

**MARCH 12, 2013 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AND REGULAR MEETING MAJESTIC MARQUISE  
88-03 101 AVE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**  
**ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2012**

|                     |      |                    |      |                   |
|---------------------|------|--------------------|------|-------------------|
| David Adorno        | (1)  | Anton Dietrich     | (2)  | Kevin O’Leary     |
| Inderpaul Ahluwalia | (2*) | H. Singh Duggal    | (1)  | Rabbi D. Pollack  |
| Akhtar Ali          | (3)  | Sam Esposito       | (5*) | Raj Rampershad    |
| Evelyn Baron        | (1)  | Stephen Esposito   | (1)  | Mohamed Safie     |
| Julio Batista       | (1)  | Dr. V. Evangelista | (0)  | Regina Santoro    |
| D. Bhattacharjee    | (2*) | Jan Fenster        | (3)  | Ragbir Singh      |
| Alex Blenkinsopp    | (2)  | Ralph Gonzalez     | (4)  | Dr. Stephen Sofer |
| Wallace Bock        | (3)  | Sylvia Hack        | (1)  | Maria Thomson     |
| John Carter         | (3)  | Joseph Iaboni      | (2)  | Joseph Todisco    |
| Jim Coccovillo      | (0)  | Scott Jordan       | (5)  | Marie Turley      |
| Nick Comaianni      | (3)  | Sherman Kane       | (0)  | Seth Welins       |
| Andrea Crawford     | (0)  | Patrick Khan       | (0)  | Naidoo Veerapen   |
| Sandra Datnarain    | (2)  | Priscilla Levine   | (1)  | Clark Whitsett    |
| Richard David       | (2)  | Marian Molina      | (3)  |                   |
| Joan DeCamp         | (0)  | Ivan Mrakovcic     | (1)  |                   |

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

|                 |     |                |     |                  |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|-----|------------------|
| Latchman Budhai | (4) | Maharani Singh | (3) | J. Richard Smith |
| Albert Cohen    | (5) |                |     |                  |

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mary Ann Carey, District Manager  
Lisa Gomes, staff

\* Absences from a meeting shall mean physical non-attendance and /or failure to be present for voting on two or more agenda items 1  
“Vote to be Taken” at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

**Legislative Representatives**

Greg Levine, Congresswoman Meng  
Kate Mooney, CM Crowley  
Sheilah Walthall, Senator Smith  
Chris Kaznowski AM Hevesi  
Thomas Kulesza, AM Miller  
PO Jose Severino, 102 Pct.  
Capt. Thomas Molloy, 102 Pct.  
Guy Ognibene, CM Ulrich

Mohamed Hack, CM Wills  
Wilma Bynum, QBPO  
Council Member Eric Ulrich  
Vishnu Mahadeo, Senator Sanders, Jr.  
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo  
PO Joe Martins, 102 Pct.  
Leilani Blira-Koessler, AM Miller  
Scott Wolf, AM Simanowitz

## **GUESTS**

Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Melinda Katz-spoke in favor of USTA expansion with conditions.

Johann Hamilton- introduced himself to the board as to it was his first time attending a community board meeting.

Neil Giannelli-spoke in opposition to Queens Way project.

Kevin Powers-spoke in opposition to the Endzone Industry clean-up due to the lack of information given to community.

Thomas Cassino- spoke in favor of USTA expansion because it will create numerous jobs.

Jon Torodash-gave an update on his investigation of removal of Civic Virtue statue.

Paul Bianchini-spoke in favor of USTA expansion and urged board members to support it.

Rocio Rodriguez-asked for a support letter for social work students.

Scott Daly- spoke in favor of USTA expansion.

Christian Mitterbaner- spoke in favor of USTA expansion.

Joseph Reuter-talked about his concern of timing of traffic lights.

Chairperson Andrea Crawford introduced legislatives and their representatives.

CM Ulrich discussed several issues. Among them were the rezoning of Ozone Park which is a first rezoning in 50 years; London Planetree Playground renovation project, redistricting process, Endzone industries, etc.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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

#### **➤ On Premise Liquor License Application- New**

Tipsy Liquor & Wine Inc.

101-15 101 Ave.

Ozone Park, NY 11416

Don Kew, Inc.

D/b/a Don Kew Tequila Bar & Grill

119-11/13 Metropolitan Ave.

Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Aristokrat Corp.

D/b/a Oligarchy

86-15 Lefferts Blvd.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

CW Group Inc.

117-10 Jamaica Ave.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

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

La Negra Restaurant Corp.

102-03 Jamaica Ave.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418

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

Ariel Deli & Grocery Inc.

107-18 101 Ave.

Ozone Park, NY 11416

➤ **On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal**

Jim Byrne Wee Pub, Inc.

93-01 95<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Ozone Park, NY 11416

Spolini's Restaurant

116-25 Metropolitan Ave.

Kew Gardens, NY 11415

➤ **On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal (cont'd)**

Forge Diner Inc.

D/b/a Pasta Lovers

124-18 queens Blvd.

Kew Gardens, NY 11415

➤ **On Premise Wine & Beer License Application- Renewal**

T&H Village Food Corp.

D/b/a Village Diner

81-74 Lefferts Blvd.

Kew Gardens, NY 11415

➤ **Alteration Application**

8260 Austin Street Corp.

D/b/a Austin Steak & Ale House

82-60 Austin St.

Kew Gardens, NY 11415

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 83<sup>rd</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> St & 101<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

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**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

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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

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**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

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**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

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**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.