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Sherry Algreto, Chairperson * James S. McClelland, District Manager * Donovan Richards Jr., Borough President

DECEMBER 10, 2024, MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

HELEN MARSHALL CULTURAL CENTER, 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD, KEW GARDENS, NY 11424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2024-MARCH 2025

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2024 (Borough President's Attendance)

Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Stephen Forte	(1)(1)	Himmat Singh	(2)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Albert Gamarra	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(4)(4)
Kirpal Billing	(1)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(3)(4)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(4)(7)
Swapan Chakraborty	(0)(0)	Alicia Hassin	(2)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(2)(2)
Rick Chetram	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(2)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(1)(1)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Carmela Isabella	(2)(2)	Esta-Joy Sydel	(2)(2)
Ruben Cruz	(2)(3)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Andrew Taranto	(1)(1)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(2)(3)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Warlito DeLeon	(1)(1)	Jonathan Rodriguez	(3)(3)	Stacey Yearwood	(0)(0)
Stephen Esposito	(2)(2)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1) *	Andrea Crawford	(3)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(6)(7)
Faiuze Ali	(2)(2) *	Marilyn Custodio	(2)(2)	Raghibir Singh	(2)(3)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(5)(7)	Nina Kulkarni	(2)(2)	Victor Starsky	(3)(4)
Visnoonand Bisram	(1)(1)	Sassy Ramoutar	(6)(7) *		
John Carter	(2)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(3)		

***Absent for more than 2 votes**

ALSO PRESENT

James McClelland, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Leela Venketachalam, Community Assistant

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Ann Marie Costella, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Max Leonardo, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman
Ariella Davidoff, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Anna Sargeant, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melida Katz
Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joan Ariola
Kevin Morris, Rep. NYC Mayor Eric Adams
Nathaniel Hezekiah, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks

1. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report–Sherry Algreto, District Manager's Report- James McClelland

Chair Algreto started the meeting by offering condolences to fellow board member Sylvia Hack on the loss of her husband, Martin Hack, and to Rabbi Daniel Pollack, who lost his mother this year.

DM McClelland wished Happy Birthday to Kamal Bhuiyan, Dulal Bhattacharjee, John Carter, and Daniel Chu.

Mr. McClelland thanked the 102nd Precinct for allowing him the honor of participate in a "Ride Along" with NYPD Officers. He stated that it was an eye-opening experience to witness firsthand what the brave men and women of the NYPD encounter during their patrol.

DM McClelland wished everyone happy holidays and a blessed New Year!

Chair Algreto commended CB9 Council Members Lynn Schulman and Joann Ariola for honoring the Board's vote on Mayor's City of Yes initiative.

2. Public Forum

Sol McCants III, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about the meaning of two phrases: Peace on Earth and Good Will to All Mankind. He voiced his opinion on recent tragic events that took place in Manhattan (written statement attached).

3. Opening of Meeting and Reading of Minutes

Chair Algreto read the following corrections/additions to November 12th, 2024, meeting minutes and motions:

- Submitted by Andrew Taranto – The Metropolitan Park vote tally should be: 27 in favor, and 1 abstention.
- Submitted by Seth Welins – The Education Committee will wait until the new year to see if the Richmond Hill library renovation project will be approved by the DDC, as promised by officials of QPL. If it is not approved, then we can send a second request to the Comptroller's office for an audit of this project.
- Submitted by Stacey Yearwood – Ms. Yearwood abstained to motion 1 to adopt the minutes as presented.

EJ Sydell motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Kevin O'Leary seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as amended

Vote # 1: 22 in favor, 10 abstentions and 3 not present

4. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report/Public Hearing (Letters of Intent Received) Albert Gamarra, Chair

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

NY Rose Garden Inc., d/b/a Tiffany's Banquet Hall
110-27 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Ms. Rachmidat, business representative, thanked the committee and the board for their work.

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application.

Vote # 2: 31 in favor, 1 abstention and 3 not present

b. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application – New

Benrooftop
78-16 Atlantic Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application

Vote # 3: 28 in favor, 4 opposed and 3 not present

Desi Pizza Richmond LLC, d/b/a Desi Pizza Bites
111-03 101st Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application
Vote # 4: 32 in favor and 3 not present

Kinwa Peruvian Kitchen Inc.
98-01 Jamaica Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

Motion # 5: Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application
Vote # 5: 32 in favor and 3 not present

Mr. Pollo Rico Corp.
110-02 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Motion # 6: Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application
Vote # 6: 32 in favor and 3 not present

c. On Premises Beer & Cider License Application - Renewal

Johnny Deli & Grocery
132-07 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond hill, NY 11418

A letter of no opposition to this renewal application will be sent to the SLA.

d. All Night Permits - New Year's Eve Requests

Elias Bar & Lounge Inc.
105-06 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Flor A. Garcia, d/b/a El Rinconcito de Nagua
76-20 Jamaica Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge
100-05 Atlantic Avenue,
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Kiss Entertainment Inc.
130-35 91st Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *application was rescinded by the applicant*

La Obeja Negra Corp.
105-05 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Pete's Grill & Bar Corp.
75-11 Rockaway Boulevard
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

Serie 56 Sport Bar Inc.
94-10 Jamaica Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421

no speakers

Committee Chair Gamarra stated that as in years past, the Public Safety Committee has **opposed** these requests due to the reduction of 102nd Precinct police officers assigned to Times Square on New Year's Eve.

Motion # 7: To oppose All Night Permits-New Year's Eve Requests for the above-mentioned establishments

Vote # 7: 19 in favor, 12 opposed, 1 abstention and 3 not present

Mr. Gamarra brought to the board members' attention the recurrent package theft issue and stated that something needs to be done in terms of legislation in 2025.

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 2nd, 2025, due to the holidays.

5. Old/New Business

Chair Algreto thanked the board members and the staff for their work and support.

DM McClelland, Irina Barayeva, Leela Venketachalam, CB9 staff as well as CB9 officers: Esta-Joy Sydel, Alexandria Sumpter-Delves and Kirpal Billing, were given the opportunity to voice their gratitude.

Chair Algreto spoke briefly about the term limits for Board Members serving on the board going in effect in 2026. She also gave a recap of the events that took place and were sponsored by CB9 in 2024.

Chair Algreto acknowledged the legislative representatives who gave their updates.

She also recognized the civic leaders and other guests who attended the meeting.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

no speakers

Joan DeCamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Esta Joy Sydel seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 8:04 PM.