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Kenichi Wilson, Chairperson * James S. McClelland, District Manager * Donovan Richards Jr., Borough President

JANUARY 12, 2021 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 2021(Borough President's Attendance)

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Faiuze Ali	(2)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(1)	Sursattie Singh	(1)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(8)(1)	Kemanad Kishore	(3)(1)		
Marilyn Custodio	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(6)(1)		

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jenifer Rajkumar, Assembly Member

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

James Mongeluzo, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer

Ty Hankerson, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams

Julio Salazar, Congress Member Velasquez

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo

Joy Resor, Department of City Planning

Muhammad Rahman, DA Melinda Katz

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Mama Carmens Restaurant & Bar LLC
104-19 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Kevinkel Corp.
106-05 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

b. **Method of Operation Change Application**

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

c. **Removal Application**

Rinconsito Inverteno Corp.
116-20 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

d. **Class Change Application**

Tu Casa #4 Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a La Sala By Tu Casa
116-35 Metropolitan Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar

- Stated that she was assigned to the following committees at the Assembly: Small Business Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee, Consumers Affairs Committee, Committee on the Aging, and the Judiciary Committee.
- Relayed her gratitude to the community for coming together to help 48 people who were affected by house fire in Richmond Hill.
- The Assembly Member is currently helping Governor Cuomo on vaccination efforts. She is looking for vaccination sites in Woodhaven and Richmond Hill.
- Spoke about high COVID positivity rates in Richmond Hill.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Richards

- The CB Application process has begun. It has been digitized and does not have to be notarized. The application can be found at www.queensbp.org. The deadline to submit the application is February 19th.
- QBP Richards will have the Haitian Independence Celebration tomorrow, Wednesday, January 13th 6-7 PM via Zoom.

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

- NYC Comptroller Stringer's Weekly Economic & Fiscal Outlook Newsletter has resumed and will be published every Monday.
- Comptroller's Audit uncovered hazardous conditions in city Homeless Shelters for Families with Infants.
- Comptroller Stringer proposed recommendations to expedite COVID-19 vaccine rollout across NYC and utilize every available dose.

Ty Hankerson, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, stated the following:

- Council Member Adams is no longer the Chair of the Landmarks Committee and is now the Chair of the Public Safety Committee in the City Council, replacing newly elected QBP Donovan Richards.
- Council Member sponsors two COVID-19 testing sites: at the Lefferts Branch Library and the mobile van at the Rochdale Village Mall.
- Working on hosting several Hand Sanitizer Refill Pop-Ups throughout the district.
- Clean-Up Task Force was started a couple of months ago to identify some of the heavily impacted areas regarding illegal dumping and strategizing on how to stop the illegal dumping.
- Discretionary Funding Training for Non-For-Profit Organizations will begin tomorrow at 11 AM.
- Mr. Hankerson can be reached at 646-596-0518.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, thanked the board members who did reach out because of events in Washington DC to check in on the Congress Member's wellbeing and her staff.

The office can provide help with the PPP Applications for small businesses and IRS stimulus payments.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, stated that the Senator has asked the Mayor's Office to find more locations in our local communities for vaccination sites. The Aqueduct site starts vaccine distribution on January 18th.

The Senator is still urging the Governor's office to safely re-open the indoor dining.

3. PUBLIC FORUM *No speakers*

4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to December 8th, 2020 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Steven Esposito made a motion to adopt the minutes, Sandra Datnarin seconded it.

Motion # 1: To accept December 8th, 2020 meeting minutes and motions as presented

Vote # 1: Unanimous

5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd PCT REPORT *Not present to give a report.*

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

- Asked all to take a moment of silence for the fallen victims of the recent events at the US Capitol.
- Recognized DM McClelland for his instrumental actions in organizing meetings with the city agencies while dealing with the problems at the Umbrella Hotel, located at 124-18 Queens Blvd.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26th, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

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

- Wished happy birthday to Julio Batista, Stephen Esposito, and Raquel Olivares.
- The office sent emails to those board members who are up for re-appointment and reminded all that the deadline to submit is February 19th.

- We will be able to amend Community Board 9's Capital Request Budget List after Budget Testimonies in January.

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

“Richmond Hill Library Renovation- met with DDC and QPL heads on December 15th via web to discuss the updates, i.e., elevator installation, reasons for delay, clarity in disparity of costs, and layout and design plans of the library.

High School admission change for this school year due to pandemic. No zoned schools and posting high school admission checklist on our site.

There is more P-EBT money going to students in public schools this school year. Nothing however is going to kids in private schools. This is not fair as all kids should receive the same money. Kids in public school are offered free meals yet getting this extra money. Many parents lost their jobs and regardless of school all kids should be entitled to the same rights to receive P-EBT payments.

Request all elected officials to speak up on this issue and equity for all school aged children in NYC schools.

Queens Library now offering free remote printing and pick-up at their to-go locations. Up to 20 black and white pages per day can be uploaded to pick up at library. Allow 48 hours for print jobs to be completed. Please visit their website for more info.

Stack Winter Enrollment virtual afterschool program offers stems arts and crafts. Kindergarten through 5th grade. Can also be found on Queens Library website.”

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

- The mass vaccination sites will be open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will accept appointments online. The hubs will start with the capacity to vaccinate a total of 5,000 to 7,000 people per day.
- To call for an appointment please call 877-829-4692. Websites: www.vaccinedpod.nyc.gov and www.covid19.nychealthandhospitals.or/COVIDVaxEligibility

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

Thanked DM McClelland for dealing with the Umbrella Hotel issues and stated that it should be converted into affordable housing units in the future.

Request for Proposals period was closed on December 16th for the stores on Lefferts Boulevard Bridge. It could take 3-6 months for the MTA to evaluate received proposals.

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

The second wave of PPP loans are available and will be catering mostly to those small businesses that were not eligible the first time around. Queens Chamber of Commerce will have a Zoom Conference on January 14 at 11 a.m. To register go to <https://queenschamber.glueup.com/event/round-2-ppp-updates-31392>.

The following link has the information regarding IRS Stimulus checks: <https://www.irs.gov/newroom/treasury-and-irs-begin-delivering-second-round-of-economic-impact-payments-to-millions-of-americans>.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Mama Carmens Restaurant & Bar LLC
104-19 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

No vote was taken, postponed until the next meeting.

Kevinkel Corp.
106-05 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion #2: Not to approve new on premises liquor license application for Kevinkel Corp., 106-05 101st Ave due to lack of paperwork/cooperation

Vote #2: Unanimous

b. Method of Operation Change Application

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

Motion #3: Not to oppose method of operation change application for Rancho Tequila Inc., d/b/a Rancho, 105-13 Jamaica Ave

Vote #3: 35 in favor and 1 abstention

c. Removal Application

Rinconsito Inverteno Corp.
116-20 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

No vote was taken, postponed until the next meeting.

d. Class Change Application

Tu Casa #4 Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a La Sala By Tu Casa
116-35 Metropolitan Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #4: Not to approve class change application for Tu Casa #4 Restaurant Corp., d/b/a La Sala By Tu Casa, 116-35 Metropolitan Ave due to lack of paperwork/cooperation

Vote #4: 32 in favor and 4 abstentions

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 at 7 PM.

13. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair, *not present to give a report*

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

- Voiced her concern regarding the condition of the Jamaica Post Office building which is covered with graffiti.
- A large amount of construction material was dumped in Forest Park.
- The Richmond Hill Prevention Coalition is looking for new members. The Program Development of Human Potential serves teenagers 13-20 years old with any kind of problems, i.e. alcohol abuse, mental health problems, etc. Their next virtual meeting is January 19th. For more information call 718-871-7777.

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

- NYC OMB has called for \$3,600 budget cut for FY 2021. We had money in Personal Services to cover that.
- The new budget cut for FY 2022 is going to be \$8,100 which we will be able to absorb if the same budget is allocated.

16. OLD BUSINESS

Regina Santoro asked the office to follow up on street co-naming in memory of our former board member Ivan Mrakovcic.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Seth Welins asked all to take a moment of silence in memory of Brian Sicknick, the police officer who was murdered during the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. "Our moment of silence also reflects our deep concern for the injured police officers and the traumatized elected officials and Capitol employees who experienced this terrible event."

Sherry Algreto stated that the next Education & Youth Services Committee meeting will take place on Monday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

18. PUBLIC FORUM *No speakers*

Rabbi Daniel Pollack made a motion to adjourn. Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:23 PM.