



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

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J. Richard Smith, Chairperson \* James S. McClelland, District Manager \* Melinda Katz, Borough President

## FEBRUARY 12, 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

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(4)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Jagir Singh	(2)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(4)(0)
John Carter	(1)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(0)
Nick Comaianni	(1)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(0)	Naima Sultana	(2)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(3)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(4)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(1)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(1)		

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sherry Algreto	(1)(1)	Jan Fenster	(2)(1)	Jarnail Singh*	(2)(1)
Julio Batista	(2)(1)	Linda Fogal	(2)(1)	Maharani Singh	(4)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(2)(2)	Daniel Grieve	(3)(1)	Matthew Singh	(3)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(2)(1)	Ivan Mrakovic	(3)(1)	Marie Turley	(1)(1)
Latchman Budhai	(4)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(9)(2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(3)(1)

\*Absent for more than two votes

### ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager  
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz  
Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller  
Natalia Korilavska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich  
Charles Vavruska, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden  
Ian Morris, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.  
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez  
Tim Thomas, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal  
Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin  
Det. Dominick Scotto, NYPD/ 1 Police Plaza  
Det. Adam Borish, NYPD/1 Police Plaza

*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**

RT Hospitality LLC  
D/b/a Port O Call  
93-10 Woodhaven Blvd.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Live By The Henny  
98-04 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

**b. Reconsideration – Extension of Hours**

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

**c. Greater Woodhaven Street Festival – October 13, 2019      *No speakers***

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

Hamlens Café Inc.  
D/b/a Lenihans  
119-09 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418      *No speakers*

Jim Byrne Wee Pub Inc.  
98-01 / 98-03 95<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416      *No speakers*

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

Dani Pizza & Restaurant Corp.  
81-28 Lefferts Blvd.  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415      *No speakers*

**f. Corporate Change Application**

Live By The Henny  
98-04 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416      *No speakers*

Chair Smith stated that he was informed of a shooting that took place in Richmond Hill an hour earlier. One of the officers has died and another one was wounded and is in critical condition. A moment of silence was taken by all attendees.

**2. Chairperson’s Remarks & Exec. Report – J. Richard Smith**

Chair Smith stated that he attended Zoning for Flood Resiliency Power Point Presentation on Monday, February 11, 2019.

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

“We keep in our thoughts Board Members Linda Fogal and Mohamed Safie who are recovering from recent surgery. We sent Linda a nice plant and sent Mohammed a get well soon card. Both send their thanks and regards.

Let us also keep in our prayers Mr. Raghbir Sing whose mother passed away recently. We are extremely sorry for his loss.

And we sent Community Board 10’s Chairperson Betty Braton a sympathy card for the passing of her brother.”

*Chairperson Smith recognized legislative representatives.*

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

- Our thoughts and prayers are with the NYPD Detective that was killed this evening.
- Board members who did not hand in their renewal applications should do so.
- The office is accepting internship applications for college and high school students.

Natalia Korilavska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, made an announcement regarding the following events sponsored by the Council Member:

- Town Hall meeting to discuss property taxes will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at K of C Rockaway Council, from 6PM to 8 PM.
- Rev. Lynch Memorial Triangle Renaming Ceremony will be on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Rockaway Blvd. & Atlantic Ave, from 10 AM to 11 AM.
- A Mobile Mammogram Van will be at 93-06 101<sup>st</sup> Ave on Friday, March 22, 2019, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Appointment is required. Some eligibility requirement will apply.

Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, announced that pet donations are being accepted for Bobby & the Strays Pet Rescue Drive that will run from February 4<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, reported on Small Business Compliance Workshop in Woodhaven sponsored by the Congress Member, and thanked all those who attended the event.

Ian Morris, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., reminded all that NYS Senate Minority Caucus weekend is upcoming. There is a waiting list for seats on the bus that is going to Albany.

Charles Vavruska, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden, stated that Tax Assessment Workshop will be held on February 28, 6-8 PM at the district office, 64-69 Dry Harbor Rd.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, nothing to report.

#### **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

Lilian Jean-Baptiste, Barfield Public Relations/DOT, invited all to the Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvements to JFK Airport Project Public Hearings that will take place on February 27, 5:30-8:30 PM at the Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center located at 172-17 Linden Blvd, and on February 28, 4-8 PM at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

#### **5. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes**

Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections/additions to January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Jim Coccovillo made a motion to accept December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes as presented. Kenny Wilson seconded the motion.

**Motion # 1:** To accept January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

**Vote # 1:** 26 in favor and 1 not present

6. **Monthly Update – NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Report** – not present to give a report.

7. **Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair**, reported on the following:

- The Breaking Ground site at 100-32 Atlantic Ave will be completed and fully operational by December of 2020. The tentative bed count is 75.
- Renovation of the Homeless Shelter at 85-15 101<sup>st</sup> Ave has been completed and expected to be fully operational by the end of February. A copy of the detailed contract between the Department of Homeless Services and Lantern Community Services, Inc. was emailed to the full board for review.
- Committee Chair Molina presented Zakera Ahmed, Partnership Specialist for 2020 Census Employment Opportunities who stated the following:
  - The Decennial Census is the once-a-decade population and housing count and is mandated by the United States Constitution.
  - 2020 Census is around the corner. The community is recommended to apply so they can help in obtaining an accurate count. Self-response forms will be available in twelve languages.
  - For the first time, the data will be collected online. In March of this year census forms will be mailed out to everybody.
  - As written in Title 13 of the U.S. Code, private information is never shared with any other agencies. It is against the law to disclose or publish any private information that identifies any individual or business.
  - \$675B is allocated by the Federal Government for New York State and it is based on the Census count. This money will be spent on schools, Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP and WIC programs, affordable housing, etc. House Representatives are assigned according to census count. Everyone is encouraged to participate so that New York City will receive its proper funding and representation.

Question and answer period followed.

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

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

RT Hospitality LLC  
D/b/a Port O Call  
93-10 Woodhaven Blvd  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion # 2:** Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for RT Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Port O Call, 93-10 Woodhaven Blvd.

**Vote # 2:** 24 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 not present

b. **Reconsideration – Extension of Hours**

Tilt Lounge Corp.  
131-15 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 3:** Not to oppose extension of hours for Tilt Lounge Corp., 131-15 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 3:** 24 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 not present

c. **Law Enforcement Appreciation Resolution**

**QUEENS COMMUNITY BOARD 9 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND**

## **APPRECIATION for FALLEN, WOUNDED AND ACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Whereas, law enforcement officers have played an important role in safeguarding the rights and in protecting the lives and property of our citizens;

Whereas, a select few individuals answered the call by our society to protect and serve their fellow citizens as law enforcement officers, despite inherent dangers in performance of their duties, to ensure a lawful and orderly environment for all, serve with valor, dignity and integrity;

Whereas, each year, a number of law enforcement officers lose their lives, become disabled in the performance of duty while keeping their respective communities safe; and through their courageous deeds epitomize selfless acts of bravery;

Whereas, this distinctive heroism and selflessness of our officers' dedication and services make our precious daily lives and safe communities possible with humility and grace, deserve our thanks and endless gratitude;

Whereas, our societies are forever indebted for the gratitude of these brave men and women who donned the law enforcement officers' uniform, discharge their duties with pride and honor;

Whereas, New York State lost 11 law enforcement officers in the line of duty in 2018, 4 of whom were members of the New York City Police Department, which recorded, in 2018, the safest year in New York City PD recorded history;

Whereas, this ultimate sacrifice should not go unrecognized nor unremembered, for in giving their lives in the line of duty these gallant officers are perpetuating the quintessential just and fair societies we strive to preserve;

Whereas, it is fitting that we express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of law enforcement officers and for the contributions they make in our everyday life and the well-being of all our peoples; and

NOW, THEREFORE resolved, on motion of Community Board 9 and fully endorsed by the full board, expressing profound appreciation and gratitude for law enforcement officers' faithful and loyal devotion to their duties, have rendered a dedicated service to our communities and, in discharging such have established for themselves an enduring reputation for preserving freedom and liberty of all citizens;

Be It Further resolved, our thoughts and prayers are with wounded law enforcement officers in the line of duty, whose honor and devotion are forever upheld as beacons of enduring courageous and heroic endeavors.

Be it further resolved, we humbly salute law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; paying homage to their sacrifice and courageous stance, given of themselves in service and civic commitment, earning the respect and honor of all citizens for their benevolent self-sacrifice.

**Motion # 4:** To accept CB9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Resolution

**Vote # 4:** 26 in favor and 1 not present

Rabbi Pollack recognized Det. Scotto and Det. Borish from 1 Police Plaza who thanked the board members for voting in favor of the resolution.

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

- **Greater Woodhaven Development Corp.-“Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival”-October 13, 2019**

**Motion # 5:** To send a letter of support for the GWDC October 13, 2019 Street Festival

**Vote # 5:** 25 in favor, 1 not present and 1 abstention

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

- **BSA Application # 271-09-BZ Planet Fitness, 132-40 Metropolitan Ave**

Sylvia Hack read Committee's Resolution re: BSA Application # 271-09-BZ Planet Fitness, 132-40 Metropolitan Ave:

"Queens Community Board 9 approves the 10-year extension of the previously granted special permit Application filed at the Board of Standards and Appeals that permits the operation of the physical culture establishment, Planet Fitness, at an existing building at the site within R6/C2-3 zoning district. This 10 year special permit would run from the expiration date of January 17, 2019."

**Motion # 6:** To support the BSA Application # 271-09-BZ for the 10-year extension of term of special permit for operation of a Planet Fitness, 132-40 Metropolitan Ave

**Vote # 6:** 26 in favor and 1 not present

Sylvia Hack reported on the steam rolling over the four boroughs to build four megalopolis jails. Without criminal justice/ bail and open file reform issues there is no way to know how many jails are needed and where they would be located.

Closing Rikers Island is a social movement but a movement that can destroy four middle class residential communities.

**11. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report – Regina Santoro, Chair,** stated that the committee discussed the replacement of the metal traffic guard with the wooden plank fencing along Freedom Drive in Forest Park and would like to add this to the Expense Budget.

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

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

According to Queens Library officials:

- RH Library is now fully funded at \$10.2 million for the proposed renovation. No changes will be made to the original design plan that was shown to the board.
- Work should commence in approximately two years.
- There is currently no timeline for the closure period.
- The double trailer will be approximately 25'by 60' and will include some terminals and desks for patrons.
- Woodhaven Library will also be closed for renovations around the same time as the Richmond Hill library. It received \$250 K from Erich Ulrich and \$500K from the Borough President for a swing space. It will probably be located in a store front on Jamaica Avenue, but no site has yet been found.

The Education Committee will ask for additional opening time for both libraries, including Sunday hours.

**14. Old Business**

District Manager McClelland asked the board members to review CB9 Budget Requests that are included in their packages and select three priorities for the Budget Testimonies.

**15. New Business**

Stephen Esposito thanked the board members for supporting the GWDC 2019 Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair.

Kevin O'Leary thanked Council Member Karen Koslowitz for sponsoring a Bill that requires all food carts to be inspected and graded by the Health Department.

Kamal Bhuiyan encouraged all to vote for Public Advocate on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

**16. Public Forum** *No speakers*

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn, Lorraine Fletcher seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.