



COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

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MAY 14, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, Room 213, 120-55 Queens Blvd. Kew Gardens

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(0)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)
Julio Batista	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	Maharani Singh	(0)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(3)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Matthew Singh	(1)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(1)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Lisa Komninos	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(1)	Naima Sultana	(1)(1)
Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Ivan Mrakovic	(0)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(2)	Andrea Crawford	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(3)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(2)(5)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
Nick Comaianni	(1)(2)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant
Leela Venketachalam, City Seasonal Aide

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Ian Morris, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.
Kevin Morris, CAU/Mayor's Office
Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Andrew Taranto, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez
Natalia Kozikowska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Capt. Courtney Nilan, NYPD/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

Harbor Breeze Restaurant & Lounge Inc.
107-12 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Mr. Daren Dutchin stated that this establishment had a full liquor license since 1999. He would like to obtain a license so that he can be competitive in the area.

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

Don Pollos Son's Corp.
92-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Maracas Club and Restaurant LLC
121-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Bichi Tapas Bar Inc.
88-09 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421
Bar owner's daughter spoke stating that the applicant requested an extension of hours until 4AM.

Bicheiros Bar Inc.
94-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Tu Casa Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Tu Casa Restaurant
119-05 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

2. Reports from Legislative Officials

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, made an announcement regarding the Annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony taking place on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 11AM outside Queens Borough Hall as well as Queens Town Hall on Gun Violence on Thursday, May 30, 2019 6-8 PM at Helen Marshall Cultural Center, 120-55 Queens Blvd.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, stated that the Senator is sponsoring Senior Job Fair on Friday, May 31, 2019 10AM to 2PM at Queens Community House, 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd. Mr. Moore said that copies of upcoming free events flyer are available in the back of the room.

Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, made the following announcements:

- Their office is sponsoring a mammogram bus in front of their office on Wednesday, May 29th, from 9AM to 12PM. Appointments are necessary.
- Metro Card Mobile Sales Van Event will be at RHBA, 110-08 Jamaica Ave on Friday, May 31, 2019, 1-3PM.
- Rain Barrel Giveaway will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2019, 10AM to 1 PM at the Yeshiva, 74-10 88 St.

Ian Morris, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., made the following announcements:

- Free Book Giveaway will take place on Saturday, June 1, 2019 9AM to 2PM at P.S. 160, 109-59 Inwood St.
- 2019 Job Fair & Career Expo will be on Friday, May 17, 2019. 10AM to 2PM at Rockaway YMCA, 207 Beach 73rd Street.

Kevin Morris, CAU/Mayor's Office, no report.

Katherine Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, made the following announcements:

- District 28 Day will take place on Saturday, June 1, 2019 1PM to 5PM at Baisley Pond Park.
- Sports & Fitness Festival will be on Saturday, May 18, 2019, 1-4PM at Frederick B. Judge Playground.
- The Expo for Entrepreneurs Event will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12-6 PM at Queens Educational Opportunity Center, 158-29 Archer Ave in Jamaica.

Natalia Kozikowska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, no new announcements.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, invited all to attend Government In Your School Resource Fair on June 12, 2019, 3-5 PM at Forest Park Public School. A flyer will be forwarded to the board office.

3. Monthly Update NYPD 102nd Pct. Report – Capt. Courtney Nilan stated the following:

- Crime is down 38% for the past month and 30% down year to date in major crimes in 102nd Pct.
- The precinct received 83 fewer reports in robbery and stolen cars than last year.
- The two categories with biggest decrease are: grand larceny and stolen cars.
- Capt. Nilan thanked all for helping to spread the word regarding telephone scams to prevent people from falling victim to this crime.
- There is an increase in packages being stolen from the front steps after they were delivered. There are options of having them delivered to neighbors who are always home or make a notation requesting a signature.
- 200 summonses were issued to motorcycle drivers and 35 motorcycles were confiscated. Will continue with motorcycle initiatives during the spring and summer months.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Peggy McKenna, Forest Hills Resident: The surrounding communities will not benefit from this massive building project, but rather irreparably damaged. The community infrastructures cannot support the incursion of this mega jail, adding thousands of people in cars to already overburdened traffic. Detainees will be dropped into experimental high-rise jails with no legitimate outdoor recreational space. The only people who stand to benefit are vendors: Perkin, Eastman Architects (paid \$8 million for the master plan), and Acome Hill (awarded with \$107.4M contract to manage the project). The construction cost with financing is estimated at \$30 billion, but the true cost to our communities are immeasurable. Let's stop this jail before it's too late.

The following speakers have also voiced their opposition to the proposed new jail in Kew Gardens:

Charlotte Picot, Rene Levine, Angel Sutjipto, Dominique Hernandez, Ellen Pustelniak, Milton Trujillo, Steven Sobelsohn, Cathy Rojas, Eric Horn, Maria Lefkarites, Abdul Rabbani, Tia Keenan, Carolyn Yao and Rachel Silang.

Sarita Dariary and Danielle Minelli Pagnata spoke in favor of closing Rikers.

5. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to April 9th meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept April 9th, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: 26 in favor, 3 abstentions and 1 not present

6. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – Kenichi Wilson

- Attended the following meetings and events:
 - WRBA Meeting
 - Ozone Park Kiwanis Event where Julio Batista was honored
 - Ozone Park Civic Organization
 - 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting
 - 106th Pct. Community Council Meeting
 - Thanked all Board Members who attended the Swearing In Ceremony
 - Partial of the CEC 27 Interview
- Chair Wilson invited the Board Members to attend the District Cabinet Meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 10AM at the district office.
- Chair Wilson stated that Irina Barayeva could not attend tonight's meeting due to her foot surgery.

7. District Manager's Report – James S. McClelland

DM McClelland wished happy birthday to Zoila Bofill, Regina Santoro and Seth Welins.

He apologized to Sikh Board Members for not acknowledging a Happy Baisakhi Holiday.

DM McClelland wished all Muslim friends a Happy Ramadan.

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

➤ **ULURP Vote – Proposed Queens Jail in Kew Gardens**

Sylvia Hack stated that Queens Community Board 9 strongly opposed the City's plan to build a vertical mega jail complex in the residential community of Kew Gardens and states its concern about a flawed ULURP process which undermines the very legitimacy of this Charter mandated procedure (the copy of CB9 Resolution is available upon request).

Motion #2: To oppose the Mayor's plan to build jail in Kew Gardens

Vote # 2: 28 in favor, 1 abstention and 1 not present

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

MTA is launching numerous Bus Network Redesign Open House Events in various locations in Queens for the month of May. Schedule is available upon request.

10. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report – Regina Santoro, Chair, not present to give a report.

11. Education & Youth Services Committee Report – Seth Welins, Chair, not present to give a report.

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

As of yesterday, the **NYS Department of Health** reported 274 cases of measles since the outbreak began in October, 2018. 164 of those cases have been reported this year, and an additional 498 cases have been reported as of Monday evening in NYC, 442 of which happened this year. NYS has reported 606 cases of measles so far this year.

As of this week, another Yeshiva school in Queens was closed until further notice because they did not uphold the requirement to keep out students who are not vaccinated.

2020 Census: The Supreme Court is getting ready to vote on the citizenship question. It seems that President Trump has the support of Justices by 2:4. The vote will be taken late June.

Homeless Shelter Complaints: Had driven by the shelter a few times and did not find anything out of the ordinary. If anyone sees any suspicious activity, call the community board office as well as 311 or the 102nd Pct. NCO.

Happy Ramadan to those who celebrate.

13. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Chair

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Harbor Breeze Restaurant & Lounge Inc.
107-12 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 3: Not to oppose with the 1 AM Stipulation-subject to them obtaining a letter from DOB stating this type of business is permitted.

Vote # 3: 26 in favor and 4 abstentions

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

Don Pollos Son's Corp.
92-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 4: Not to oppose with the 1 AM Stipulation-subject to them obtaining a letter from DOB stating this type of business is permitted.

Vote # 4: 29 in favor and 1 abstention

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

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

Motion # 5: Not to approve this on premises liquor license application renewal

Vote # 5: Unanimous

Rabbi Pollack reported out on the following:

- The Executive Committee voted unanimously to oppose the renewal application for Maracas Club & Restaurant, 121-08 Jamaica Ave.

- Next CB9 Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20^h, 2019 at 7 PM at the district office where an incoming applications will be discussed.

14. Economic Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair-no report.

15. Old Business

John Carter stated that \$20 will be collected for Good & Welfare Fund at the next board meeting.

He will be reporting on the budget and much needed office improvements at the next board meeting.

Joan DeCamp made a suggestion to postpone Richmond Hill Library renovation during Census 2020 as many members of the public depend on free internet services provided by the library.

Sylvia Hack stated the Land Use Committee will be putting together responses to 283 pages of Public Draft Environmental Statement.

Maharani Singh requested a report regarding budget status to be prepared every three months. She also to ask for DM's evaluation to be performed every three months.

Chair Wilson stated that every effort is being made to spend the money for public outreach.

16. New Business

Sylvia Hack requested an info on a new procedure for speed humps. Chair Wilson explained that the Community Boards will not be involved in the process and DOT has new criteria in place where lower version of speed humps will be installed on bus/truck routes.

Sandra Datnarain stated that the next 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting is on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 at 7 PM at the Richmond Hill Branch Library.

J. Richard Smith made an announcement regarding Woodhaven Post 118 organizing Veteran's Memorial Ceremony on May 27th at 10:30AM.

Faiuze Ali stated that CB9 Policies and Procedures should be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Stephen Esposito invited all to Veteran's Day Observance organized by the GWDC on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM at Forest Park Plaza (Forest Parkway & Jamaica Ave).

He also stated that the Woodhaven BID is having Woodhaven Weekend Walks on Jamaica Ave from 85th St to 89th St on Saturday, June 1st, 12-6PM.

1st Vice Chair Marian C. Molina wanted clarification on the role of 1st vice chair and reiterated the need to review and revise current By-laws. Also, 1st Vice Chair Molina expressed concern about the distribution of information regarding events and meetings.

17. Public Forum

Murray Berger, KGCA, thanked all for taking a vote against the proposed Kew Gardens Jail Project.

Raquel Jaikaran, Maracas Club & Restaurant, 121-08 Jamaica Ave, expressed her concern regarding her paperwork being disapproved and stated that she is looking forward to working with the board.

Ivan Mrakovcic made a motion to adjourn, Stephen Esposito seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:50 PM.