

APRIL 12, 2016 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO, 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2016-MARCH 2017

2nd # Represents Absences as of January 2016-December 2016 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0) (0)	Jan Fenster	(0) (0)	Jagir Singh	(0) (1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0) (0)	Maharani Singh	(0) (0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(0) (0)	Linda Fogal	(0) (1)	Matthew Singh	(0) (0)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0) (0)	Sylvia Hack	(0) (1)	Mohinder Singh	(0) (0)
Latchman Budhai	(0) (1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	Raghibir Singh	(0) (1)
John Carter	(0) (1)	Sherman Kane	(0) (0)	J. Richard Smith	(0) (0)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (0)	Priscilla Levine	(0) (2)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0) (0)
Andrea Crawford	(0) (0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0) (1)	Maria Thomson	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (0)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Richard David	(0) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Joan DeCamp	(0) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(0) (1)
Stephen Esposito	(0) (0)	Regina Santoro	(0) (1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(1) (1)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(1) (2)	Marian C. Molina	(1) (1)
Nick Comaianni	(1) (3)	Joel Kuszai	(1) (1)	Mohamed Safie	(1) (2)
Jarnail Singh	(1) (2)				

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Gomes, District Manager
 Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
 Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

*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.

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo
Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Hevesi
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz
Jahi Rose, Rep. Council Member Wills
Mohamad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Michael Farca, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz
Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
D.I. Urprasad, NYPD/102 Pct.
P.O. Jose Severino, NYPD/102 Pct.
Kevin Sean Baptist, Rep. Senator Sanders

Guests' sign-in sheets are available upon request.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Licenses, Letters of Intent Received

a. On Premise Liquor License Application – New

Temptations Beer Garden Corp.
D/b/a 24K Beer Garden
125-09 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

b. On Premise Liquor License Application – Renewal

Francy Restaurant, Inc.
D/b/a Frank's Restaurant
80-29 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

El Rinconcito De Nagua
76-20 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

El Puerto Mexicano, Inc.
84-28 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

c. On Premise Liquor License Application – Corporate Change

Naciones Unidas 7, Inc.
112-07 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Yayo Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a El Viejo Yayo
97-12 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

El Nuevo Triangulo Restaurant, Inc.
75-11A Rockaway Blvd
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Christina Perdos/Joe Sussman, NYC Parks Department, spoke about NYC Parks Stewardship Program. The NYC Parks Department hosts volunteers throughout the city all year long, in every landscape and every kind of weather. The volunteers help with forest and wetland restoration, planting, pruning street trees as well as harvesting and monitoring local wildlife. By becoming a steward of NYC's green spaces volunteers can help ensure that the city's natural resources are kept safe for future generations.

Mr. Sussman stated that Richmond Hill was selected to be a part of the Green Neighborhoods Program. Stewardship events are held every third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on designated streets of Richmond Hill and/or in Forest Park.

Michael Butler, Richmond Hill East Business Persons Corp., spoke on behalf of residents of 131st St in opposition to the Q54 bus route change proposed by the MTA.

David Kad, Richmond Hill Resident, thanked DOT for placing new meters on 101st Ave. He stated that more signs informing drivers to feed meters are needed. Mr. Kad expressed his concern about another bar opening on 101st Ave.

Anthony Johnson, Richmond Hill, requested that the MTA install a pay turnstile at the 123rd St. Train Station for the J line at the 123rd St entrance towards Jamaica Center. He stated that it will help riders to travel to their destinations with ease.

Joseph Reuter, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that Cable companies should be held responsible for hanging cable wires that make neighborhoods aesthetically unpleasant. He also invited CB9 members to come to the Boy Scouts 173 Club located at 101-14 104th St to speak.

Bridget Bartolini, Richmond Hill Resident, invited all to participate in the Richmond Hill Love Letter Project: a storytelling art and history program that is aimed to strengthen the community by highlighting reasons to love Richmond Hill. The next workshop will take place on Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m. at 118-14 Hillside Ave.

John Mrsich, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that DOT should have yellow lines repainted on Jamaica Ave., Park Lane South and Lefferts Blvd. He also asked the board members to vote for the installation of a speed hump on 92nd Ave, btwn 105th & 106th Streets.

John DeCristoforo, Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, thanked Raj Rampershad, J.R. Smith and Seth Welins for taking a tour of the club and invited all board members to reach out and visit the facility. He also stated that applications for 2016 summer camp registration will be accepted from May 2, 2016 through May 20, 2016 at the Pre-Teen Center, 110-04 Atlantic Ave.

Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz, no report

Jahi Rose, Rep. Council Member Wills, reported on the upcoming events sponsored by the Councilmember:

- Dignity Dinner for Daddy Event will take place on Thursday, April 21st, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. at 156-10 Baisley Blvd.
- Know Your Rights Non-Custodial Parents Custody & Visitation Workshop is on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rochdale Village Big Mall, 165-48 Baisley Blvd.

Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Katz, stated the following:

- The NYC Dept. of Veterans' Services Queens Satellite Office has opened in Borough Hall, Room 222. It was designed to enhance accessibility for veterans to services without having to travel to Lower Manhattan. The office hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- BP Katz has allocated \$1M towards building a new gym and fitness place for autistic children.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, reported on the following:

- Free Recycling event will take place on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Stated that flyers are available for 2016-2017 NYS Budget Summary created by the Senator as well as Upcoming Free Events flyers.

Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Hevesi, relayed that all are welcome to contact the Assembly Member's office with any concerns or complaints.

Michael Farca, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz, invited all to a Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm Giveaway event on Thursday, April 14, 2016 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsored by the Assembly Member and FDNY.

Mohamad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, stated that tomorrow, April 13, 2016 is the last day to get help in electronic filing of tax returns at Queens Library at Lefferts from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. He also said that the Assembly Member is sponsoring a Rain Barrel Giveaway Event in conjunction with Assembly Member Rozic and Council Member Grodenchik on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at Cunningham Park.

Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, reported on the events sponsored by the Assemblyman:

- Recycling Event on Sunday, April 24, 2016, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot
- One Million Goodnights Pajama Program (co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans-Chapter 32. New pajamas and reading books will be collected at the following locations: 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. and 19-12 149 St.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Executive Secretary Mrakovcic asked for any corrections or additions to March 8, 2016 minutes. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept March 8, 2016 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 34 in favor and 2 abstentions

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad reported on the following:

- There were fourteen new Police Officers assigned to the 102nd Pct.
- The Annual Phagwah Parade was a big success, there were no arrests made
- Due to Primary Elections on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 the 102nd Community Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 7-9 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Branch Library.
- Cash For Guns Event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Evangel Temple, 227-10 Merrick Blvd.
- 102nd Pct. has the third lowest crime rate in the city
- 102nd Pct. is continuing law enforcement on electric motorcycles
- There was an arrest made on 95th St & Jamaica Ave for stabbing

Question and answer period followed.

5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – Raj Rampershad

- Chair Rampershad asked each of the board members to fill out a Committee Preference Form.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the district office.
- Thanked Me. DeCristoforo, Dir. of Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens for the tour of the club.
- Introduced a new board member Mr. Mohinder Singh.
- CB9 Ad Hoc Committee will be introducing updated CB9 By Laws shortly.
- A detailed breakdown of the office budget will be given at the next board meeting.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes

"I attended the Queens Borough Presidents Borough Cabinet Meeting on March 15, 2016. A presentation on Combating Domestic Violence by Cecile Noel, Commissioner, Mayor's Office.

- There have been 19,000 Domestic Violence reports in Queens, 53 per day.
- There were 9 homicides last year in Queens.
- There were 23,000 Felony assaults. 49% involved an intimate partner. 79% were against female partner.
- 111 victims of sexual assault and 81% were female. (27% for the City)
- 1700 victims have filed an order of protection (81% for Females).
- Many victims do not report the abuse and therefore building a case for stalking is very difficult. It is often a predictor of lethality/Fatality.

- The agency has many programs available to victims. There are prevention programs that help young people identify behaviors and boundaries.

The agency is working on Legislation & Policy that affects survivors.

- ▶ Working on training agencies to identify domestic survivors & offer them services.
- ▶ Increase in Public Awareness Campaigns to let people know they can achieve safety.
- ▶ Emphasis on Helping Survivors connect to services.
- ▶ They are partners with The Human Resources Administration and the Department of Homeless Services.
- ▶ The Agency is working with Schools to help students understand what a healthy relationship is. Cyber bullying is also covered in this type of curriculum. They are willing to come out and talk to community boards.

We have the Family Justice Center which provides many of these services and more. They are located at 126-02 82nd Ave. Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Their # is (718) 575-4500.

Presentation on Anti- Trafficking Initiative- (Caolien Hardenbol) (718-575-4581) Queens Trafficking.

Sanctuary for Families is a leading service provider & advocate of Domestic Violence. This Agency assisted over 630 Survivors in NYC over the last 2 decades.

Pro Bono Project- Overview –

- ▶ Women are forced into prostitution in order to avoid immigration and deportation to their countries.
- ▶ Defendants are mandated to receive social services as part of the case disposition. I.E. Mental Health services, Courts, Drug Treatment.

New York Human Traffic Intervention Courts

There are dedicated prosecutors & assigned Council to help Individuals who are arrested on prostitution charges.

They are service providers that help defendants. 60% of defendants are foreign born and most are from East Asia, China & Korea.

- ▶ There are more than 150 highly trained participating Attorneys, many of which are bi-lingual.
- ▶ They provide immigration legal services to foreign born individuals facing prostitution and related charges.
- ▶ Prostitution related arrests are a strong indicator of trafficking. Non- Citizens are particularly Vulnerable to exploitation.
- ▶ Each Friday Pro Bono Attorneys provide legal screening to up to 6 defendants on site. Since July 2014 249 individuals were screened.

59 victims disclosed histories of trafficking
52 have experienced Domestic Violence.
23 % received legal services.

More than 150 Attorneys have helped to give training to these victims.

The average age of woman is 40 youngest client 19, oldest client 59.

These victims are largely undocumented. They are individuals in debt bondage whose documents were confiscated for safe keeping. 97% of asylum applications from China are fraudulent. Traffickers use drugs and many woman become drug dependent.

7. Recognition Plaques for Food Pantries:

Sandra Datnarain presented CB9 Recognition Plaques to the *Calvary Mission Food Pantry* and the *River Fund New York Food Pantry*.

8. Land Use Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs

Sylvia Hack announced that the following issues will be discussed at the next Land Use Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 and urged all Board Members to attend:

- Republican Club-owners have filed for a special permit to move to a Use Group 12 (this group is usually used for stadiums, etc.)
- 116th Street Parking Waiver-in the past year the DOB has approved a 9-story apartment building with 30 units at 82-76 116 St and an 8-story apartment building with 45 units at 83-67 116 St. Both applications, in R7A zones, were approved with no onsite parking since the Zoning Resolution provides that waivers of parking shall be granted if the building lots are under 10,000 sq. ft.
- MIH/ZQA-even though fifty seven out of fifty nine Community Boards citywide voted to oppose the de Blasio administration's proposal for the MIH/ZQA, it has passed with certain changes. This zoning text change is allowing major zoning changes to take place in various parts of the city.

9. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenny Wilson, Chair

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the March 22, 2016 meeting re: QBH parking garage stating that if everything goes according to the plans, the construction will be completed in one year.

- Speed Hump Request on 92nd Ave between 105th and 107th Streets **VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

Motion #2: To send a letter of support to DOT for speed hump installation on 92nd Ave between 105th & 107th St

Vote #2: Unanimous

- Speed Hump Request on 81st St. between 97th and 101st Avenues. ***VOTE TO BE TAKEN***

Motion #3: To send a letter of support to DOT for speed hump installation on 81st St between 97th & 101st Ave

Vote #3: Unanimous

- Speed Hump Request on 117th St. between 97th and 101st Avenues. ***VOTE TO BE TAKEN***

Motion #4: To send a letter of support to DOT for speed hump installation on 117th between 97th & 101st Ave

Vote #4: Unanimous

Kevin O’Leary stated that the Q37 bus schedule has finally been installed on one side of Park Lane South & Metropolitan Ave.

DOT sent a letter stating that P.S. 306 located at 85-27 91 St does not meet the criteria for No Parking signs.

- Update on MTA Bus Stop Re-Route – 131st Street: a special meeting was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 re: Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Hillside Ave, Metropolitan Ave & Kew Gardens Rd. MTA’s proposal is to re-route the Q54 bus West on Jamaica Ave and North on 131 St. A petition was received by the office from the residents of the affected area opposing this change because it would dramatically lower the quality of life and will be dangerous to the people. MTA will have its next meeting at the MTA Headquarters at 2 Broadway in Manhattan on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 10 a.m.

10. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – James Coccovillo & Maharani Singh, Co-Chairs

a. On Premise Liquor License Application – New

Temptations Beer Garden Corp.
D/b/a 24K Beer Garden
125-09 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #5: To oppose the New Liquor License Application for Temptations Beer Garden Corp., d/b/a 24K Beer Garden, 125-09 101st Ave

Vote # 5: 35 in favor and 1 abstention

b. On Premise Liquor License Application – Renewal

El Puerto Mexicano, Inc.
84-28 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #6: To oppose the Renewal Liquor License Application for El Puerto Mexicano, Inc.,
84-28 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 6: Unanimous

Mr. Coccovillo announced the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

11. Education & Youth Services Committee Report – Seth Welins, Chair:

- ❖ P.S. 66 will be getting a new addition to help relieve overcrowding conditions.
- ❖ On March, 16, the Education committee met with a representative of the NYC Charter Association-a not-for-profit organization that supports charter schools. We discussed many issues, including governance, oversight and lack of transparency.
- ❖ If a parent does not want their child to take the ELA (Reading) and math tests, they should first write a letter to the principal requesting that their child be excused from the test.
- ❖ The Boys and Girls Club of Metro Queens has an excellent after-school program.
- ❖ A brief overview of some education-related provisions in the NYS 2016-2017 Education Budget. There will be sizable increases in funds for Community Schools, tax credits for parents who send their children to non-public schools, and increased funding for Charter Schools.
- ❖ The Circle Academy Charter School intends to open their school in 2018, if they obtain a charter from the SUNY Charter Institute. They had been denied a charter in 2015.

12. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report – J.R. Smith & Laraine Fletcher, Co-Chairs

Mr. J.R. Smith reported on the following:

- Locks on the gates to the Park on Freedom Drive are constantly being vandalized. Parks administration has ordered new locks and will be installing a lock box over them to prevent people from clipping the lock.
- Police initiative on electric motorbikes enforcement.
- Illegal dumping along Jamaica Ave.

13. Economic Development Committee Report – Richard David, Chair

Richard David stated that the committee is looking forward to find ways to utilize the space underneath the trestle by Jamaica Ave.

Mr. David encouraged all to go out and vote next Tuesday at the Primary Elections.

14. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair *not present*

Andrea Crawford gave an update on the Zika Virus. The Federal government has moved \$500 Million from the E-Bola Virus funds for Zika Virus investigation and vaccine development.

15. Old Business

Rabbi Pollack informed the board members that the Kew Gardens Post Office lease will be terminated as of July 31 2016. Congresswoman Meng is negotiating to have the lease extended for five more years.

16. New Business

Latchman Budhai stressed upon the new date for the 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting. Due to the election, it will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 7-9 p.m. at the Richmond Hill library.

Rabbi Pollack, on behalf of the Jewish Community of Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens, acknowledged District Manager Gomes and Staff Member Irina Barayeva for securing a special sanitation pick up on Passover.

Alex Blenkinsopp announced the WRBA next Townhall meeting will take place on Saturday, April 19, 2016 at noon at the Emanuel United Church.

17. Public Forum *No speakers*

Jim Coccovillo made a motion to adjourn, Maharani Singh seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:19