



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

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

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**MARCH 12, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**  
**QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, RM 213, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, 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)
Sherry Algreto	(1)(1)	Jan Fenster	(2)(1)	Jagir Singh	(2)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(1)
Julio Batista	(2)(1)	Linda Fogal	(2)(1)	Matthew Singh	(3)(1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(3)(1)	Ragbir Singh	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(2)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(4)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Naima Sultana	(2)(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(1)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(1)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(3)(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(3)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(4)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(0)		
Joan DeCamp	(1)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(1)		

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dulal Bhattacharjee	(3)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(10)(3)	Naidoo Veerapen	(4)(2)
John Carter	(2)(1)	Maharani Singh	(5)(2)		
Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(2)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(5)(1)		

**ALSO PRESENT**

James S. McClelland, District Manager  
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  
Natalia Kozikowska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich  
Aneta Golaszewski, Rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer  
Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi  
Christine Stall, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller  
Katherine Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams  
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez

*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 80<sup>th</sup> St.  
Ozone Park, NY 11416        *no speakers*

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

Karp Hill Inc.  
D/b/a Last Call  
81-72 Lefferts Blvd  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415        *no speakers*

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

M & F Restaurant Corporation  
D/b/a Spolini's Restaurant  
116-25 Metropolitan Ave  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415        *no speakers*

9010 Atlantic Inc.  
90-10 Atlantic Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416        *no speakers*

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

GSFA Restaurant Corp.  
D/b/a The Classic Diner  
117-33 Myrtle Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418        *no speakers*

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

L & Y Deli & Grocery Inc.  
95-14 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421        *no speakers*

f. **Method of Operation Change Application**

Caribbean Cabana Restaurant & Lounge Ltd.  
D/b/a Kaieteur Cabana Restaurant & Lounge  
116-02-04-06 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418        *no speakers*

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

*Chairperson Smith recognized legislative representatives.*

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, thanked Chair Smith for the great work he has done throughout the year.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, announced the following free events sponsored by the Senator:

- Central Queens Y Job Fair-Friday, March 29 - 9AM to 2PM at the Central Queens Y.
- Free Mammogram Screening-Wednesday, April 17- 9AM to 5PM at Maspeth Federal Savings Bank.
- Spring Recycling Event with Assembly Member Mike Miller-Sunday, April 28 - 10Am to 2 PM.
- Senior Job Fair-Friday, May 31 - 10AM to 2PM at Queens Community House.

Natalia Korilavska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, stated that a Mobile Mammogram Van will be in front of the Ozone Park office at 93-06 101 Ave on Friday, March 22, 2019 from 9AM to 4:30PM. Some eligibility requirements apply. To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-628-9090.

Aneta Golaszewski, Rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, invited all to attend Irish Heritage Breakfast sponsored by the Comptroller on Thursday, March 21, 2019, from 9-10AM at 1 Centre Street. RSVP is requested.

Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi, stated that THE Home Stability Support Proposal has been the top first priority for the Assembly Member for the past three years. The House of Representatives has allocated \$100,000 million for this proposal. Will keep the board updated on the progress.

Christine Stall, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, announced the following free events sponsored by the Assembly Member:

- 2019 Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony, Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7PM at the RHBA, 110-08 Jamaica Ave.
- Free Citizenship Application Assistance, Saturday, March 23, 2019, 11AM-2PM at P.S. 62, 97-25 108 St. (co-sponsored by Council Member Adams).
- Free Narcan Training, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7PM at Peter Cardella Senior Citizens Center, 68-52 Fresh Pond Road.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, stated that the period of March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup> is slated to Participatory Budgeting. The public can decide how to allocate \$1 million on capital improvements to schools, parks, libraries, public safety and more.

Ifraan Ahmed, NYC Soccer Initiative, spoke about a new initiative to build fifty new acrylic mini-soccer play spaces throughout the city:

- Equity Playground is a proposed mini-soccer play space and is located in Woodhaven.
- The founding partners are: US Soccer Foundation, Adidas, NYC Football Club, Etihad Airways and the Mayor's Fund to advance New York City.
- The NYC Soccer Initiative will implement a variety of programs offered by its founding partners and collaborate with other local organizations that have existing soccer initiatives.
- One primary program is "Soccer for Success"-a free after-school program for as many as 10,000 NYC youth and young adults. It is developed by the U.S. Soccer Foundation and it is proven to help kids establish healthy habits and develop critical life skills.

Question and answer period followed.

Pauline Barfield, Barfield Public Relations/DOT, invited all to the Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvements to JFK Airport Project third Public Hearings that will take place on March 25, 6-9 PM at the Radisson Hotel JFK Airport, 135-30 140<sup>th</sup> Street.

Richard Pane, Richmond Hill Resident, asked the board members to continue to advocate for speed reducers, possible extension of protected bike lanes and traffic safety surveys from DOT.

Elisa Trentacosta, Kew Gardens Resident, stated that there should be more access for affordable housing for senior citizens as she is currently experiencing problems with affordable housing herself.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, stated the following:

- The New York Delegation will be fighting against the proposed budget cuts, especially a projected \$845 million cut on Medicaid and \$1.5 trillion cut on Medicare programs.
- House passed legislation that would extend the time for the government to complete a background check on someone who is trying to buy a gun from a licensed dealer from three days to ten days before the sale can go through.
- The Congress Member will continue to work on The American Dream and Promise Act of 2019—the first bill introduced in Congress that would offer a path to legal status for DREAMers.

Katherine Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, stated that March 30<sup>th</sup> kicks off the Participatory Vote Week.

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

Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections/additions to February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

**Motion # 1:** To accept February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

**Vote # 1:** Unanimous

### 4. **Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – J. Richard Smith**

Chair Smith thanked all board members for giving him an opportunity to serve as CB9 Chairman and stated that he is not seeking a second term.

#### ➤ **Public Health Survey from Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Director of Community Affairs, Dr. Andrew Rubin**

Dr. Rubin thanked the board members for the support they been giving Jamaica Hospital throughout the years. He asked all to fill out the Neighborhood Health Needs Assessment Survey that was distributed earlier. This regulation was put upon them by the Health Department because it is important that hospitals find out what is important for the people who live in their community. Every hospital in the country has to fill out forms such as these to get ideas about the health of the people in their neighborhoods and to maintain the hospital's tax exempt status.

### 5. **Monthly Update – NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Report**

Sgt. Nelson thanked all for their support, warm wishes and donations after the tragic death of Detective Brian Simonsen.

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. is down 16% in crime year to date. Crime reduction in all major categories continues as a result of the new NCO program.

### 6. **District Manager's Report – James McClelland** stated the following:

"Wishing happy birthday to all members born in March:

Sherry Algreto	Latchman Budhai
Jan Fenster	Sylvia Hack
J. Richard Smith	Kenichi Wilson

Attended a meeting with Jamaica Hospital and MTA regarding bus staging during J train construction project.

Arranged a tour of the Breaking Ground Drop-In Center for Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. All members are invited to attend.

I would like to wish good luck to board members running for elected officer positions.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who celebrate.”

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

➤ **Opposing CPC/ULURP Certification of Kew Gardens Jail**

**Motion # 2:** To support Land Use Committee Resolution Opposing CPC/ULURP Certification of Kew Gardens Jail

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

A copy of the Resolution is available upon request.

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

Breaking Ground will have the capacity to house 75 beds when they finalize their construction by the Fall of 2020. Also, at the request of Breaking Ground and J.R. Smith, Ms. Molina rectified a misinformation piece printed by the Chronicle where a resident claimed lack of transparency from Breaking Ground. Breaking Ground has always been upfront about their plans on this site.

Committee Chair Molina answered board members' questions.

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

Co-Chair Chair Coccovillo reported out on the licenses which were processed in the recent weeks.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7PM at the District Office.

**10. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report – Regina Santoro, Chair, stated that the committee supports adding the proposed mini-soccer play space in Equity Playground in Woodhaven.**

**Motion # 3:** To support adding a mini-soccer play space to Equity Playground in Woodhaven

**Vote # 3:** Unanimous

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

- Richmond Hill High School is now designated as a school in good standing. This designation reflects the progress the school has made during the past few years.
- We are awaiting a promised update from Queens Library officials concerning the Richmond Hill and Woodhaven Libraries' proposed renovations.

**12. Economic Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair, stated that he had an opportunity to represent the board at the Richmond Hill High School's Black History Month event on February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**13. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenichi Wilson, Chair, nothing to report.**

**14. Election of Officers**

J. Richard Smith opened nominations on the floor for Chairperson. Andrea Crawford nominated Kenichi Wilson. Regina Santoro nominated Marian C. Molina.

Vote: 25 for Kenichi Wilson and 9 for Marian C. Molina.  
Kenichi Wilson is elected Chairperson.

Chair Smith received nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Joe laboni nominated Marian C. Molina.  
Sherri Algreto nominated Faiuze Ali.  
Vote: 19 for Marian C. Molina and 15 for Faiuze Ali.  
Marian C. Molina is elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair.

Chair Smith received nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.  
Marie Turley nominated Sherman Kane. Faiuze Ali nominated Sandra Datnarain.  
Vote: 21 for Sandra Datnarain and 13 for Sherman Kane.  
Sandra Datnarain is elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

Chair Smith received nominations for Treasurer.  
Nominees: John Carter and Joe laboni.  
Vote: 21 for John Carter, 13 for Joe laboni.  
John Carter is elected Treasurer.

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

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

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

Nick Comaianni made a motion to adjourn, Joe laboni seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.