should say outside this establishment.

Motion # 1: to adopt minutes as amended

Vote # 1: 36 in favor, 1 abstained

2. Monthly Update Report- 102Pct

P.O. Severino informed the board that there will be a Blood Drive next Friday, Feb 22nd, 2013 at 6 pm.

P.O. Noonan stated that in order to prevent theft electronic equipment can be registered with NYPD at the local precinct.

Question and answer period followed.

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

Council Member Koslowitz spoke in favor of USTA expansion stating that the US Open is the highest grossing sporting venue in NYC.

CM Koslowitz spoke about the issues that will be discussed at the upcoming budget consultations.

3. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report- Andrea Crawford

➤ ***GWDC- Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair***

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

There was a motion made to support the Greater Woodhaven Development Corp., Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair, Oct. 20, 2013.

Motion # 2: to support the Greater Woodhaven Development Corp., Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair, Oct. 20, 2013

Vote # 2: 35 in favor, 2 abstained (due to conflict of interest)

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

District Manager Mary Ann Carey thanked the staff for taking care of the office while she was away and thanked Chairperson Andrea Crawford for her services as a Chairperson, because elections of new officers will be held in March.

5. Guest Speaker- USTA Expansion- Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Strategic Vision Project

USTA gave a detailed presentation on its expansion and how it impacts CB # 9. Question and answer period followed.

6. Transportation Committee Report- Andrea Crawford

➤ ***Request for Speed Hump at Abingdon Rd. between Lefferts Blvd.& Brevoort St*** ***VOTE TO BE TAKEN***

Andrea Crawford stated that the original request for speed hump was for Abingdon Rd, btwn 83rd Ave & Lefferts Blvd. DOT informed the office that as the result of a conducted study it was determined that another speed hump is feasible on Abingdon Rd, btwn Lefferts Blvd. & Brevoort Street.

Motion # 3: To send a letter of support of speed hump installation on Abingdon Rd, between Lefferts Boulevard & Brevoort Street

Vote # 3: Unanimous

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

No report.

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

Mr. Welins reported on the following issues which were discussed at the Education District Council # 27 meeting:

- the new elementary school, PS 316 on the corner of 90th St & 101st Ave that will be opening in September of 2014 and accommodate 224 students.
- lack of security and difficulties on getting funding for installation of security cameras in schools.

Mr. Welins attended PS 56 after school program –Child Center for NY Program which in addition to academic programs, has art, technology, etc.

The teachers union and the city have still not agreed on Teacher evaluations and DOE is in jeopardy of losing more money.

Kindergarten registration will start on March 1st, 2013.

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Evelyn Baron reported on funding for Obamacare in the form of health service cuts in the following areas:

Senior citizen population: Medicare and other services have been cut across the board and 59% of home health agencies nationwide are running in the red.

Infant population: Early Intervention (EI) program has also had major reductions. Children with special needs will no longer receive care across their lifespan.

Ms. Baron spoke about the commendable work of the Red Cross since Hurricane Sandy and their impressive statistics, which are available at the board office.

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

Joan DeCamp stated that a number of the USTA ongoing issues regarding trees should be discussed with the parks committee.

J. Richard Smith stated that out of ten big cities, New York city is ranked number one in planting and maintaining trees.

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

➤ On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Richmond Hill Lounge Corp.
D/b/a Jamaica Bar
131-15 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 4: *To send letter of opposition for Richmond Hill Lounge Corp., d/b/a Jamaica Bar, 131-15 Jamaica Ave*

Vote # 4: *Unanimous*

Oro Restaurant Inc.
79-17 Atlantic Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

“ “ “ “

Motion # 5: *To send letter of no opposition for Oro Restaurant Inc., 79-17 Atlantic Ave*

Vote # 5: *36 in favor, 1 opposed*

Rain Night Club
D/b/a Rain
89-29 130 St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

“ “ “ “

Motion # 6: To send letter of no opposition for Rain Night Club, d/b/a Rain, 89-29 130 St
Vote # 6: 31 in favor, 6 opposed

Zen Hibachi Lounge Corp.
117-15 101 Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

“ “ “ “

The committee withdrew their application.

➤ **On Premise Beer License Application- New**

El Piano Restaurant, LLC
96-01 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

“ “ “ “

Motion # 7: To send letter of opposition for El Piano Restaurant, LLC, 96-01 Jamaica Ave
Vote # 7: Unanimous

➤ **On Premise Wine & Beer Application- New**

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

“ “ “ “

Motion # 8: To send letter of opposition for Caridad Restaurant Corp. 90-19 Jamaica Ave
Vote # 8: Unanimous

➤ **Wholesale Beer License Application- New**

TWIB Wholesale Inc.
125-10 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

“ “ “ “

Motion # 9: To send letter of opposition for TWIB Wholesale Inc., 125-10 Jamaica Ave
Vote # 9: Unanimous

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

Jamaica Express Car Service#2
120-20 101 Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

“ “ “ “

Motion # 10: To send letter of no opposition for Jamaica Express Car Service # 2,
120-20 101 Ave
Vote # 10: 36 in favor, 1 opposed

Mr. Coccovillo reported on meeting with Michael Jones, Deputy CEO NY SLA.
Next Public Safety committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013 at 7 pm.

12. Old Business

Evelyn Baron asked for a copy of CB # 9's letter re: Close to Home Initiative Process.

13. New Business

Nick Comaianni wished all a Happy Valentine's Day.

Joan DeCamp and Andrea Crawford spoke about the process of appealing property's assessed value.

David Adorno invited all to a Valentine's Day celebration at the Ridgewood Older Adults Center.

Latchman Budhai reminded all that the next 102 Pct. Council meeting will take place next Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013 from 7-9 pm.

14. Public Forum

No speakers.

Jim Coccovillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11 pm, Nick Comaianni seconded this motion.