

**JANUARY 8, 2013 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2012

David Adorno (1)	Joan DeCamp (0)	Ivan Mrakovcic (1)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia (2*)	Anton Dietrich (1)	Kevin O’Leary (0)
Akhtar Ali (3)	H. Singh Duggal (1)	Rabbi D. Pollack (1)
Evelyn Baron (1)	Sam Esposito (4*)	Raj Rampershad (2)
Julio Batista (1)	Stephen Esposito (1)	Regina Santoro (3)
D. Bhattacharjee (1*)	Dr. V. Evangelista (0)	Maharani Singh (1)
Wallace Bock (3)	Ralph Gonzalez (3)	J. Richard Smith (0)
Latchman Budhai (3)	Joseph Iaboni (2)	Maria Thomson (0)
Jim Coccovillo (0)	Scott Jordan (4)	Marie Turley (0)
Albert Cohen (3)	Sherman Kane (0)	Seth Welins (1)
Andrea Crawford (0)	Patrick Khan (0)	Naidoo Veerapen (2)
Sandra Datnarain (2)	Priscilla Levine (1)	Clark Whitsett (1)
Richard David (2)	Marian Molina (3)	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alex Blenkinsopp (2)	Sylvia Hack (1)	Raghbir Singh (3*)
John Carter (3)	Balbir Kaur (6)	Dr. Stephen Sofer (1)
Nick Comaianni (3)	Mohamed Safie (5)	Joseph Todisco (5)
Jan Fenster (3)		

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Ann Carey, District Manager
Lisa Gomes, Irina Barayeva, Staff

* Absences from a meeting shall mean physical non-attendance and /or failure to be present for voting on two or more agenda items marked “Vote to be Taken” at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

Legislative Representatives

Wilma Bynum, QBPO
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Kate Mooney, Council Member Crowley
Mohamed Hack, Council Member Wills
Vishnu Mahadeo, Senator Sanders
PO Martins, 102 Pct.

Chris Kaznowski, Assembly Member Hevesi
Guy Ognibene, Council Member Ulrich
Thomas Kulesza, Assembly Member Miller
Bruce Eiber, Council Member Kozlowitz
Sgt. DeMarco, 102 Pct.
PO Severino, 102 Pct.

GUESTS

Evan Mihos, Olympic Diner Attorney
H. Fotioj, GSFA Restaurant Corp.
Kimberly Currusuo
Rev. Jannel Doris, Gospel Church
Michael Roberts, Gospel Assembly
Harvey Levine, RH Resident

M. Gannon, Queens Chronicle
Ewa Kern, DNAinfo.com
Azam Bacchous
Melinda Katz
Scott Strober, Marbridge Realty

PUBLIC FORUM

Isabel Stein-Kew Gardens spoke about the aftermath of Sandy and the importance of assessing street trees to prevent situations where houses and cars may be destroyed and people injured by falling trees.

PUBLIC HEARING

***1. Alternate Side Parking Request on Audley Street between Grenfell ST.
And the Long Island Railroad Kew Gardens Station***

Murray Berger- KGCA stated that KGCA endorses the petition submitted by the homeowners who live on the north side of Grenfell Street adjacent to Audley St & LIRR for alternate side parking request signs to be restored.

Dagmar Sermak, Kew Gardens resident requested the restoration of alternate side parking signs on Audley St., btwn Grenfell St & the LIRR Kew Gardens Station.

2. Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received

a. On Premise Wine & Beer Application- New

GSFA Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Olympic Diner
117-33 Myrtle Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

84-23 Polleria, Inc.
Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

b. On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Arena Lounge, LLC.
89-25 130 St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

c. TLC For Hire Base Station Renewal

Globe Car Service, Inc.
112-06 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

Addendum to Community Board #9 Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda and Public Hearing
January 8, 2013

Public Hearing

d. On Premise Wine & Beer Application- Renewal

101 Bar & Grill Corp.
D/b/a Caribbean Temptation
106-05 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. **The Opening of Meeting & Reading Of Minutes**

Wallace Bock motioned to accept the minutes for December as presented.
Joe Iaboni 2nd the motion.

Motion # 1: *to adopt minutes as presented.*

Vote # 1: *36 in favor, 2 abstained*

2. Monthly Update-102 Pct.

Sgt. DeMarco spoke on operations the precinct has had on: underage alcohol in bars, clubs and stores, untaxed cigarettes, and vendors' licenses inspection.

Sgt. DeMarco stated that car break-ins have increased around Forest Park. There was one arrest in the summer regarding a break-in.

P.O. Martins reported on a homicide that occurred Saturday night into Sunday morning at 3:30 AM January 6th at Flavor Lounge at 117-03 Hillside Avenue. The investigation is open. The precinct will be conducting a MARCH operation before long, in which they will work with agencies such as SLA, DEP, DEC and DOB and inspect problem locations.

P.O. Severino informed board members about a free NYPD application now available on smart phones that releases breaking news, wanted posters, and maps of precinct jurisdiction.

Question and Answer Period Followed.

Chairperson Andrea Crawford introduced legislators' representatives, and asked for updates:

Marian Gottlieb representing Senator Addabbo wished all a Happy New Year.

Mohamed Hack representing Council Member Rubin Wills office spoke about Adopt A-Basket program which will provide a free orange litter basket to businesses which volunteer to keep the community clean.

Vishnu Mahadeo representing Senator James Sanders Jr., and invited all to Senator Sander's Inauguration Ceremony on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at York College.

Chris Kaznowski representing Assembly Member Hevesi stated that Assemblyman Hevesi introduced a bill that would increase penalties for using the internet in trafficking for the purpose of prostitution.

Wilma Bynum of QBPO invited all to attend The State of the Borough Address on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Queens College. She also encouraged Board Members who are up for reappointment to submit their applications.

Guy Ognibene representing Council Member Eric Ulrich wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Kate Mooney representing Council Member Elisabeth Crowley:

- Happy New Year to all
- Thanked 102 Pct. for work with car break-ins at co-ops. Worked with residents and 102 glad perpetrators are caught. CM will continue to push enforcement and better lighting on west side of Woodhaven Blvd. Will consider surveillance cameras as part of Capital investment.

- CM toured Forest park with Commissioner Lewandowski and is committed to renovations post Sandy. She has funded Mary Whalen Park and we are looking at CB9 funding recommendations. FDNY announced new time low for fatalities. We understand these stats as the result of the critical importance of keeping all stations open in particular 294 and the CM will continue to fight for our firehouses.

KM was asked about

- Tree evaluations for health of tree
- Landmarking of Carousel
- Ivan Mrakovcic requested update on Woodhaven traffic study report for next month.

Thomas Kulesza representing Assembly Member Miller wished all a Happy New Year.

Bruce Eiber representing Council Member Karen Kozlowitz stated that Vikki Morales is the new Chief of staff.

Rabbi Pollack stated that he is working part time for Congresswoman Grace Meng as of January 3rd, 2013. Office contact number is (718) 423-2154.

3. Chairperson’s Remarks & Exec Report-Andrea Crawford – wished all a Happy New Year and welcomed back the board members. She thanked the community board and elected officials for their support for Queens Way. Trust for Public Land received a regional economic development grant from the Parks Department in the amount of \$464,000 for feasibility study.

4. District Manager’s Report- Mary Ann Carey wished everybody a Happy and prosperous New Year and stated that we lost our ten year battle to restore and keep Civic Virtue. She thanked the Community Board 9 Chair, CM Vallone, CM Crowley, Ivan Mrakovcic and Seth Welins who attended the rally as well as all major news outlets.

5. Transportation Committee Report- Andrea Crawford

- Alternate Side Parking Request on Audley Street between Grenfell St. & the Long Island Railroad Kew Gardens Station. **VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

Transportation Committee supports this request. Discussion followed.

Motion # 2: To support alternate side parking request restoration on Audley St, btwn Grenfell St & the LIRR Kew Gardens Station

Vote # 2: 32 in favor, 5 opposed, and 1 not present

6. Land Use Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane-no report

7. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

- On Dec. 19, our committee met with the Queens representative of DYCD and the program director of the South Queens Boys and Girls Club. They described the various after-school programs in our

area. The City funds these programs and requires that the funded organizations have a literacy component in addition to sports and arts instruction. There will be a summer youth work program and camp program and students should enroll in May.

- The DOE and the UFT have not yet been able to agree on new teacher evaluation procedures. If there is no agreement by January 17, the city could lose nearly \$1/2 billion in State aid and grants.
- The DOE has proposed closing many NYC schools. As of this date, no schools within CB 9 area has been designated for closing, but some schools might have to enroll additional students who have decided not to attend the replacement schools.

8. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

- The Red Cross has been offering continued support to victims of Sandy. 19,063 meals were served from New Year's Eve through New Year's Day. In Queens over 1,800,000 meals have been provided and over 1,000,000 cleaning and toiletry supplies have been distributed. Anyone wanting further information can contact the office for details.
- I attended a Close To Home educational program dealing with Phase II. Commissioner Richter stated that it was an oversight that the Community Board was not notified, but that would be corrected. In both Phase I (non-secure residences) and Phase II (limited secure residences) community safety is paramount. In Phase II the ages will be up to 16 years. These will be persons referred from Family Court who require detention. The facility will have added security over the Phase I residences. There will be additional fencing. Most important is that these persons will be confined to the residence at all times. All needed services (e.g. schooling and health services) will be provided at the residence. The program will provide behavior management, therapeutic intervention, with family involvement, in a highly structured and secure environment that is not institutional. Central police are aware whenever a residence is planned. At this time the locations for the Phase II residences have not been identified. MHA Disaster Distress Hotline for victims and first responders is (800) 985-5990.

9. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report- J. R. Smith & J. DeCamp

Mr. Smith reported that Forestry has a backlog on trees. Several people have reported down tree branches and nothing has been done. Joan DeCamp requested schedules and maps for the Water Tunnel project as it will cause a lot of inconveniences on the streets.

10. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- Jim Coccovillo

On Premise Wine & Beer Application- New

GSFA Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Olympic Diner
117-33 Myrtle Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

The committee has no objections to this corporate name change and new ownership application.

Motion #3: To send a letter of no opposition for GSFA Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Olympic Diner, 117-33 Myrtle Ave

Vote # 3: 37 in favor, 1 opposed

84-23 Polleria, Inc.
Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #4: To send a letter of no opposition for Polleria, Inc., 84-23 Jamaica Ave.

Vote # 4: 37 in favor, 1 opposed

On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Arena Lounge, LLC.
89-25 130 St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #5: To send a letter of opposition for Arena Lounge, LLC, 89-25 130th St.

Vote # 5: Unanimous

TLC For Hire Base Station Renewal

Globe Car Service, Inc.
112-06 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #6: To send a letter of no opposition for Globe Car Service, 112-06 101st Ave

Vote # 6: 36 in favor, 2 opposed

On Premise Wine & Beer Application- Renewal

101 Bar & Grill Corp.
D/b/a Caribbean Temptation
106-05 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Mr. Coccovillo reported that the establishment has agreed to stop serving liquor at 1 AM and we are asking the SLA that they put this on their license.

Committee recommends sending a letter to SLA to suspend liquor license for Flavor Lounge, 117-03 Hillside Ave due to recent shooting at this establishment.

Next committee meeting is on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7pm at the district office.

11. Old Business- no speakers

12. New Business

Wally Bock complimented Sanitation Department on how they handled garbage pickup on his block.

Dr. Evangelista wanted an update on what is going on with Endzone Industries. Chairwoman Crawford stated that it will be discussed at January 22, 2013 Exec committee meeting.

Latchman Budhai announced that next 102 Pct. community council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Richmond Hill branch library at 7 PM.

Maria Thomson thanked Scott Strober on behalf of the board for donating fitness equipment to Fire Department.

Kevin O'Leary followed up on his request to have PEP officers attend a meeting.

Wally Bock requested a DOT feasibility study for Beverly Rd to be converted into a one way Street or to eliminate parking on one side of the road.

13. Public Forum – no speakers

Wally Bock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10 PM, Sam Esposito seconded this motion.