



COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

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J. Richard Smith, Chairperson * Melinda Katz, Borough President

**OCTOBER 9, 2018 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
Royal Indian Palace, 118-06 Atlantic Ave, Richmond Hill, NY 11419**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2018-MARCH 2019

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2018 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Jan Fenster	(1)(4)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(2)	Daniel Grieve	(2)(3)	Maharani Singh	(2)(2)
Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Matthew Singh	(1)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(3)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(2)
Latchman Budhai	(2)(4)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(2)
John Carter	(1)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(2)	Marie Turley	(0)(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(0)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(2)(4)	Raj Rampershad	(0)(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)(4)
Richard David	(2)(3)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(4)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(1)(2)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dolores Baldassare	(2)(2)	Sandra Datnarain	(3)(3)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(3)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(5)(8)
Andrea Crawford	(3)(3)	Linda Fogal	(1)(1)	Naima Sultana	(2)(2)

ALSO PRESENT

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant
Leela Venketachalam, Community Service Aide

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Kate Mooney, rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Andrew Taranto, rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
Michael Cohen, rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Elizabeth Bien, rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Carl Moore, rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Christine Stoll, rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Lili Arquiero, rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal
Casey Lajszky, rep. Assembly Member Weprin
Matthew Pecorino, rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Chiedu Uzoigwe, rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.
William Giren, rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer
Capt. Cortney Nilan, 102nd Pct.

Capt. Cassacelli, 102nd Pct.
PO Jose Severino, Community Affairs, 102nd Pct.
PO Edwin Martinez, Community Affairs, 102nd Pct.

Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.

1st Vice Chair Rampershad read the addendum to the agenda, stating that three votes will be taken for item #9 regarding the installation of three speed humps on 76th Street between 85th Rd & 86th Rd.

1. **FY 2020 Capital & Expense Budget** *No speakers*

2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

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

a. **On Premises Liquor License Application – New**

Rancho Tequila Inc.
D/b/a Rancho Tequila
105-13 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

FQ Bar & Grill LLC.
105-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
Mr. Fernando Quintana stated that it will be a family Sport's Bar.

Vanessa Cabana Bar Restaurant Corp.
110-12 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

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

Golden Punjab Indian Restaurant Inc.
130-02 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

c. **On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal**

Asweeb Holdings LLC
D/b/a JJ's Blue Mist Lounge
119-12 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
Ms. Dipiko Latchman addressed the board regarding the committee's decision on liquor license renewal.

8522 Jamaica Ave Corp.
D/b/a Pop's Restaurant
85-22 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

d. **Class Change Application**

Antojitos De San Cecilio Inc.
90-04 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Sam Esposito, Ozone Park Resident, stated the following:

- The number of homeless population has increased in Ozone Park over the last six months.
- Thanked the 102nd Pct. for their quick action in catching the individual responsible for assaulting a woman in the laundromat.
- Wants the board to be involved in all events organized by the Ozone Park Residents Block Association.
- Hopes that the Department of Homeless Services will confirm the opening of a Homeless Shelter for 113 mentally ill men by October 22, 2018.
- Encouraged all Board Members to rally with the Bengali Community on Friday, October 12, 2018 in front of proposed Homeless Shelter on 101st Ave & 85th Street.

Joseph Carumma, President, Our Neighbors of Ozone Park Civic Association, stated that he is working together with the newly formed Ozone Park Residents Block Association in resolving issues to make Ozone Park a better community. He invited all to attend their meeting on Thursday, November 1st, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

1st Vice Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives:

Kate Mooney, rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, reported the following:

- The Participatory Budgeting process has been a great success, the office received 520 requests this afternoon.
- Constituents who want to sign up for weekly emails can do so by visiting the councilmember's website.
- Free early detection of breast cancer event will take place at Queens Health Center, 97-04 Sutphin Blvd. on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.
- Council member has allocated \$210,000 for neighborhood cleanup. Her district received high ratings for cleanliness over two months' time.
- Her next project is to remove all abandoned/derelict and illegally parked vehicles from the streets.
- Free legal help is available at the Lefferts Branch Library every Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Parent Advisory High School Fair with the Borough President will take place tomorrow at Queens Borough Hall.

Michael Cohen, rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, reported the following:

- There were approximately 200 requests submitted for Participatory Budgeting. They will be brought before the various city agencies by January 1, 2019 and actual selection will take place in April of 2019.
- LIRR President Eng called the Council Member stating that the reconstruction of the LIRR Bridge over Lefferts Blvd. is anticipated to be completed by April of 2019.
- Everyone is aware of the Mayor's intention of closing Ryker's and relocating those inmates at Riker's to four locations in four boroughs. The area behind Borough Hall is the selected site in Queens. The monthly scoping process is going to end. It is a ULURP matter which will come before this board.

Andrew Taranto, rep. Senator Leroy Comrie, made an announcement regarding the following events:

- Senator's mobile office hours at Richmond Hill Branch Library will take place on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Metro Card & E-ZPass Mobile Sales Van will be at Senator's District office on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Christine Stoll, rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller made an announcement regarding free Early Detection of Breast Cancer Event on Sunday, October 14, 2018, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the district office and free Fire Safety-How to Use Fire Extinguisher Event on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6 p.m. at One Stop In Richmond Hill.

Carl Moore, rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, made an announcement about a free community event sponsored by Senator Addabbo:

- CUNY College Information Session will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 91-30 Metropolitan Ave, Forest Hills.
- Don't forget to exercise your right to vote on the Election Day!

Lili Arquiero, rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal, stated that the Assembly Member is co-sponsoring the E-Waste Recycling Event on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Casey Lajszky, rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, stated that the Assembly Member is sponsoring a Holiday Toy Drive. Starting next week, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at their office located at 111-12 Atlantic Ave.

Matthew Pecorino, rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, reminded everyone that a Greenmarket, sponsored by the Council Member and Grow NYC, will be opened every Saturday until November 17th, 2018 at The Buddy Monument, located at the intersection of Park Lane South and Myrtle Ave. He also announced an upcoming event sponsored by the Council Member: Fall Festival on October 13, 2018 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Field, Forest Park and on October 20, 2018 at Addabbo Park.

Chiedu Uzoigwe, rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., stated that Senator is working on JFK Airport Vision Plan. Senator's office can be reached at (718) 523-3069 and the Far Rockaway office at (718) 327-7017.

4. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Treasurer Carter asked if there were any changes/additions to September 13th, 2018 minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept September 13th, 2018 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 24 in favor and 11 abstentions

5. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Captain Cortney Nilan reported on the following:

- The major crime stats are currently at its historic lows: 25% for the past month and 14% year to date.
- There was a burglary pattern of one individual going through unlocked kitchen windows. The perpetrator was arrested and is still in jail because he was found to be committing the same crimes in 106th and 75th Precincts.
- A homicide occurred last Saturday where a club promoter was shot and killed in front of the Tavern Lounge, 97-07 Jamaica Ave. The Precinct is working with the SLA in trying to shut this establishment down.
- A pedestrian, who was walking against the light, was killed at the very controversial intersection of Woodhaven Blvd & Jamaica Ave. The driver, who was not intoxicated and did not flee the scene, was not arrested. 102nd Pct. is working with DOT to make that intersection safer.
- At the Vision Zero initiative, the most problematic locations were picked for enforcement and educational purposes.
- The Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) from all four sectors are present tonight. They've been given more time and opportunity to collaborate with residents in identifying and solving local crime concerns and quality of life conditions.
- New Executive Officer at 102nd Pct. Capt. Cassacelli introduced himself stating that he will be paying close attention to traffic issues and working to find ways to resolve them.

Question and answer period followed.

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

1st Vice Chair Rampershad thanked all for their services stating the following:

"I would like to take a moment and thank every community board member, elected official, their staff, all the civics, the 102nd Pct. and all those residents who have come out to CB9 meetings.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve with you all over these past 13, nearly 14 years.

With that said, I just would like to make everyone on the board aware that this may be my last meeting. I was recently nominated by Queens Borough President Melinda Katz to become a city Planning Commissioner, while I still have a hearing date set up next week with the City Council Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, in the event that they vote and accept my nomination I would then have to resign from

board due to the City Charter stating that I cannot sit on two City agencies at the same time. I will update everyone after the hearing.

I also wanted to tell everyone not to be afraid to voice your opinions; it matters! There is a reason why we all wanted to join the community board. We all want to contribute to the well-being of our community. There are not many forums in which one can express their thoughts and concerns about matters that affect the community so please look at every meeting as an opportunity.

Although a community board is mostly advisory, it doesn't mean that our elected officials and city agencies don't hear us. Thank you."

1st Chair Rampershad announced that the selected candidate for CB9 District Manager position will be interviewed on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Queens Borough Hall, Room 200. The final vote will be taken at the closed section of November 13th, 2018 general board meeting.

Nick Comaianni made a motion to re-select the DM Search Committee. Joe laboni seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Nick Comaianni withdrew his motion.

- 7. **Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair**, not present to give a report.
- 8. **Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – James Coccovillo & Rabbi Pollack, Co-Chairs**

Rancho Tequila Inc.
D/b/a Rancho Tequila
105-13 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for Rancho Tequila Inc., d/b/a Rancho Tequila, 105-13 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 2: 34 in favor and 1 opposed

FQ Bar & Grill LLC.
105-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for FQ Bar & Grill LLC., 105-06 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: Unanimous

Golden Punjab Indian Restaurant Inc.
130-02 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

The attorney withdrew this new wine, beer and cider license application. No vote will be taken.

Asweeb Holdings LLC
D/b/a JJ's Blue Mist Lounge
119-12 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 4: Not to approve liquor license application renewal for Asweeb Holdings LLC, d/b/a JJ's Blue Mist Lounge, 119-12 101st Ave

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Antojitos De San Cecilio Inc.
90-04 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 5: Not to approve class change application for Antojitos De San Cecilio Inc., 90-04 Jamaica Ave
Vote # 5: 34 in favor and 1 opposed

Vanessa Cabana Bar Restaurant Corp.
110-12 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 6: Not to approve new liquor license application for Vanessa Cabana Bar Rest. Corp.,
110-12 Jamaica Ave
Vote # 6: Unanimous

Due to the fact that most of the applications contain private information, Victor has prepared and finalized A Policy on Private Information that can be found in Community Board 9 Policies & Procedures Book.

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, October 15th, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

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

➤ **Speed Hump on 76th St. between 85th Rd and 85th Dr**

Motion # 7: Send a letter of no objection for speed hump installation
Vote # 7: Unanimous

➤ **Speed Hump on 76th St. between 85th Dr and 86th Ave**

Motion # 8: Send a letter of no objection for speed hump installation
Vote # 8: 34 in favor and 1 abstention

➤ **Speed Hump on 76th St. between 86th Ave and 86th Rd**

Motion # 9: Send a letter of no objection for speed hump installation
Vote # 9: Unanimous

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. a Co-Naming Ceremony will take place where Forest Parkway at Jamaica Ave will be co-named *Maria Thomson Way*.

10. Land Use Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs, Sylvia Hack stated the following:

Mayor de Blasio has proposed closing the Rikers Island jail and building four huge jails, one in each borough except Staten Island. The proposed Queens location is Kew Gardens in Community Board 9. This jail would be 1.9M square feet for 1,510 inmates and parking for over 1,000 cars. 82nd avenue would be remapped between 126th St. and 134th to be built on. This is being pushed by the Mayor's office at extraordinarily speed. The community first learned of this project on August 15 and weeks later saw the CEQR report that was followed by a public scoping meeting on September 26 to which replies were mandated by October 15 - later changed to the 29th. A few days earlier, Mayoral staff stated that they expected certification by the beginning of the year, at which point the ULURP process begins. This is one of the biggest projects this or perhaps any board has ever had, and the city is doing one simultaneous ULURP for all four boroughs. Dist. Atty. Richard Brown made an eloquent statement to the Lippman Commission pointing out that Riker's could be re-built (it's on over 400 acres of land) and the choices of spreading problems at Riker's to four local communities is a really bad idea.

11. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report – Regina Santoro, Chair, stated the following:

- Attended Budget Hearing at the Overlook where the Parks Commissioner announced her retirement.
- Parks Department's request of a crew cab dump truck with plow and salt spreader for the amount of \$60,869 is moved to CB9 Capital Budget Request for FY2020.
- Any tree related requests can be entered through the 311 App.
- The Kew Gardens Playground will be handicap accessible and will have diaper changing facilities.

12. Economic Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair, stated that he had an opportunity to represent the board at the resource fair hosted by City Comptroller Scott Stringer on September 29. Mr. Singh is waiting for an official report to come out so he can share it with the board.

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

- It is still not known when the Richmond Hill Library closure and renovations will begin. We are trying to arrange a meeting with officials to discuss this and related matters.
- Richmond Hill HS asked that we support their request for air conditioning in the auditorium and cafeteria. We will add this request to our next capital budget request form.

14. Old Business

John Carter gave a brief report on the Board's budget status and explained how Good and Welfare fund money is being spent.

15. New Business

Rabbi Pollack stated that:

- Congress member Grace Meng has done many appropriations to help VA get federal funding. This month's VA office hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 at Congress Member Meng's office, 40-13 159th St. Prior appointment is required for any veterans who need assistance. Office number is (718) 358-6364.
- Congress member Meng is also trying to get funding for Opioid Drug Overdose Prevention Program.
- The H.R.423 Anti-Spoofing Bill was signed into law.
- Glendale will have its own zip code.
- He asked all to be aware of sending checks by mail as they can be stolen from the mailbox.

Sherman Kane reminded all that the next Land Use & Housing Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 8 p.m. at the board office. Guest speaker, James Quinn, Queens Assistant District Attorney, will be talking regarding Kew Gardens Jail proposal.

Richard David announced that he was elected a District Leader, therefore he is resigning from the board. He looks forward to remain engaged and involved.

J. Richard Smith thanked Raj Rampershad for chairing this meeting and wished him luck in his future endeavors.

16. Public Forum *No speakers*

Nick Comaianni made a motion to adjourn, Joe Iaboni seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:59 p.m.