

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING VILLA
RUSSO IL PALAZZO 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2015-SEPTEMBER 2015

2nd # Represents Absences as of January 2015 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1) (2)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(1) (1)	Jarnail Singh	(0) (1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Sherman Kane	(1) (1)	Matthew Singh	(0) (0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(0) (0)	Patrick Khan	(1) (1)	Ragbir Singh	(0) (2)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(2) (3)	Joel Kuszai	(0) (0)	J. Richard Smith	(1) (1)
John Carter	(1) (3)	Marian C. Molina	(0) (1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1) (1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0) (1)	Maria Thomson	(0) (1)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (1)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Joan DeCamp	(1) (1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Stephen Esposito	(0) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(0) (1)
Laraine Fletcher	(1) (1)	Mohamed Safie	(1) (4)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)
Linda Fogal	(1) (1)	Regina Santoro	(0) (1)		
Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	Jagir Singh	(0) (1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(2) (3)	Jan Fenster	(1) (1)*	Harichandan Singh	(4) (4)
Latchman Budhai	(2) (4)	Ralph Gonzalez	(4) (4)	Maharani Singh	(1) (1)
Nick Comaianni	(2) (2)	Sylvia Hack	(1) (2)	Clark Whitsett	(1) (2)
Andrea Crawford	(1) (1)	Scott Jordan	(3) (4)		
Richard David	(1) (1)*	Priscilla Levine	(1) (4)		

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Gomes, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant
Leela Venketachalam, Community Service Aide

*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 & LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

Lauren Capotti, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
Sal Simonetti, Rep. Council Member Ulrich
Aaron Siegel, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Scott Wolf, Rep. Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joseph P. Addabbo
Jahi Rose, Rep. Council Member Rubin Wills
Mohamed Hack, Rep. Borough President Melinda Katz
Carmen Ramirez, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Stacey Eliuk, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
Capt. Molley, 102nd Pct.
P.O. J. Severino, 102nd Pct.

Guests' sign-in sheets are available upon request.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Asweeb Holdings, LLC D/b/a JJ'S Blue Mist Lounge 119-12 101 Ave Richmond Hill, NY 11419	No speakers
MLS Entertainment, LLC 117-03 Hillside Ave Richmond Hill, NY 11418	No speakers
G Spot Bar & Lounge 107-14 101 Ave Ozone Park, NY 11416	No speakers
Amnezia, Inc. 105-06 Jamaica Ave Richmond Hill, NY 11418	No speakers

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Public Hearing Cont'd

Liquor, Beer, & wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received

b. On Premise Beer License Application- New

L&Y Deli & Grocery, Inc.
95-14 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 No speakers

c. On Premise Wine & Beer License- New

Mex-Italian Pizza Inc.
D/b/a Mario's Pizzeria & Restaurant
102-12 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Ms. T. Shah, an attorney for Mex-Italian Pizza Inc. introduced herself.

Santa Restaurant NY Corp.
89-20 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 No speakers

d. On Premise Wine & Beer License- Renewal

Armandos Pollo Rico Rest., Inc.
110-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 No speakers

e. On Premise Liquor License Application-Renewal

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

Raj & Singh Corporation
117-10 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 No speakers

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e. On Premise Liquor License Application-Renewal

Delicioso Rest & Bar Inc.

D/b/a Pollos Dona Maria

93-03 Jamaica Ave

Woodhaven, NY 11421 No speakers

Neirs Tavern

87-48 78 St.

Woodhaven, NY 11421 No speakers

f. On Premise Beer Only License- Renewal

Forest Golf Corp.

81-01 Park Lane South

Woodhaven, NY 11421 No speakers

Fortune Hut, Inc.

76-11 101 Ave

Ozone Park, NY 11416 No speakers

Transportation Items

- ▶ DOT Safe Route to School PS 54, 86-02 127 Street
 - ▶ Speed Hump on Park Lane South between Forest Park Dr. & 79th Street
 - ▶ Sen. Addabbo Request for Traffic Safety Study- 97th Ave, btwn 102 & 103 St
- No speakers

2. Public Forum

Paul Capocasale, Resident of Ozone Park, spoke against using Woodhaven/Crossbay Blvd. as an express bus corridor stating that it is highly dangerous for buses to travel at higher rates of speed.

Aaron Siegal, representing Assembly Member Weprin, invited all to attend the Richmond Hill Health Fair hosted by the Assembly Member. It will take place on Sunday, September 20, 2015, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Smokey Oval Park.

Victor Mosquera, Woodhaven Resident, introduced himself stating, he wants to get involved in his community. He also thanked Irina Barayeva for taking care of his request to install a new light at 94th Ave & Woodhaven Blvd.

Viktor Starsky, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about a problem regarding cars with TLC license plates that belong to Benjamin & Sons and Golden Touch Companies, parking in residential area on 85th Ave, between 113th & 115th Streets. He called it into 311, 102 Pct. and CB9 on several occasions. He suggested the TLC should review their rules & regulations regarding overnight parking.

Joseph Reuter, Ozone Park Resident, suggested for every brand name store to have its own recycling machines.

Bruce Eiber, representing Council Member Koslowitz, stated that the first Participatory Budgeting Hearing will take place on October 1, 2015 at the Richmond Hill Library at 7 p.m.

Bridget Bartolini, Five Boro Story Project, invited all to attend Richmond Hill Love Letter Event and share what you love about your neighborhood. The event will take place on Saturday, Sep. 19, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the corner of Lefferts Blvd & Liberty Ave.

Scott Wolf, representing Assembly Member Simanowitz, introduced Tim Thomas, their new staff member.

Mohamed Hack, representing QBP Katz, stated that the Borough President is working relentlessly to make Queens the best it can be.

Carmen Ramirez, representing Assembly Member Miller, introduced herself.

Sal Simonetti, representing Council Member Ulrich, announced that the Fall Harvest Festival will take place on 10/17/15 at Forest Park/Victory Field.

Carl Moore, representing Assembly Member Miller, made an announcement about the following events: Rain Barrel Giveaway in Glendale Community Garden on 9/26/15, Recycling Event at Forest Park/Bandshell Parking Lot on 9/27/15 and a Job Fair on 10/2/15 at Atlas Mall.

Lauren Capotti, representing Assembly Member Hevesi, stated that their office moved to a new suite in the same building. (Suite # 118)

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Ivan Mrakovcic asked for any corrections/additions to the minutes, there were none. Stephen Esposito made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Regina Santoro seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept the minutes as presented

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Capt. Molley introduced himself and stated that school begins tomorrow.

PO Severino mentioned Operation ID- NYPD's program about registering and securing electronic devices in case any item goes missing or is stolen.

NYPD 102nd Pct. Blood Drive will take place on Friday, September 25, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 87-34 118th Street.

The Deputy Inspector reiterated not to leave any valuable items in your vehicle in order not to attract potential criminals.

Question & answer period followed

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

Chairperson Rampershad reported on the following:

- Thanked Lisa and Irina for running the office very efficiently.
- Welcomed new staff members Victor Ampuero and Leela Venketachalam.
- Held a staff meeting on Thursday where office procedures were discussed with all staff members.
- Constantly working on improving the handling of complaints and resolving them in a decent timeframe.
- Trying to keep CB9 website up to date.
- Working on expediting the coordination process between the city agencies when organizing film shooting, water main project, etc.
- Thanked Council Members Koslowitz, Crowley and Ulrich for meeting with CB9 Land Use Committee and discussing the issues that concern our community.
- Thanked CB9 Public Safety Committee for handling liquor license applications during the summer.
- Thanked Kenny Wilson for helping the office in the purchasing of the electronic equipment.

6. District Manager’s Report- Lisa Gomes

“Good Evening. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

I would like to introduce Leela Venketachalam & Victor Ampuero who are our new employees. Leela is a part time employee working 3 days per week; Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 5pm, started working 8/10/15. She is no stranger to CB9 as she worked in our office for two years through a Dept. of Aging program. She is familiar with our board members and office procedures. (i.e., Liquor License Applications Procedures). She speaks 3 languages.

Victor is a full time employee working Monday- Friday 9am to 5pm, he started on Aug.17, 2015 and he speaks fluent Spanish. Victor is proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Social Media, Websites, and has excellent writing and editing skills. He was VP of Administration at his last job and helped edit his boss’s sports book “Make\$\$\$ in Sports without Breaking a Sweat”.

We had 24 people submit resumes for the Part time position and 23 applied for the full time position. I interviewed 15 full time applicants & 8 part time applicants.

The Office has been very busy this summer. We processed approximately 84 complaints from June 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015. I want to commend Irina for all her hard work and dedication to the constituents of Community Board 9.

We purchased some new equipment and supplies. If you would like a list of Items please contact the office and we will forward it to you.

I attended the Richmond Hill National Night Out Against Crime which is always a great event for the children and the community of Richmond Hill and sponsored by the Richmond Hill East Merchants Association.

I also attended another great Night Out Against Crime event hosted by the 102 Pct. Council at the Buddy Monument.”

7. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- James Coccovillo & Maharani Singh- Co-Chairs

On Premise Liquor License Application- New

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VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Mr. Coccovillo made a motion to table all four items on the agenda due to lack of information that needs to be reviewed and finalized. Kenny Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion # 2: To table items listed for Vote To Be Taken under Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report.

Vote # 2: Unanimous

On Premise Beer License Application- New

L&Y Deli & Grocery, Inc.
95-14 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 3: To send a letter of opposition to the SLA for L&Y Deli & Grocery, Inc., 95-14 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: 33 in favor, 1 opposed

On Premise Wine & Beer License Application- New

Mex-Italian Pizza, Inc.
D/b/a/ Mario's Pizzeria & Restaurant
102-12 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 4: To table On Premise Wine & Beer License Application for Mex-Italian Pizza, Inc., 102-12 101 Ave

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Jim Coccovillo announced that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

8. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report- Kenny Wilson- Chair

Mr. Wilson thanked Vikram Sinha from DOT for coordinating the painting of a metal structure on Woodhaven Blvd & Atlantic Ave Bridge.

▶ DOT Safe Route to School PS 54, 86-02 127 Street

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 5: To send a letter of support for DOT Safe Route to School Project, PS 54, 86-02 127 St

Vote # 5: Unanimous

▶ Speed Hump on Park Lane South between Forest Park Dr. & 79th St.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 6: To send a letter of support to DOT for a speed hump installation on Park Lane South, btwn Forest Park Dr. & 79 Street

Vote # 6: Unanimous

▶ Sen. Addabbo request for Traffic Safety Study- 97th Ave. between 102 & 103 St

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 7: To send a letter of support to DOT for Sen. Addabbo request for 97 Ave conversion into a one way street

Vote # 7: Unanimous

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

Mr. Kane reported on the meeting with Council Members Koslowitz, Crowley and Ulrich where they discussed and all opposed re-zoning changes proposed by the Department of City Planning.

The Community Board will be sending out a notice to the community asking everybody to report any illegal conversions, construction, occupancy and any other suspected violations to 311 and forward it to the district office.

10. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins, Chair

- “A new N.Y.C. D.O.E. Pre-K school will open on Kew Gardens Road in September. It will have 4 classrooms and 80 students. The school is situated in a former apartment garage.
- Joel Kuszai reported on the capital improvements in the Woodhaven Library. It will have an elevator and a separate children’s room downstairs.

- Trailers have not been removed from Richmond Hill High School's school yard, as was promised by the D.O.E. I will try to reach the administration to find out why the trailers are still there. I would also like to get an update on the new programs and support that should be in place."

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

Mr. Smith attended two Ground Breaking Ceremonies this summer: Mary Whalen Playground Renovation and T-Ball Field and The Overlook Drainage System Reconstruction.

On August 26, Alex Blenkinsopp attended a meeting with the Sanitation Department to discuss the problems of middle-of-the-night tickets and excessive dumping of household and business trash in and around trash receptacles on Jamaica Avenue.

The meeting was hosted by the Woodhaven Residents' Block Association (WRBA) and was attended by J. Richard Smith on behalf of CB9, Maria Thomson on behalf of the Woodhaven BID, Assemblyman Mike Miller, Councilman Eric Ulrich, and their staffers.

DSNY had Deputy Chief Keith Maisel and several other representatives in attendance.

Sanitation reiterated their commitment to being more reasonable when issuing tickets in the middle of the night.

DSNY also agreed to work with the BID, Councilman Ulrich's office, and the WRBA to conduct door-to-door outreach to Jamaica Avenue businesses; to hold a merchants' meeting with the BID; and to meet with residents at WRBA town hall. These efforts are meant to educate businesses and residents about Sanitation regulations regarding public trash receptacles.

In addition, DSNY agreed to increase enforcement on Jamaica Avenue corners that have been persistent dumping locations.

Alex would like the CB9 staff to inform him if the office receives complaints of improper disposal or illegal dumping on Jamaica Avenue, so that he might communicate the information efficiently to DSNY.

12. Economic Development Committee Report- Richard David, Chair
No report.

13. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Marian C. Molina, Chair

"On August 18, 2015, Mayor de Blasio signed into law Intro. 866, in relation to regulation of cooling towers. The legislation requires the registration of all cooling towers, annual certification, quarterly inspection, and reporting of increased microbes to

the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The legislation also mandates the disinfection of cooling towers with levels of microbes that pose potential health risks. Violations of registry, certification and inspection requirements are liable for civil penalties up to \$10,000. Failure to disinfect towers with increased microbes is classified as misdemeanors, punishable up to \$25,000. The legislation takes effect immediately, and building owners have 30 days to register their cooling towers. The de Blasio administration, New York City Council, and Governor Cuomo collaborated closely on the policy to ensure consistency in regulation in New York City and across the state.

The recent Legionnaires' outbreak has been unprecedented. Cooling towers in New York will be tested on a regular basis, cleaned whenever needed, and properly maintained stated City Council Speaker Mark-Viverito. The law signed on August 18th will identify the location of cooling towers throughout the city and improve the ability to rapidly investigate potential sources of outbreaks.

The Department of Buildings cooling tower tracking system will allow the agency to assist public health officials in investigating cases of legionella; this legislation creates a strong system of accountability that will help ensure building owners are properly maintaining their cooling equipment according to the Buildings Commissioner Rick Chandler.

Information on the location of Cooling Towers is limited at this time. For more information contact NYC.gov, 311, pressoffice@cityhall.nyc.gov and (212) 788-2958.

14. Ad Hoc Committee Report-John Carter, Chair

CB9 By-Laws, procedures, policies: will look at the areas that are out of compliance; will fully investigate and research the whole structure rather than patching it up.

Met with the Public Safety Committee to discuss the procedure of handling liquor license applications; rather than rehash the typical conversations, they are looking to suggest new recommendations to keep things fresh. Since the Executive Committee and Public Safety Committee meet on the same night, what will be sent to the board members will be the sites of establishments along with the anticipated committee motions.

15. Old Business

Chair Rampershad stated the End Zone update will be available at the next CB 9 meeting.

16. New Business

Ivan Mrakovcic stated that RHBA 42nd Annual Street Fair will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

16. New Business (continued)

Sandra Datnarain inquired about CB9 budget and asked for locations of fire houses in CB9. District Manager Gomes answered her questions. Mrs. Datnarain stated that the 102 Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at the Richmond Hill Library.

Alexander Blenkinsopp announced that WRBA Town Hall meeting will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2015 at noon at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

The Candlelight Ceremony for the victims of 9/11 attack will be held on Friday, September 11, 2015 at the Forest Park Bandshell.

Dr. Stephen Sofer made a complaint about the recent gas pipe installation project in Kew Gardens stating that a waiver should be issued for alternate side parking during those kinds of constructions.

Stephen Esposito invited all to attend 39th annual Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair on Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 12 to 6 p.m.

Maria Thomson asked all to water their trees and plant due to the drought.

Joan DeCamp thanked DM Gomes for distributing district cabinet meeting minutes and reminded all about the primary elections on Thursday.

17. Public Forum

Jose Vazquez, Woodhaven Resident, spoke about problems created by trucks parking on residential streets.

Victor Mosquera, Woodhaven Resident, spoke about problem with overflowing litter baskets on Atlantic Ave in Woodhaven.

Jim Coccovillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rabbi Pollack seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:47 p.m.