



COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

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**JANUARY 8, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, RM 213, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2018-MARCH 2019

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2019 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(0)	Jan Fenster	(1)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(3)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(0)	Linda Fogal	(1)(0)	Matthew Singh	(2)(0)
Julio Batista	(1)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(2)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(4)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(3)(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Naima Sultana	(2)(0)
John Carter	(1)(0)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(0)	Marie Turley	(0)(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(2)(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(3)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(4)(0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(1)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(0)		
Stephen Esposito	(4)(0)	Jagir Singh	(2)(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dulal Bhattacharjee	(1)(1)	Nick Comaianni	(1)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(1)
Mohamed Safie	(8)(1)				

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant
Leela Venketachalam, Community Service Aide

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Hallah Saleh, Department for City Planning
Sgt. Nelson, 102nd Pct.
PO Jose Severino, Community Affairs, 102nd Pct.
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez
Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin

Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Lisa A. Piazza (or Corp. to be formed)
93-10 Woodhaven Blvd
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

b. Change in Method of Operation Application

Tilt Lounge Corp.
131-15 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. TLC For-Hire Base Station License Application – Renewal

Globe Car Service Inc.
112-06 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Chairperson Smith recognized legislative representatives.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, made following announcements:

- Board members' applications are due February 8th, 2019; there is no need for Council Member's signature, but they must be notarized.
- Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's State of the Borough will take place on Friday, January 25, 2019, 10:30 AM at LaGuardia Community College.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, stated the following:

- Senator Addabbo sent out the 15th NYS Senate District Constituent Survey to the Community.
- Free E-Waste Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019, 10 AM-4 PM at Rosemary's Playground in Ridgewood.
- Grant Information Session, hosted by the Senator, will take place on Wednesday, January 9th, 2019, from 2:30-4:30 PM at the Woodhaven Library.

Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, made the following announcement:

- The office will be collecting unused travel size toiletries and new clothing items for the men and women at NYS Veterans' Home at St. Albans. Donations will be collected until February 6, 2019.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, congratulated Mr. McClelland on his new title. She also made an announcement regarding the Council Member's first State of the District Address at High School for Construction Trades, Engineering & Architecture on February 5, 2019 in Ozone Park.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, stated that Congress Member had introduced a range of bills that will benefit New York's working families, seniors and others; she also voted in favor of the legislation to give federal workers the paychecks that they deserve.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, said that he brought copies of Assembly Member's Reports to the Community.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Simcha Weisman, President of the One Stop Richmond Hill Community Center, expressed his concerns regarding CB9's liquor license approval process, stating that many of the establishments are very problematic locations and use up police resources.

Carol Blatt, Richmond Hill, voiced her concerns regarding overall safety in front of the Atria Senior Residence located at 117-01 84th Ave. She made a suggestion for the DOT to eliminate four parking spots on 84th Ave in order for vehicles to enter and exit safely.

Marco Fenpesta, Rep. from Port Of Call, stated that he will be answering Board Members' questions regarding his establishment.

Jagpreet Singh, Chhaya CDC, invited all to the ribbon cutting and grand opening of their new Richmond Hill Center at 121-18 Liberty Ave on Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 from 10 AM to noon. The goal of this center is to expand to Richmond Hill and the rest of South Queens and help those who are currently underserved and lack access to social services.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections/additions to December 11th, 2018 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Jim Coccovillo made a motion to accept December 11th, 2018 minutes as presented. Rabbi Daniel Pollack seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept December 11th, 2018 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: 35 in favor and 2 abstentions

4. Monthly Update - NYPD Report 102nd Pct.

Sgt. Nelson stated that the 102nd Pct. is 15% down in 7 major crimes year-to-date, which makes the Precinct number 2 in the entire city. The men and women at the 102nd Pct. are doing an excellent job under the leadership of the new Captain Courtney Nilan.

There is a burglary pattern that is taking place on Jamaica Avenue where a male enters commercial establishments and breaks into the ATM. The police are asking business owners to install surveillance cameras which would be very helpful in catching this person.

5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – J. Richard Smith

Chair Smith welcomed the new District Manager Mr. McClelland.

Chairperson asked the Board Members to voice their opinions on Exec Committee's Resolution on 2019 meeting locations that was included in their packages.

Motion # 2: To accept Executive Committee Resolution on 2019 CB9 Meeting Locations

Vote # 2: 26 in favor and 11 opposed

6. Treasurer's Budget Update – John Carter:

I. Budget:

- Spending for FY 2019 is on pace at this mid-point.
- An increase in the budget allocation from the City for this FY will permit us, we believe, to attempt

the following major upgrades:

- a. replacement of decades old carpeting. A quote has been secured.
- b. examination and consolidation of wiring in the office to examine wire runs and network clean up, install a rack and move the router and modem to it.
- c. anticipate the purchase of updated computer towers.

II. Good and Welfare:

34 members contributed \$20

1 member contributed 15

TOTAL 295

As of January 7th, \$222.49 expended (with receipts)

Remaining-\$473.04

7. District Manager's Report – James S. McClelland thanked everyone for a warm welcome stating that he is looking forward to working for the board. District Manager McClelland reported on the following:

Immediate Relief for Small Businesses

- Implements an immediate 2-year moratorium on the DOB's ability to issue any fines / violations relating to business signs.
- Signs that are out of compliance, regardless as to whether they have received a fine, can be left up for these 2 years.
- Complete financial relief for any business with an outstanding fine.
- Reduced permit fees for hanging new signs.

Education & Outreach

- DOB, DCP and SBS must develop an education program for small businesses.
- Covering accessory signs, regulations, and how to bring non-compliant signs into compliance.
- Will include information about how to apply for a zoning variance if needed, and who is qualified to do the work.
- All materials will be in the 10 most common languages spoken in the City.

Information Gathering & Investigation.

- Within 30 days of passing, DOB must provide a report.
- Taskforce will investigate predatory practices that might explain the concentration of violations in certain areas.

8. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – James V. Coccovillo & Rabbi Pollack, Co-Chairs

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Lisa A. Piazza (or Corp. to be formed)
93-10 Woodhaven Blvd.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 3: Not to approve new on premises liquor license application for Lisa A. Piazza, 93-10 Woodhaven Blvd.

Vote # 3: Unanimous

Jim Coccovillo reported on the following establishments:

- **MJ Media, Inc. – 121-08 Jamaica Ave** – This application was supposed to be up for a board vote this month. However, as per an email received on December 12th 2018, the attorney provided a letter of withdrawal due to the applicant being very ill. Since they have withdrawn their application, the attorney stated the applicant will re-submit SLA 30 Day Notice once she feels better.
- **Globe Car Service, Inc. – 112-06 101st Ave** – All paperwork received was in order for this TLC For-Hire Base Station Renewal Application. Since there were no issues with the NYPD, a letter of no opposition was sent out.

- **Tilt Lounge Corp. – 131-15 Jamaica Ave** – On December 17th 2018, the office received an application for a Change in Method of Operation for an extension of hours until 4 AM. The application will be up for a vote next month.
The next CB9 Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7 PM at the District Office.

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair, read the following updates:

- 24 Hour Fitness has completed repairs of their ventilation system before December 31st and will be forwarding a copy of the completed work order.
- Breaking Ground will be giving an update on their construction phase at the next Health and Social Services Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd 2019 at 6:15 PM at the District Office.
- Andrea Crawford reminded everyone that it is flu season and that flu shots are available. There was a pediatric death in the Tri State area due to the flu.

10. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenichi Wilson, Chair

Mr. Wilson reported on his meeting with Lime, the global dock-free e-bike and scooter sharing company currently operating in the Rockaways and Staten Island.

Lime is hoping to expand its territory into Southern Queens and Brooklyn and wants the input of the local CBs. It was stated that their mission is to create mobility options that are affordable, equitable, and safe. Since their business model is "dock-free," (as opposed to docking stations like CitiBike), they are able to build customizable, tailor-made solutions for each unique community.

A copy of the power presentation is available.

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

Sylvia Hack stated that the issue of the proposed jails going into four boroughs except for Staten Island is getting complicated. The ULURP date has been moved from December 17th 2018 to March 25th 2019. The Land Use Committee Co-Chairs will compose a memo that could answer most of the Board Members' questions. A Town Hall meeting date will be announced by the end of January 2019.

12. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report – Regina Santoro, Chair

- Queens Park's Commissioner, Ms. Dorothy Lewandowski, is retiring after forty years of service.
- Christmas trees should all be picked up by January 12, 2019. If not, call 311 to schedule a pick up.
- Filthy conditions on Jamaica Ave, 121st St and 122nd St were taken care of by Dept. of Sanitation.

13. Education & Youth Services Committee Report – Seth Welins, Chair, stated the following:

Queens Library recently sent us a written response to some of our questions about the proposed Richmond Hill and Woodhaven Libraries. The Education and Youth Services Committee will discuss the information contained in the report at our January 22nd meeting and will report back to the full board at the February meeting.

14. Economic Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair, stated that he had an opportunity to represent CB9 at the Community Outreach Event in Richmond Hill on Sunday, December 16th 2019 where Borough President Katz, Council Member Adams joined the small interfaith group in toy distribution.

15. Election of 2nd Vice Chair

J. Richard Smith opened nominations on the floor for 2nd Vice Chairperson.

Ivan Mrakovcic nominated Marian Molina. Regina Santoro seconded the nomination.

Marie Turley nominated Sherman Kane. Lorraine Fletcher seconded it.

Latchman Budhai nominated Sandra Datnarain. Kamal Bhuiyan seconded it.

13 for Marian C. Molina
12 for Sherman Kane
11 for Sandra Datnarain
1 not present

Second round: 21 for Marian C. Molina
15 for Sherman Kane
1 Not Present

Marian Molina is elected 2nd Vice Chair.

16. Old Business

Faiuze Ali asked the Chairperson for clarification on emails sent.

17. New Business

John Carter and Rabbi Daniel Pollack commended the staff members for maintaining normal business operations in the absence of a district manager.

Rabbi Daniel Pollack made an announcement about Congress Member Meng's Veterans Affairs Office Hours on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 10 AM to 4:30 PM at the district office, 40-13 159th Street. To make an appointment call (718) 358-6364 by January 16.

Latchman Budhai made a reference about low income housing construction at 129-19 101st Ave and gave a 2015 newspaper clipping to the Chair and the DM about it being voted down.

Maharani Singh requested a list of Group Homes in Community Board 9.

18. Public Forum

No speakers

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

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.