

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR
MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO, 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2007**

Akhtar Ali	(0)	Sam Esposito	(0)	Alan Maurer	(0)
Evelyn Baron	(1)	Stephen Esposito	(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)
Wallace Bock	(2)	Susan Farrell	(0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)
Latchman Budhai	(2)	Jan Fenster	(1)	O. Raj Rampershad	(1)
Maria Camacho	(1)	Lucille Fostel	(1)	Regina Santoro	(0)
John Carter	(1)	Ralph Gonzalez	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(0)
James Coccovillo	(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Nick Comaianni	(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Andrea Crawford	(0)	Sherman Kane	(1)	Joseph Todisco	(3)
Joan Decamp	(0)	Priscilla Levine	(1)	Marie Turley	(1)
Harjinder S. Duggal	(0)	Robert Mangieri	(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Chiofolo	(4)	Anton Dietrich	(1)	Jonathan J. Silverman	(2)
Palo Dedvukaj	(2)	Mohamed Z. Safie	(4)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)

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.

GUESTS

Mitchell Udovitch, Senator Maltese
Bibiana Buitrago, Senator Maltese
Jennifer Manley, Mayor's Office/CAU
Walter Roundtree, NYC Comptroller
Council Member Addabbo
Jennifer Rosstron, St. Johns University
Lalchand Kalligharan, Fairfield Pavilion
Tony Rios, Ozone Park Resident
Anthony Gomez, Ozone Park Resident
PO Jeff Fisher, NYPD/102 Pct.
Murray H. Berger, KFCA
Robert F. Cuervo, Native New Yorkers
Historic Association
Charles Ober, Queens Civic Congress
Scott Strober, Marbridge Realty Co., Inc.
Joan Foley, American Red Cross
Thomas Dennehy, Richmond Hill Resident

Marian Gottlieb, Council Member. Addabbo
Dushan Cvetkovich, Senator Huntley
Dianne Barnett, Assembly Member Lancman
Wilma Bynum, QBPO
Sherri Osonitsch, 96-03 Bar & Grill
Ramachandra Shiwbalak, Fairfield Pavilion
Janice O'Neil, Ozone Park Resident
Edward Rios, Ozone Park Resident
Ralph Mancini, Times News Weekly
PO Chris Gonzales, NYPD/102 Pct
Stephen Bronner, CUNY Tourism School
Nick Brown, Queens Courier
Jeff Gottlieb, Central Oak Historic Assn.
Gene McCauley, GWDC
Charles Mcuges, American Red Cross

PUBLIC FORUM

Thomas Dennehy- proposed new catch basin cleaning technique.

Chairwoman Crawford acknowledged legislative representatives.

Jennifer Manley – representing the Mayor's Office/CAU is the new liaison to CB 9. She stated that many people in Queens were affected by the recent flooding and can get help by filing a damage claim through the Comptroller's Office or get reimbursed through FIMA (contact number is 1-800-621-FIMA).

Dianne Barnett, representing Assembly Member Lancman, stated that Assemblyman Lancman is looking forward to CB 9's approval of the renaming of Smokey Oval Park to 'Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Oval'. Chairwoman Crawford stated that the resolution was mailed out to all board members and will be voted on tonight.

Mitch Udovitch, representing Senator Maltese, stated the Senator has called for an infrastructure study to prevent flooding. Flooding in Queens has become a chronic problem and will get worse in the future due to our aging drainage and sewer system being overtaxed by the booming increase in population. The study will help to determine the extent and root causes of the problems, and identify solutions.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Renaming of Smokey Oval Park to 'Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Oval'**
No speakers

2. **Installation of a Speed Hump on 88th Street, between 97th & 101 Ave**
No speakers

3. **FY 2009 Capital & Expense Budget Requests**
No speakers

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

a. **On Premise Liquor License – New**

Luna Restaurant
97-05 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Cocina Latina Restaurant, LTD
125-16A Queens Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11424
No speakers

96-03 Bar & Grill Corp. - *Tabled from previous meeting*
96-03 101 Ave.
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

b. **On Premise Beer License - New**

85-09 Jamaica Ave. Corp
85-09 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

c. **On Premise Beer & Wine License- New**

Janitzio Enterprises Corp
d/b/a Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant
131-15 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Armando's Pollo Rico Restaurant, Inc
110-02 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

d. On Premise Restaurant Wine License-New

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

e. Wholesale Beer License- New

Global Worx Distribution Inc.
89-19 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

f. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal

Forge Diner, Inc.
d/b/a Pasta Lovers Trattoria
124-18 Queens Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

101-12 Restaurant Corp.
d/b/a Villa Russo
101-12 Lefferts Blvd.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

Golden Palace Catering Hall, Inc.
123-08 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

The Ranch Rest & Bar of Guyana, Inc.
134-01 Liberty Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

Basdev Selopal
130-01 Hillside Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Olympic Diner, Inc.
117-33 Myrtle Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Mike's Pub
79-18 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

g. On Premise Restaurant Beer & Wine License- Renewal

Grand Ptella Corp.
d/b/a Atlantic Diner
111-16 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

F&C Café and Restaurant, Inc
125-22 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

La Guadalupena Deli Inc. d/b/a El Portirillo
84-28 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

Mexico El Salvador Restaurant, Inc.
114-02 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

La Estrella Restaurant
102-03 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

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

h. Wholesale Beer License- Renewal

Piya Enterprise Inc.
d/b/a Nandieta
130-18 90th Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

TLC-For Hire Base Station License –Renewal

VJ Car & Limo Service, Inc.
104-08 123rd Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

This license will not be considered because it is not a CB #9 TLC Base Station.

Council Member Addabbo addressed the board and spoke about the budget, police salaries, property taxes and graffiti. He stated that reconstruction of the median on Woodhaven Blvd. will start in the spring of 2008.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Changes/additions submitted by Maria Thomson:

- Page 5: Andrea Crawford presented Anton Dietrich with a plaque *for his service in World War II*.
- Maria Thomson said that Anton Dietrich is the longest serving member of CB 9.

Wally Bock made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Ivan Mrakovic seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes.

Vote # 1: 31 in favor, 1 abstention

Motion to accept minutes passed.

2. Chairperson’s Remarks – Andrea Crawford

- Happy Rosh Hashanah!
- Community Board # 9 member Thomas Chiofolo got married.
- Rockaway Beach Greenway Bike Path project undertaking is receiving added support from groups such as Rails to Trails.
- Stalled zoning in Richmond Hill and Ozone Park-will arrange a meeting with City Planning.
- As an offshoot of federal monies received by the city for the enforcement of congestion pricing, Borough President Helen Marshall has prioritized her plans of pulling diesel buses from the roads in Queens.

3. Executive Committee Report- Andrea Crawford

❖ **Renaming of Smokey Oval Park to ‘Phil “Scooter” Rizzuto Oval’** *Vote to Be Taken*

Community Board 9 Executive Committee Resolution:

Community Board 9 supports the renaming of “Smokey Oval Park to be renamed Phil “Scooter” Rizzuto Oval. This renaming is in recognition of the Scooter’s days as a high school

baseball player at Richmond Hill High School. As such, we the members of Community Board 9 feel that it would be appropriate to remember a renowned Queens's resident this way. Thus, let this resolution as stated, demonstrate our support.

Motion # 2: To rename Smokey Oval Park to 'Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Oval'

Vote # 2: Unanimous

❖ **FY 2009 Capital & Expense Budget Requests & District Needs**

No vote is required at this time for the Capital & Expense Budget. It will be voted on in October.

Ivan Mrakovcic attended the screening of a documentary "Divided We Fall" The Story of Sikhs in America, which was sponsored by Assemblyman Rory Lancman at Queens Borough Community College.

4. District Manager's Report – Mary Ann Carey

The District Manager stated that during the summer the district office had two summer youth employment students, they were Jessica Crespo and Elysha Ortiz. They updated the CB's Youth Directory, prepared mailings and were trained in office skills.

Mrs. Carey reminded Board Members to submit their requests and issues for the FY 2009 Capital and Expense Budget, which will be discussed at the next executive committee meeting. Budget consultations have begun and she has already met with representatives from the Dept. of Sanitation, the FDNY, the Department of Economic Development and the NYPD. The Budget consultation meetings will continue through the month of September.

5. Monthly Update Report – 102 Pct.

PO Fisher welcomed all back and stated that the summer was quiet in the 102nd Pct. The Precinct is getting ready for a major event that will take place on Sunday, September 16, 2007 at Rum Jungle, 121-08 Jamaica Ave.

Chairwoman Crawford passed on complaints re: late parties every night at 83rd Ave & Talbot Street and homeless people living on Austin Street, behind the Austin Theater.

Chairwoman Crawford urged all to attend the 102 Pct Community Council meetings.

6. Guest Speaker – Joan Foley – American Red Cross

Guest Speaker Foley stated that The American Red Cross Queens office is located at 138-02 Queens Blvd

The American Red Cross:

- responds to an average of 8 to 10 emergencies in New York every day
- reaches out to others around the country & around the world
- prepares individuals, families, businesses and communities to deal with emergencies and disasters through training and preparedness education.

- ready people and resources for major natural and man-made disasters
- serves nine million people in all five boroughs of NYC
- covers 2,494 square miles from the Atlantic Ocean to the Catskill Mountains
- offers a Red Cross course in CPR, First Aid and Caregiving
- welcomes volunteers who are the heart and soul of the Red Cross

Question and answer period followed.

7. Guest Speaker – Charlie Ober – Ridgewood Property Owners – Graffiti Bill

The Graffiti Nuisance Abatement Law was signed by the Mayor on December 29, 2005 and enforcement started April 2007.

The law is known as LL111-2005 or Intro 299A, it is a comprehensive approach to the fight against graffiti through:

- criminal enforcement
- effective cleaning programs
- owner responsibility

The law targets irresponsible owners. The number of actions against an owner is limited. The city can force owners to allow their buildings to be cleaned through a nuisance abatement proceeding in the ECB. Cleaning is done at no cost to owners who are victims of vandalism. The City has doubled its capacity to clean graffiti in anticipation of the enforcement of the law, from 7 to 13 crews.

Question and answer period followed.

Chairwoman Crawford presented Priscilla Levine with a Certificate from Queens Borough President Helen Marshall in recognition of her 15 years of service to Community Board # 9.

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

Meeting with Council Member Tony Avella re: putting rezoning of Ozone Park, Richmond Hill and Woodhaven studies back on track. Sylvia Hack approached John Young about getting a liaison for CB #9 and discussed legislation change re: demolition notification to community boards from 5 days to 30 days.

Republican Club was sold, the judge had granted the property to the highest bidder.

Discussion followed.

9. Health and Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

The Governor and the Attorney General are trying to stop the fraud against Medicaid recipients.

10. Parks Recreation & Environment Committee- J. Richard Smith

Waiting for Park's Dept. to decide on the new development of the Ridgewood Reservoir. Mr. Smith hopes that the first project is a new parking area with a connection with public transportation and also include a handicap accessible bathrooms.

Free signs are available to stop unwanted circulars, advertisement and solicitations from being placed at your front door, at Senator Serf Maltese's Office.

Noisy motorcycles: riders in New York City are subject to a minimum \$440.00 fine having a muffler or exhaust system that can be heard within 200 feet.

11. Public Safety, Consumer affairs, & Transportation Committee Report- Jim Coccovillo

❖ **Installation of a Speed Hump on 88th Street between 97th & 101st Ave** *Vote to Be Taken*

Committee supports the installation of a speed hump on 88th St., btwn 97th & 101st Avenues. Discussion followed.

Motion #3: to support the installation of a Speed Hump on 88th St, between 97th & 101st Avenues

Vote #3: unanimous

❖ **On Premise Liquor License- New**

96-03 Bar & Grill Corp.
96-03 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Vote to Be Taken

All paper work is in order; therefore committee has no objection to this on premise liquor license.

Motion #4: to reconsider the new liquor license for 96-03 Bar & Grill Corp.

Vote #4: unanimous

Motion #5: not to oppose the new liquor license for 96-03 Bar & Grill Corp.

Vote #5: unanimous

Cocina Latina Restaurant, LTD
125-16A Queens Blvd
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

Vote to Be Taken

Committee is opposed to this application due to lack of information.

Motion #6: to oppose the new on premise liquor license for Cocina Latina Restaurant, LTD 125-16A Queens Blvd

Vote #6: 31 in favor, 1 opposed

❖ **On Premise Beer & Wine License – New**

Janizio Enterprises Corp.
d/b/a Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant
131-15 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Vote to Be Taken

Committee has no objection to this application.

Motion #7: not to oppose the new on premise beer & wine license for Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant 131-15 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 7: 30 in favor, 2 abstentions

Armando's Pollo Rico Restaurant, Inc.
110-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Vote to Be Taken

This is a new application and a new owner. No paperwork was submitted, no questionnaire was received, therefore the committee is opposed.

Wally Bock made a motion to table this application. Joan DeCamp seconded the motion.

Motion #8: to table the new on premise beer & wine license for Armando's Pollo Rico Restaurant, Inc., 110-02 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 8: unanimous

❖ **On Premise Restaurant Wine License – New**

Pops Restaurant
85-22 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Vote to Be Taken

The committee has no objection to this license pending verification of their Public Assembly permit. Board members agreed that a letter of no objection would be sent to the SLA once the document is received

Motion # 9: to send a letter of no objection pending verification of the PA permit for Pops Restaurant 85-22 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 9: 25 in favor, 7 opposed

❖ **Wholesale Beer License – New**

Global Worx Distribution, Inc.
89-19 130th St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Vote to Be Taken

No paperwork submitted; committee is opposed to this application

**Motion # 10: to oppose new wholesale beer license for Global Worx Distribution Inc.
89-19 130th Street**

Vote # 10: unanimous

La Guadalupena Deli Inc. d/b/a El Portirillo
84-28 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

The committee is opposed to the renewal of this establishment's beer and wine license due to several incidents of assaults and stabbings inside the restaurant.

Motion # 11: to revoke on premise restaurant beer & wine license for La Guadalupena Deli Inc. d/b/a El Portirillo 84-28 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 11: Unanimous

Next Public Safety, Consumer Affairs, & Transportation committee meeting will take place on Monday, September 17, 2007 at the district office.

12. Old/New Business.

Bob Mangieri-the plaque at the James Creegan Memorial Triangle is missing.

Murray Berger stated that the proposed project behind Borough Hall has been abandoned by the Economic Development Corporation.

Maria Thomson stated there was a memorial service at the Dry Harbor Playground in Forest Park to honor victims of 9/11 attack.

Andrea Crawford invited all to attend 'Spirit's Alive' event at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Bob Mangieri – there are still body parts being found at the WTC site.

Stephen Esposito invited all to attend the Greater Woodhaven Street Fair that will take place on Sunday, October 14th, 2007.

Akhtar Ali wished all a Happy Ramadan.

13. Public Forum

Mr. T. Dennehy –Richmond Hill

Stated that the world lost two great people: Lester Cohen and Luciano Pavarotti.

Wallace Bock made a motion to end the meeting, Evelyn Baron seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 11:00.