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DECEMBER 8, 2020 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TELECONFERENCE VIRTUAL MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2020-MARCH 2021

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2020(Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(4)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Mohamed Safie	(3)(5)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(2)	Regina Santoro	(0)(0)
Dilraj Batchu	(1)(1)	Jan Fenster	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(2)
Julio Batista	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(1)(1)	Maharani Singh	(2)(2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(3)(3)	Linda Fogal	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Sursattie Singh	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(2)(2)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Kemanad Kishore	(2)(2)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Marilyn Custodio	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Nick Comaianni	(7)(7)	Raquel Olivares	(2)(2)	Mohinder Singh	(4)(4)
Lisa Komninos	(3)(3)	Matthew Singh	(5)(4)		

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Bob Holden, Council Member

Donovan Richards, Queens Borough President

Ty Hankerson, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Daniel Kurzyna, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden

James Mongeluzo, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer

Joy Resor, Department of City Planning

Capt. Antonio Fidacaro, 102nd Pct.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz

Muhammad Rahman, DA Melinda Katz

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

FQ Bar & Grill LLC
D/b/a Nutty Sports Bar & Grill
105-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

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

Grazi Foods Inc.
D/b/a Paul Michael's Brick Oven Café
85-19 126th Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. Resolution endorsing the co-naming of 84th Ave and 114th Street in honor of Ivan Mrakovic

2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Council Member Bob Holden

- Thanked Chair Wilson for his participation in many events in Woodhaven.
- Encouraged all to shop locally this holiday season in order to support local businesses.
- Small businesses are being slammed with tickets for unjust violations. Please reach out to us as we can help rectify these issues.
- Stated that with the help of the 102nd Pct., he is trying to address illegal car gatherings that are taking place throughout his district. Met with DA Katz to discuss this and other issues.
- Spoke about his article in New York Post, stating that we all need to return to the Broken Windows philosophy, so that our police, elected officials, and city agencies can work together to restore order and regain control over crime.
- The office is still working remotely, with appointments available for in person meetings. Feel free to give the office a call at 718 366-3900, or email them at district30@council.nyc.gov. If you need any assistance, we are here to help. The staff has been working hard during this pandemic, ensuring that constituents still get the services they need during these troubling times.
- Thanked the board members for their continued volunteerism.

Donovan Richards, Queens Borough President

- Addressed the board and stated that he is looking forward to working with everybody.
- Urged all to continuously get tested for COVID-19 and do everything that is needed to minimize the spread.
- Will continue to advocate for new testing sites as many areas in Queens have been neglected.
- Stated that he is working with the Economic Development Corporation to help small businesses to get grants.
- Virtual Job Fair will take place tomorrow. Register at www.queensbp.org.

Ty Hankerson, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, introduced himself as the new liaison and stated that he can be reached at 646-596-0518.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, stated the following:

- The office is closed for the last two weeks due to increase in COVID cases, but the staff is working from home Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.
- Council Member is pleased that Community Board # 9 took the initiative in doing a very well-deserved remembrance

for the late Ivan Mrakovic. After the Resolution passes this evening, Council Member Koslowitz is going to make sure that it passes at City Council.

James Mongeluzo, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer, reported on the following:

- Comptroller Stringer is still conducting Work and Family Survey that will help to gather data on what NYC residents at large are doing in terms of balancing work, life and family.
- Comptroller's Annual Making the Grade Report revealed 80% of M/WBE city agency grades declined or remained stagnant.
- FY 2021 First Quarter Revenue Update and Budget Outlook Report was released. The city was able to collect \$834M in revenue. Although there are still financial issues, the city's tax collection rate has been slightly better than expected.
- Audit of Department of Buildings uncovered delays in addressing building safety violations. 56% of hazardous sites were not followed up on within the normal time frame.
- Comptroller took court action to force the city to comply with the investigation into preparedness for and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. DA Melinda Katz, stated that 45 guns were collected during the third Gun Buy Back Event sponsored by DA Katz.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, wished happy holidays and asked all to help the Senator to bring legislative issues and ideas to 2021 sessions in Albany.

3. PUBLIC FORUM *No speakers*

4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to November 10th, 2020 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. J. Richard Smith made a motion to adopt the minutes, Joe laboni seconded it.

Motion # 1: To accept November 10th, 2020 meeting minutes and motions as presented

Vote # 1: 34 in favor and 4 abstentions

5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd PCT REPORT

Capt. Fidacaro gave an update on crime stats stating that there were 85 major crimes last month vs 73 for this time last year, which is a 16% increase for the 102nd Pct.

102nd Pct. was down or even in all categories except for burglaries (19 vs 6) which is a 217% increase. Sector A, south/east part of the command, is leading in burglary cases (13), followed by Sector C, north/east portion of the precinct (11).

A lot of individuals are breaking into stores and going into the cash registers. Fridays and Saturdays are the most problematic days. Six arrests were made during the last month. The response time was less than six minutes. The response time for addressing commercial burglary alarms was less than nine minutes. There is a big improvement in responding to 311 complaints: it went down from eight hours to 49 minutes.

Capt. Fidacaro wished all happy and safe holidays and answered board members' questions.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS & EXEC. REPORT – Kenichi Wilson

- Wished all Happy Holidays.
- Thanked Borough President Sharon Lee for her excellent work.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 29th, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

7. DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – James S. McClelland

- Wished happy birthday to Kamal Bhuiyan, Dulal Bhattacharjee, John Carter and Daniel Chu.
- District Service Cabinet meeting is scheduled for December 17th. Will provide report at the next board meeting.
- Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy Kwanza. Praying that this holiday season and new year brings health, joy and great success.

8. EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Sherry Algreto, Chair

“Education Meeting November 23rd: Had a great meeting with James Mongeluzo from Comptroller Scott Stringer’s office, Senator Sanders office, Chief of staff Marvin Holland and incoming Assembly for 38th District Jenifer Rajkumar and Vice Principal of Richmond Hill High School Kevin Kunjbehari. We discussed the need for more laptops at Richmond Hill High School. We also discussed Richmond Hill Library and James Mongeluzo sent us some important updates.

High school applications are still not out yet. There are still many changes and uncertainties as middle and high schools were closed with less than a day’s notice.

DOE reported that students are going to be assessed based on their performance and progress. These grades will reflect the child’s understanding of the subject matter at a specific time.

Big Apple Awards: Let’s continue to celebrate the diverse range of great teachers who are setting the foundation for the next generation in New York City and engage in a citywide dialogue about what excellent teaching looks like. Email: teacherleadership@schools.nyc.gov.

As we draw near to ending 2020, I would like to say a special thank you to all the organizations, and volunteers, especially, that have willfully put themselves out there to give out food and groceries to help families during this pandemic.

Wear your mask, be safe and Happy Holidays.”

9. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Andrea Crawford, Chair

- There is a very large uptick and Richmond Hill South has well over 10% positivity rate.
- The vaccines are arriving soon and will first go to frontline hospitals and nursing homes. Close to 80,000 individuals have already taken them.
- With the coming holidays, we all need to maintain our discipline and celebrate with immediate family.
- People who test positive and live in apartments can isolate themselves in special hotels for two weeks for free. For more information visit www.nyc.gov/health.

10. LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs

➤ **Presentation by Joy Resor, Department of City Planning – Zoning For Coastal Flood Resiliency**

Ms. Resor gave a brief presentation and stated that more information about the Department of City Planning’s Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency Text amendment can be found at www.nyc.gov/dcp.

Sylvia Hack read the CB9 Resolution on Zoning For Coastal Flood Resiliency Text Amendment.

Motion # 2: To approve CB9 Resolution on Zoning For Coastal Flood Resiliency Text Amendment

Vote #2: Unanimous

Jail issue: Ms. Hack stated that there is still no information about how much of \$107M that was awarded to Acom is being spent and flowing to Acom considering the dire economic environment in NYC. Specifically, the Community Board has been told by OMB that we cannot give pay increases to staff, even though we do have money in the budget.

11. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Cristal Rivera, Chair

- Looking forward to working closely with the Borough President's Office on some of the new initiatives for small businesses.
- More restrictions are coming toward small businesses, therefore encouraged everyone to shop local for holidays and participate in Toy Drive.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – Joe Iaboni & Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Co-Chairs

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7 PM.

13. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair

- **Resolution endorsing the co-naming of northeast corner of 84th Ave and 114th Street in honor of Ivan Mrakovcic**

Motion # 3: To support co-naming of northeast corner of 84th Ave and 114th Street to Ivan Mrakovcic Way

Vote # 3: Unanimous

14. PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Regina Santoro, Chair

Trees are being currently planted in Community Board 9. Only six of them will be planted in Kew Gardens. If there are more locations that need new trees, please submit them to 311.

There is a COVID Testing Center in Forest Park Overlook; the wait is less than 15 minutes.

15. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair

When the OMB lifts the merit raise restrictions, the Community Board will immediately move to approve pay increases for staff.

16. OLD BUSINESS *No speakers*

17. NEW BUSINESS

Regina Santoro made an announcement regarding Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy selling live Christmas trees and wreathes on Saturday and Sunday.

Sandra Datnarain mentioned that there will be no 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5th, 2021.

18. PUBLIC FORUM *No speakers*

Raghbir Singh made a motion to adjourn. Latchman Budhai seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:22 PM.