



COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

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**APRIL 9, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO, 101-12 Lefferts Boulevard, Richmond Hill**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Jan Fenster	(0)(1)	Regina Santoro	(0)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(0)(2)
Julio Batista	(0)(1)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(3)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(0)(1)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Nick Comaianni	(0)(1)	Lisa Komninos	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(0)(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)(1)		
Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kamal Bhuiyan	(1)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(1)(2)
Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(4)	Naima Sultana	(1)(1)
Marian C. Molina	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)(3)

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Andrew Taranto, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
Christine Stall, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi
Natalia Kozikowska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Tim Thomas, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal
Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Kevin Morris, CAU/Mayor's Office
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez
Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.

Sgt. N. Nelson, PO Jose Severino and NCOs from 102nd Pct.

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

8421 La Oficina Restaurant Bar Inc.
84-21 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

La Selva Bar & Restaurant Inc.
94-02 80th St.
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

La Noriega Bar Inc.
131-09 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Don Pollos Son's Corp.
92-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Mingle #1 Inc.
D/b/a Mingle's
130-18 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Maracas Club and Restaurant LLC
121-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

d. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application – Renewal

84-23 Polleria Inc.
D/b/a Mistura Peruana Restaurant
84-23 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Chairperson Wilson recognized legislative representatives.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, congratulated the newly elected executive officers. Ms. Rosero made an announcement regarding Job Fair for the 2020 Census taking place on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at Queens Borough Hall.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, stated that Spring Recycling Event co-sponsored by Assembly Member

Mike Miller is Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 10Am to 2 PM. Things that will be accepted are: electronics, paper, clothing and shoes, small appliances, toys, bikes, jewelry, small furniture, American flags and eyeglasses. Mr. Moore said that copies of Senator Addabbo's 2019-2020 New York Stated Budget Highlights are available in the back of the room.

Andrew Taranto, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie, stated that Senator is co-hosting a School Diversity in Specialized High School Admissions Community Forum with Senator John Luo on Thursday, April 11, from 6:30 to 8:30PM at Queens Borough Hall, Room 213.

Christine Stall, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, stated that the budget passed on April 1st, 2019. Assemblyman Miller is trying to see if there are any curve outs with congestion pricing for the seniors who are trying to get to the city for their doctor's appointments as well as for yellow taxi cab drivers. Ms. Stall has also mentioned that their office is sponsoring a mammogram bus in front of their office on Wednesday, May 29th, from 9AM to 12PM. Appointments are necessary.

Katherine Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, congratulated Chair Wilson for his appointment. She stated that Council Member was transferred from Economic Development to Public Safety Committee due to many crushes with committee appointments. As a Chair of a Subcommittee on Landmarks, she will be included on that subcommittee concessions.

Ms. Mooney thanked all who participated in Participatory Budgeting vote.

Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi, stated that The Home Stability Support Proposal was not funded in this year's budget but they do have a support of over a hundred Assembly Members and thirty two State Senators.

If you are unable to attend a School Diversity in Specialized High School Admissions Community Forum on Thursday, there will be another one on Tuesday, April 16th at Russel Sage School from 6:30 to 8:15.

Natalia Kozikowska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, stated that the Council Member, in collaboration with Animal Care Centers of NYC, will host a Mobile Pet Adoption Event on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 12-3PM at the Rockaway 3-Way Run. For any additional information, call the office at 718-738-1083.

Tim Thomas, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal, the office will be hosting E-waste Recycling Event on Sunday, April 14, 10AM to 4PM in Kew Gardens Hills. Over 25,000 lb. of electronics was collected last year.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, had no announcements.

Kevin Morris, CAU/Mayor's Office, introduced himself and stated his mobile number.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, gave an update on the issues that are being addressed by the Congress Member.

Sam Esposito, OPRBA, thanked Chair Wilson and DM McClelland for being proactive in attending all of OPRBA meetings. He encouraged all board members to do the same.

He spoke about 5-Borough Coalition that represents over 300 organizations across New York City. Its goal is to come up with solutions for the homeless crises.

Mr. Esposito stated that the OPRBA is asking to be notified of any new bar applications that are coming up in Ozone Park.

Kevin Burns, Kew Gardens CSA, stated that signups are open for the 2019 Summer/Fall CSA season and asked all to join them for their third year of farm fresh vegetables, fruit, and more. Will have a table with more info at the Flea Market this Saturday at the LIRR/Kew Gardens Station Parking Lot.

Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., made the following announcements:

- Earth Week Expo will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 10AM to 3PM at PS 522.
- In recognition of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Defense Training, in collaboration with Red Dawn Combat Club, will take place on Thursday, April 25, 2019, 6-8PM at One Stop Richmond Hill Community Center, 110-08 Jamaica Ave.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to March 12th, 2019 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept March 12th, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: 27 in favor and 4 abstentions

4. Monthly Update – NYPD 102nd Pct. Report, Sgt. Nathan Nelson reported on the following:

- Police Officers are doing an excellent job under the leadership of Captain Nilan.
- The crime is down 24% from year to date. This is a record year in 102nd Pct.
- The Precinct is down from 199 victims of the crime from last year to 152 victims this year.
- Sgt. Nelson went over a few crime prevention tips, i.e., keeping the vehicles locked, not leaving gym lockers and house windows unlocked; he asked all to be aware of pre-tax season scam phone calls.

5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – Kenichi Wilson:

- Thanked all who supported him for the Chairmanship. Thanked his family for their support as well.
- Thanked his predecessor, Mr. J. Richard Smith for holding down the fort during the absence of the District Manager.
- Introduced and welcomed the new board member, Ms. Lisa Komninos, to the board.
- Since elected as a CB9 Chair, attended the following meetings:
 - WRBA Meeting
 - OPRBA Meeting
 - RHBA Meeting
 - 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting
 - 106th Pct. Community Council Meeting
 - Council Member Koslowitz' s meeting with Mayor de Blasio on Kew Gardens Jail
 - Van Wyck Capacity & Improvement Workshop
 - Meeting with the new CAU/Mayor's Office liaisons
- Attended the following events:
 - The Renaming of Rev. Lawrence E. Lynch Memorial Triangle
 - Queens Day in Albany: was present during Assembly Chamber passing the bill to install cameras on school buses and State Chamber passing a bill to expand number of speed cameras in school zones from 150 to 750 with the new timing from 6AM to 10PM.
 - Firefighter Jimmy Young's mass/gathering
 - The Phagwah Day Parade
- Chair Wilson asked the board members to fill out and submit the Committee Preference Forms.
- He also stated that a new Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to review CB9 By Laws and Policies.
- Chair Wilson was able to address car break-in incidents around the park with the 102nd Pct.
- Capt. Nylon has police cars routinely, randomly stopping by the new Homeless Shelter on 101st Ave and showing their presence.
- A Weekend Walks event will be held on Jamaica Ave from 85th to 89th Streets on June 1st, 12-5 PM, the street will be closed from 7AM to 6PM. The purpose of this event is to build public relations between the store owners and the public. There are 49 events like this in Brooklyn and 18 in Queens.

6. District Manager’s Report – James McClelland stated the following:

- Wished happy birthday to Andrea Crawford.
- Congratulated Sherry Algreto for being honored for her community service by both Queens Borough President Katz and Council Member Adrienne Adams.
- Thanked DEP for addressing serious sewer issues for the homeowner in Kew Gardens.
- CB9 social media page is growing in readership.
- Will be working closely with CB9 Land Use Committee regarding the outreach for the upcoming Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 24th, at 7PM in Room 213.
- Special Passover Sanitation Notice will be sent out by the end of the week.
- Happy Passover and Happy Easter to those who celebrate.

7. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Chair

Rabbi Pollack made an announcement regarding James Coccovillo, a former Public Safety Committee Co-Chair, Resigning from the board. He complimented Jim on his hard work and dedication to the Board.

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

8421 La Oficina Restaurant Bar Inc.
84-21 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 2: Not to oppose with the 1 AM Stipulation-subject to them obtaining a letter from DOB stating this type of business is permitted.

Vote # 2: Unanimous

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

La Selva Bar & Restaurant Inc.
94-02 80th St.
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 3: Not to oppose with the 1 AM Stipulation

Vote # 3: 30 in favor and 1 opposed

La Noriega Bar Inc.
131-09 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 4: Not to oppose - subject to them obtaining a letter from DOB stating this type of business is permitted

Vote # 4: 28 in favor and 3 opposed

Rabbi Pollack reported out on the following:

- The applications for Don Pollos Son’s Corp. and Maracas Club and Rest. LLC are being processed.
- Renewal letters of No Opposition for Mingle #1 Inc., 130-18 101 Ave and 84-23 Polleria Inc., 84-23 Jamaica Ave were sent out last week. All paperwork was in order and there were no issues with NYPD.
- Next CB9 Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 7 PM at the district office.

8. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair, was not present to give a report.

Joan DeCamp reported on the Breaking Ground site visit attended by various Community Board 9 members. Members were briefed on the operation center and had questions answered about pets and personal belongings. Breaking Ground representatives stated that they make every attempt to keep

individuals together with their pets and personal belongings. Additionally, community board members toured the expansion area that will be under construction.

- 9. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenichi Wilson, Chair**, reported on the following:
- The Van Wyck Expressway Capacity Improvement Project to JFK Airport is at its last environmental impact study. NYS DOT has covered their basis with all agencies. This project will start in spring of 2020 and will work in three phases. A new HOV express lane to JFK Airport will be added. Eighteen bridges will be renovated and their life spend will be expanded during this project.

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

Sylvia Hack stated the following:

“Mayor de Blasio set up a meeting on March 27 at the Kew Gardens Community Center to talk about his borough-based jail plans. Over fifty people were at the meeting, many of them mayoral staff. For months, both in printed materials and in person, Mayoral representatives have described the proposed jail in Kew Gardens, as a “community asset.” For the first time, we heard the truth when the Mayor stated that with this jail, the community would be shouldering a “burden.” When we pointed out that the Mayor was not following a single one of the Lippman Commission recommendations, except for closing Rikers, the Mayor stated that the commission report was not his ‘Bible.’ The four jails planned (one in each borough except Staten Island), will cost - depending on how they are financed - between \$11 billion and \$30 billion. This does not include the millions that have been spent to date. Yet today, we have 63,000 homeless adults, 22,000 homeless children, thousands of NYCHA apartments waiting for essential repairs and 90 homeless shelters proposed by the Mayor. This is fiscal irresponsibility.”

Sherman Kane read the letter regarding emergency conditions at 78-19 Jamaica Ave that was sent to the Department of Buildings back in September of 2013 and still has not been addressed. Mr. Kane stated that a follow up letter will be sent out.

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

- Attended a meeting with a Sanitation Recycle Group where it was stated that the organic recycling cannot be mandated due to insufficient amount of compost barrels in Queens.
- A lot of activities are scheduled for the Earth Day in Forest Park is Saturday, April 27th, 2019, 10 AM to 2 PM.
- The new Parks Commissioner for Queens County is Michael Dockett.

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

- Queens Library states that while the Richmond Hill Library renovations are fully funded, there still might be a short fall if the DDC determines that the renovations will cost more than originally anticipated. If that occurs, QPL will have to raise additional funds from other sources.
- The Education Committee met with representatives of a proposed 80 student charter school that is planned for the Richmond Hill area. The school is planning to open in 2021. The school would be located in a leased space rather than in a DOE school. Right now, NYC has reached the charter school cap so no new charters are available.

13. Economic Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair, not present to give a report.

14. Old Business

John Carter stated that money will be collected for Good & Welfare Fund at the next board meeting.

15. New Business

Latchman Budhai invited all to Hate Crimes Forum, sponsored by Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, taking place on April 17th, 2019 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Hellen Marshall Cultural Center-Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd.

Rabbi Pollack, on behalf of the Jewish Community of Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens, acknowledged District Manager James McClelland and Staff Member Irina Barayeva for securing a special sanitation pick up on Passover.

Chair Wilson reminded the board members who were reappointed and the newly appointed board member regarding the Swearing In Ceremony on April 30th at 5:30. The attendance is mandatory. He also thanked Villa Russo for hosting the tonight's meeting.

Sandra Datnarain stated that the next 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting is on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7 PM at the Richmond Hill Branch Library. She also invited all to an event organized by the 102nd Pct. on May 5th, 2019 on 118th Street between Jamaica and 89th Ave in Richmond Hill. It will be a fun day with the Community and Police.

16. Public Forum *No speakers*

Ivan Mrakovic made a motion to adjourn, Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.