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MARCH 13, 2018 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF METRO QUEENS, 110-04 ATLANTIC AVE, RICHMOND HILL, NY 11418

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2017-MARCH 2018

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(2)(1)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
Julio Batista	(2)(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(2)(1)	Maharani Singh	(3)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(4)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Matthew Singh	(4)(1)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(2)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(2)(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(5)(2)
Nick Comaianni	(3)(2)	Marian C. Molina	(3)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(1)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(4)(1)	Marie Turley	(2)(1)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)(0)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
Richard David	(4)(1)	Raj Rampershad	(1)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(1)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(2)		
Stephen Esposito	(2)(0)	Regina Santoro	(3)(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Faiuze Ali	(2)(1)	Jan Fenster	(7)(3)	Naidoo Veerapen	(5)(3)
D. Bhattacharjee	(3)(2)	Kevin O'Leary	(2)(1)		
Kamal Bhuiyan	(5)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(5)(3)		

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Antony Nunziato, Rep. Council Member Robert Holden
 Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
 Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
 Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
 Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
 Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
 Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi

Muhammad Rachman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Matthew Pecorino, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Capt. Cortney Nilan, 102nd Pct.
PO Severino, Community Affairs, 102nd Pct.
PO Martinez, Community Affairs, 102nd Pct.
Fabrice Armand, NYC Department of Correction

Guest Sign in Sheets are available upon request.

Chair Rampershad asked for a moment of silence for the seventeen victims of Stoneman Douglas High School shooting that occurred a month ago in Florida.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

El Pollo Inka NY Inc.
89-20 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

b. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Francy Restaurant Inc.
D/b/a Frank's Restaurant
80-29 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Majestic Marquise Corporation
D/b/a Majestic Marquise
88-03 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Atlantic Palace LLC
D/b/a Golden Terrace
120-23 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal

Bagh Deli Grocery Inc.
118-22 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Jonathan Hunter, JHS 210 Beacon Program, made all aware of services that are provided by Queens Community House Beacon Program @ JHS 210, 93-11 101st Ave, Ozone Park, NY 11416. He stated that their mission is to provide individuals and families with the tools needed to enrich their lives and

build healthy, inclusive communities. Mr. Hunter invited all to Spring Into Health Fair that will take place on Friday, April 13th, 2018, 6-9 p.m. at Beacon 210/JHS.

Chair Rampershad recognized legislator representatives.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, stated that their Biannual Recycling Event with Assembly Member Mike Miller will take place on Sunday, April 29th, 2018 at Forest Park from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, reported on the following events sponsored by the council member:

- 2018 NYC Tax Lien Outreach Session will be on Monday, April 23rd, 2018, 6-8 PM at the Richi Rich Palace, 110-19 Atlantic Ave, Richmond Hill, NY 11418.
- CUNY Citizenship Now Outreach will take place on Saturday, March 24th, 2018, 11 AM to 2 PM at Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, 110-04 Atlantic Ave, Richmond Hill, NY 11418.
- Women's Leadership Conference will take place on Friday, March 23rd, 2018 at Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, 110-04 Atlantic Ave, Richmond Hill, NY 11418.
- Council Member Adrienne Adams has passed a bill requiring the Commission on Human Rights to join forces with DCAS to deliver an "assessment of risk factors associated with sexual harassment within city agencies".

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, stated that the Council Member was in Albany to lobby the legislature for Council priorities including: providing emergency funding to fix the subway, NYC Housing Authority and School Equity. Council Member Koslowitz extended her gratitude to Chair Rampershad for his hard work and dedication.

Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, said that the Assembly Member is co-sponsoring a Recycling Event with Senator Addabbo on Sunday, April 29th, 2018 at Forest Park from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Antony Nunziato, Rep. Council Member Robert Holden, stated the following:

- The Council Member brought to DOT's attention the issue of traffic being very slow in both directions on Woodhaven Blvd due to traffic lights being out of sync. DOT will address the issue.
- Council Member Holden is one of the few who is against the closing of the prison on Rikers Island.
- The district office will be relocated from the Atlas Mall to a Dry Harbor Rd location by the end of the week. Office contact number will be (718) 366-3900.

Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, stated that:

- The Borough President is against the removal of the Freedom Ticket Plan on the LIRR.
- The Office is still accepting internship applications for college and high school students.
- Homeowner & Tenant Enrollment Event will take place on March 20th, 2018, 10 AM to 1 PM at the NY Finance Department.
- Greek Independence Day Celebration is March 23rd, 2018 at 6 PM.
- Parent Advisory Board, College Admission Process and Financial Aid is on March 27th, 2018.
- Bangladesh Independence Day Celebration is March 28th, 2018 from 6-8 PM at the Atrium.
- Borough President Katz thanks Chair Rampershad for his service to the board. He has embraced his responsibilities and challenges in a positive way. During his tenure he has brought positive changes, created a bond with each member, and has united the board to work more cohesively together. Chair Rampershad has always been transparent on all issues he has encountered. His concern and priority has been the community. Having a fulltime job and being

chair of the board is not an easy task, but he has always been available when it came to matters of the board. Although he has completed his term as chair, the Borough President is happy to say that Raj will remain a board member.

Chair Rampershad thanked John DeCristoforo, the Director of Boys & Girls of Metro Queens for hosting today's CB9 meeting.

Fabrice Armand, NYC Department of Correction, spoke about the Department of Corrections job openings, stating that there are twenty-two positions currently available. Correction Officer Exams can be taken from March 1st to March 31st, 2018 online at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs or in person at a Testing Center.

Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi, thanked the board members for taking a vote on Assembly Member's Home Stability Support Plan.

Muhammad Rachman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, *no report*.

Veronica Gonzalez, Agape Health Fair, invited all to Agape Health Fair that will take place on Sunday, June 10th, 2018 from 10 AM to 6 PM on 120th St between 97th Ave and 101st Ave. There will be free health screenings, counselling on healthy eating habits, diabetes and the importance of exercise, rest and sunshine.

Matthew Pecorino, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, stated that the Council Member is sponsoring a Free CPR/AED event that will take place on Monday, April 16th, 2018 6-7 PM at the Woodhaven Branch Public Library, 85-41 Forest Parkway.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

1st Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any changes/additions to February 13th, 2018 Minutes. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept February 13th, 2018 minutes as presented.

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Captain Courtney Nilan reported on the following:

- There is a 23% decrease in all major crimes in the 102nd Pct. year to date and 22% for the month. Forty fewer reports were taken for major crimes.
- A 58-year old woman was struck by a school bus earlier this morning at the intersection of Kew Gardens Rd & 82nd Rd. The 102nd Pct. Collision Investigation Squad is investigating the incident and will give their recommendations to DOT as to how to make that intersection safer.
- The first shooting incident of the year took place on 117th St and 101st Ave on Sunday at 4 AM where three individuals were involved with non-life threatening injuries. With the help of 106th Pct., the perpetrator was arrested and charged with the shooting of three people.
- Capt. Nilan stressed the importance of not leaving any personal properties unlocked in order to prevent smaller larcenies, i.e., car breakings, etc.
- PO Jose Severino received Officer of the Year Award for 2017 and Sgt. Joe DeMarco received the 2017 Supervisor of the Year Award.

Question and answer period followed.

5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – Raj Rampershad

Chair Rampershad gave his final speech and recapped the following:

In an effort to try to change the atmosphere, my approach to help improve the board was to focus on the number of issues that the board faced one at a time and to make sure that I delegated tasks.

Accomplishments:

- Re- established a full exec. Committee which consist of the chairs of all 8 committees plus the elected officers.
- Stream lined our board meetings.
- Organized office procedures, CB9 website and modified by-laws.
- Was able to turn things around through everyone's hard work, willingness to listen, communication and devotion.

Chair Rampershad thanked his parents and immediate family for their support. He also thanked the board office, the board members, committee Chairs, the Civics, the 102nd Pct., the Elected Officials and their reps., city agency liaisons and the members of the press.

His advice to incoming Chair is: listen, keep an open mind, be proactive, have thick skin, communicate , delegate, have compassion, make sure that your cell phone is fully charged, buy plenty of hair dye (I think I have tripled in gray hairs), but, most importantly, enjoy the moment and take pride in who you are representing, and remember you have a team to help you. Finally, I wish you the best of luck!

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes *not present to give a report.*

7. Election of Officers

Raj Rampershad opened nominations on the floor for Chairperson and nominated J. Richard Smith. Jim Coccovillo nominated Kenichi Wilson.

Vote: 26 for J. Richard Smith and 8 for Kenichi Wilson
J. Richard Smith is elected Chairperson.

1st Vice Chair Smith nominated Raj Rampershad for 1st Vice Chair.
Vote: unanimous

Chair Rampershad received nominations for 2nd Vice Chair.
Nominees: Joe laboni and Kenny Wilson.

Vote: 26 for Kenny Wilson and 8 for Joe laboni.
Kenny Wilson is elected 2nd Vice Chair.

Chair Rampershad received nominations for Executive Secretary.
Nominees: John Carter, Joe laboni and Marian Molina.
Vote: 21 for John Carter, 9 for Marian Molina and 4 for Joe laboni.
John Carter is elected Executive Secretary.

8. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenichi Wilson, Chair

➤ **Speed Hump on 100th St. between 101st & 103rd Ave**

Motion # 2: To send a letter of support to DOT for 2 speed humps installation

Vote # 2: 33 in favor and 1 opposed

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

➤ **CB9 Resolution re: School Safety**

Motion # 3: To support CB9 School Safety Resolution

Vote # 3: 33 in favor and 1 abstention

Mr. Welins stated that a letter was sent to many elected and DOE officials on behalf of PS 56. The school is in need of important repairs and safety-related equipment. It appears that an official from the SCA did visit the school and promised to address their requests.

March 14 and April 20 are the dates that students will protest gun violence in their schools and community. Parents should contact their children’s schools for more information.

10. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report – J.R. Smith & Regina Santoro, Co-Chairs

Regina Santoro gave an update on tree planting requests in CB9:

- 13 trees had been planted in Woodhaven out of 39 requested.
- 41 trees had been planted in Kew Gardens out of 57 requested.
- 25 trees had been planted in Richmond Hill out of 124 requested.
- Ozone Park requested 2 trees.

The rest of the trees will be planted in the spring of this year.

J. Richard Smith stated that Endzone, Inc. will be sending an updated fact sheet for Clean-Up in Ozone Park project.

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

Sylvia Hack stated that in his letter Patrick Nowakowski, President of the LIRR, did not respond to the issues which the Board and the community have brought to the attention of the MTA/LIRR.

12. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair

➤ **Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi Home Stability Support Plan**

Motion # 4: To support Assembly Member Andre Hevesi Home Stability Support Plan

Vote # 4: 33 in favor and 1 opposed

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

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

El Pollo Inka NY Inc.
89-20 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 5: To oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider application for El Pollo Inka NY, Inc.,
89-20 101st Ave

Vote # 5: Unanimous

b. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal

Bagh Deli Grocery Inc.
118-22 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 6: To oppose beer & cider renewal application for Bagh Deli Grocery Inc.,
118-22 Atlantic Ave

Vote # 6: Unanimous

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, March 19th, 2018 at 7 PM
at the district office, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Rm. 310-A.

14. Economic Development Committee Report – Richard David & Matthew Singh, Co-Chairs

The committee will be meeting and talking about their plans for the spring. More details to come.

15. Ad Hoc Committee Report – John Carter, Chair

The Committee provided a final report to the officers that included:

- Listing of activities over the past year
- List of areas not examined, but worth pursuing
- One recommendation

The Committee was dissolved.

16. Old Business

Sylvia Hack complemented Chair Rampershad on his hard work and dedication to the Board.

17. New Business

Chair Rampershad made a suggestion to have monthly board meetings at the same location.

Jim Coccovillo made a suggestion for DOT to install Do Not Block the Box signs at the major intersections on Woodhaven Boulevard which will help free up the traffic flow.

Sylvia Hack relayed Jan Fenster's regards to all, a fellow board member who is recovering from a major surgery and hoping to be back soon.

18. Public Forum *No speakers*

Jim Coccovillo made a motion to adjourn, Rabbi Pollack seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.