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J. Richard Smith, Chairperson * Lisa Gomes, District Manager * Melinda Katz, Borough President

JUNE 12, 2018 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
Majestic Marquise, 88-03 101st Ave, Ozone Park, NY 11416

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2018-MARCH 2019

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

Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(2)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(2)	Matthew Singh	(0)(1)
Dolores Baldassare	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(2)
Julio Batista	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(1)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Marian C. Molina	(0)(0)	Naima Sultana	(1)(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0)(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)(1)	Marie Turley	(0)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(2)(4)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(1)	Seth Welins	(0)(1)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(2)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0)(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(0)(3)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Raj Rampershad	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Richard David	(1)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(1)(3)		
Joan DeCamp	(0)(1)	Regina Santoro	(0)(0)		
Jan Fenster	(1)(4)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)		
Laraine Fletcher	(0)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Latchman Budhai	(2)(4)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(2)
Kamal Bhuiyan*	(2)(3)	John Carter	(1)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(3)(6)

*Not present for more than two votes

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, rep. QBP Melinda Katz
 Carl Moore, rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
 Carmella Izabella, rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
 Bruce Eiber, rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
 Kate Mooney, rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams

Capt. Courtney Nilan, 102nd Pct.
Sgt. Nathan Nelson, 102nd Pct.
PO Martinez, Community Affairs, 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

Tequila Y Rosas Bar & Grill Inc.
76-15 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Club Maracas One LLC
D/b/a Maracas One
121-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Trevor K. Rupnarain / Kaemon Inc.
D/b/a Sho
117-15 101st Ave
S. Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *this item was removed from agenda*

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

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

86-06 Sangucheria Inc.
D/b/a Mistura Peruana
86-06 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Beer & Cider Only – Renewal

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

d. Alteration Application – Extension of Hours

Bichi Tapas Bar Inc.
88-09 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Representative for the establishment stated that the owner would like to extend the hours of operation from 1:30 AM to 4 AM.

e. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Application – Reconsideration

Tipsy's Bar & Lounge Inc.
106-07 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

f. New Sidewalk Café License Application – NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)

8522 Jamaica Avenue Corp.
D/b/a Pop's Restaurant
85-22 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421
Restaurant's representative stated that the owners are applying for a sidewalk café permit so they can put eight tables on 85th St.

Street Conversion Requests:

- **116th St. northbound from Babbage St. to Metropolitan Ave restoring parking & 118th St. reverse direction to traffic flow from Metropolitan Ave to 85th Ave**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Mk Moore, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about a petition to Community Board 9 regarding traffic/parking on 116th/118th street. A total of 338 people signed a petition to:

- Implement all DOT approved safety measures for 116/118 Streets in Kew Gardens: one-way street conversion of 116th and 118th St and speed humps on 116th St anywhere possible.
- Restore all available parking spaces to the community.

Phillip Condon, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that in his opinion, the Board Members should vote in favor of the proposed street conversions in order to make 116th and 118th streets safer.

Rabbi May, Kew Gardens, stated that safety will be compromised if those street conversions are performed.

Evelyn Baron, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke against the conversion of 116th and 118th streets into a one way operation stating that it will create more problems.

Hillel Love, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that the proposed conversion will cause inconvenience and danger to emergency and utility vehicles, and will slow down traffic on Metropolitan Ave.

Aaron Cyperstein, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke against the conversion of 118th street into a one way operation stating that it will jeopardize the safety of over 500 students from two schools on Abingdon Rd and 83rd Ave.

Judith Sukenik, Kew Gardens Resident, stated that the direction of both 116th and 118th Streets should not be changed. In her opinion, speed humps would be a better solution as well as resurfacing of 118th Street.

Israel Husaksky, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke against the conversion stating that creating more

parking spaces on 116th Street will make it difficult for students to get onto school buses.

Julissa Fernandez, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke against the 116th and 118th street conversion and stated that DOT should consider installation of either speed humps or Stop signs on 116th Street.

Sam Esposito, Ozone Park Resident, spoke against the opening of a homeless shelter at 85-15 101st Ave, which will house over 100 adult mentally ill homeless men in the vicinity of four local schools and six churches.

Dr. Natalie Bissoon, Borough Appointee with CEC 27, spoke in opposition to opening any kind of homeless shelter at 85-15 101st Ave.

Joe Murray, ESQ, stated that there are suitable alternatives available in this case and he is looking forward to helping out and working with Mr. Sam Esposito to the best of his ability.

Tanya Eagle Agaro, Brooklyn Resident, shared her experience of living next to a homeless shelter for over twenty years stating that it is very unsafe.

Alexandra Delves, Ozone Park Resident, wants the board members to be active on resolving the homeless shelter issue in Ozone Park.

Ms. Espinal, Ozone Park Resident, spoke in opposition to the opening of the aforementioned homeless shelter. She also spoke about a great need for additional school crossing guards.

January Drevnak, Ozone Park Resident, stated that she is deeply disturbed by the Mayor's decision to open a homeless shelter for mentally ill men at 85-15 101st Ave and urged all to call 311 and voice their opposition.

Debbie Mitter, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke in opposition to conversion of 116 and 118 Streets into one way operation.

Council Member Eric Ulrich addressed the board stating that the homeless population has increased by 10,000 in five boroughs since 2011. He asked all for help in finding an alternative location with better access to services and transportation and that is not in close proximity to schools or senior centers.

Mr. Shmuel Soffer, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke in opposition to street conversions.

Murray Berger, KGCA, stated his opposition to street conversions.

Ilia Mayzel, Kew Gardens Resident, stated that conversion of 116th and 118th streets into a one way operation will make those streets even more dangerous.

Shayh Greenfield, Kew Gardens Resident, stated that conversion of 116th and 118th streets into a one way operation will cause less safety in the neighborhood.

Mike Zavurov, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke in favor of street conversion with addition of speed humps. He also asked for an All Way Stop sign at the intersection of Abingdon Rd and 83 Ave.

Laura Krakoff, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that the proposal of converting 116th Street into a one way operation will make it more dangerous for everybody.

Boris Ibragimov, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke in opposition to street conversions and in favor of the speed humps.

Chair Smith recognized legislative representatives.

Carl Moore, rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, read the Senator's statement regarding the homeless shelter in Ozone Park:

"As a life-long resident of Ozone Park, who is raising a family there, I intend to take every credible, necessary measure to protect the quality of life, safety and concerns of my constituents with regards to the Mayor's placing of a homeless shelter at the 101st Ave location.

I stand ready to use by prior experiences with this mayor's administration and its \$2 billion worth of failed homeless policies, to work with my colleagues in government, the local police precinct and area residents in addressing the many issues regarding this Ozone Park site.

I intend to urge the mayor's office to reconsider this proposal for a number of valid reasons, one being its unacceptable large population of mentally disabled males, in such close proximity to five schools.

As we prepare to oppose this Mayor's ill-conceived plan and provide improved services for homeless individuals, I believe now is the time to refrain from striking false rear into the community and gather facts in order to strategically work together in making a timely, credible argument against the city's Ozone Park shelter idea."

Carmella Isabella, rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, stated that the Assembly Member had sent a letter of opposition to the Mayor regarding the opening of a new homeless shelter in Ozone Park. A copy of it is enclosed in board members' packages.

Evelyn Cruz, rep. Congress Member Nidia Velazquez, stated that the proposed location for the homeless shelter is in Congress Member's district so they are working with the city to change the location and the population.

Bruce Eiber, rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, wished all a great summer.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Chair Smith asked if there were any changes/additions to May 8th, 2018 minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept May 8th, 2018 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 38 in favor and 1 not present

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Capt. C. Nilan stated the following:

- If the Mayor's proposal to open a homeless shelter in Ozone Park is approved, the precinct will be committed to keep the area around it safe for the residents. The 102nd Pct. already has experience in handling complaints regarding the homeless population in Kew Gardens.
- There is a slight increase in auto theft incidents, most of which happened due to property owners' negligence. Captain asked for business owners to spread the word about taking cautionary actions of shutting down car engines and locking vehicles while making a delivery.
- NYPD has a clear picture of the individual who is involved in numerous theft incidents in Planet Fitness gym locker rooms. Please make sure your articles are secured while at the gym.
- Grand larceny scams have decreased due to the 102nd Pct.'s outreach and the community's efforts to keep constituents informed and educated.

- The 102nd Precinct Neighborhood Policing Meet and Greet Event will take place on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Golden Terrace Banquet Hall, 120-23 Atlantic Ave. All are invited and will have the opportunity to speak and interact with NCOs assigned to their neighborhoods.
- The Captain introduced NCO's supervisor Sgt. Nelson, who she stated is one of the best sergeants in 102nd Pct. Sgt. Nelson will be taking complaints, community concerns and will decide how to address them.

Sgt. Nelson stated that the NCOs will serve as liaisons between the police and the community, but also as key crime-fighters and problem-solvers in the sector. There will be four sectors with two officers assigned to them.

Question and answer period followed.

5. **Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – J. Richard Smith**, stated that the vote on resolution to have all board meetings at Queens Borough Hall is tabled until September's meeting due to many unresolved issues.
6. **District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes** *not present to give a report.*
7. **Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenichi Wilson, Chair**, reported on the following:

Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvements to JFK Airport project is currently at environmental impact study phase. An updated presentation will take place at our September board meeting.

116th St. northbound from Babbage St. to Metropolitan Ave restoring parking & 118th St. reverse direction of traffic flow from Metropolitan Ave to 85th Ave

Joan DeCamp made a motion to amend by replacement and to oppose the street conversion changes as outlined on the agenda. Ivan Mrakovcic seconded the motion.

Motion # 2: To amend the motion

Vote # 2: Unanimous

Motion # 3: To oppose any changes to the directions of the streets

Vote # 3: 37 in favor, 1 abstention and 1 not present

8. **Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair:**

"I spoke to Amanda Nasner, DHS Queens Director, about some of the concerns expressed by community residents regarding the opening of a new homeless shelter for classified as mentally ill single males at 85- 15, 101 Ave., Ozone Park, NY. Amanda asked me to communicate the following:

- No sex offenders at this site.
- Security: Lantern will provide on-site security around-the-clock. Two security officers will be located at the entrance to control building access and to monitor security cameras, which will be located throughout the building and grounds. There will be a minimum of four security staff per shift and one supervisor overseeing security staff per shift.
- Lantern will also provide a 24-hour open line for the community to provide feedback in a timely manner and to immediately address any concerns that may arise.
- As an added measure, a total of 28 security cameras will be installed throughout the building and across the shelter grounds. These cameras allow security officers to continually monitor compliance with house regulations and good neighbor policies both in and around the facility, acting as a deterrent for inappropriate or illegal activities. Recordings will be made available to authorities with proper legal documentation in the event that arrests or prosecution are warranted.

- There is a 10:00 PM curfew for individuals experiencing homelessness. Clients who may be employed with late work hours will receive passes to return to the facility after curfew based on their documented work schedule.

DHS is working with the community to find a date to host a community meeting to discuss the site. DHS and the provider, the Lantern will be present at this meeting to answer all community questions.”

Joan DeCamp made a motion to send a letter of support of issues expressed by Senator Joe Addabbo and Assembly Member Mike Miller (included in Board Members’ packages) to Mayor de Blasio and appropriate elected officials. Rabbi Daniel Pollack seconded the motion.

Motion # 4: To send a letter of support to Mayor de Blasio

Vote # 4: 37 in favor, 1 abstention and 1 not present

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

➤ **Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) - M1 Hotel Text Amendment**

Sherman Kane stated that the Land Use Committee recommends opposing the waving of the Special Permit when a hotel is proposed for a public use.

The Committee strongly supports the issuance of a second special permit when a hotel initially receives a special permit and then the City subsequently determines that the hotel will be used for a public purpose.

Motion # 5: To support CB9Q Land Use Committee Resolution re: M1 Hotel Text Amendment

Vote # 5: 37 in favor, 1 abstention and 1 not present

➤ **BSA Application # 222-90-BZ, 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd. FYI**

Sylvia Hack stated that this Application has not been calendared by BSA as of yet.

10. Education & Youth Services Committee Report – Seth Welins, Chair:

- We are still awaiting renovation/closure details from Queens Library. We intend to send out a letter to our local schools and community organizations about the closure.
- We are waiting for information/proposals from the borough president’s Office about improving security at the P.S. 90 playground.

11. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report – Regina Santoro, Chair

No report.

12. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – James Coccovillo, Chair

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Tequila Y Rosas Bar & Grill Inc.
76-15 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 6: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for Tequila Y Rosas Bar & Grill Inc.
76-15 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 6: 38 in favor and 1 not present

Club Maracas One LLC
D/b/a Maracas One
121-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 7: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for Club Maracas One LLC, d/b/a
Maracas One, 121-08 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 7: 38 in favor and 1 not present

Trevor K. Rupnarain / Kaemon Inc.
D/b/a Sho
117-15 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

This vote is tabled until the committee receives all necessary information.

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

Motion # 8: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application with 1 a.m. stipulation for La Selva
Bar & Rest. Inc., d/b/a La Selva Bar & Restaurant, 94-02 80th St

Vote # 8: 37 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 not present

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

86-06 Sangucheria Inc.
D/b/a Mistura Peruana
86-06 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 9: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application with 1 a.m. stipulation for
86-06 Sangucheria Inc., d/b/a Mistura Peruana, 86-06 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 9: 38 in favor and 1 not present

c. Alteration Application – Extension of Hours

Bichi Tapas Bar Inc.
88-09 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 10: Not to approve extension of hours for Bichi Tapas Bar Inc., 88-09 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 10: 38 in favor and 1 not present

d. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Application – Reconsideration

Tipsy's Bar & Lounge Inc.
106-07 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 11: Not to oppose on premises wine, beer & cider application for Topsy's Bar & Lounge Inc.,
106-07 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 11: 15 in favor, 21 opposed, 1 abstention and 2 not present

e. New Sidewalk Café License Application – NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)

8522 Jamaica Avenue Corp.
D/b/a Pop's Restaurant
85-22 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 12: Not to oppose new sidewalk cafe license application for 8522 Jamaica Ave Corp.,
D/b/a Pop's Restaurant, 85-22 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 12: 33 in favor, 5 opposed and 1 not present

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7 PM at the board office.

13. **Economic Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair** waved his report.

14. **Budget & Finance Committee Report – John Carter, Chair**

➤ **Office Budget (Closed Session, CB9 Board Members Only)**

15. **Old Business** *No speakers*

16. **New Business** *No speakers*

17. **Public Forum** *No speakers*

Nick Comaianni made a motion to adjourn, Raj Rampershad seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 11:30 p.m.