

**NOVEMBER 12, 2013 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING
ROYAL INDIAN PALACE 118-06 ATLANTIC AVE**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2013-MARCH 2014

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)	Stephen Esposito	(1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)
Julio Batista	(1)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Mohamed Safie	(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)	Linda Fogal	(1)	Regina Santoro	(0)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0)	Ralph Gonzalez	(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)
John Carter	(1)	Sylvia Hack	(1)	Raghibir Singh	(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Nick Comaianni	(1)	Scott Jordan	(1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Andrea Crawford	(1)	Sherman Kane	(1)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)	Patrick Khan	(0)	Joseph Todisco	(2)
Joan DeCamp	(1)	Joel Kuszai	(0)	Marie Turley	(0)
Anton Dietrich	(1)	Priscilla Levine	(1)	Seth Welins	(0)
H. Singh Duggal	(1)	Marian Molina	(1)	Clark Whitsett	(1)
Sam Esposito	(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(1)
		Kevin O'Leary	(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Evelyn Baron	(2)*	Wallace Bock	(3)*	Jan Fenster	(2*)
David Adorno	(2)*	Richard David	(2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)
Latchman Budhai	(1)	Raj Rampershad	(1)*	Jagir Singh	(5)*

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Ann Carey, District Manager
Lisa Gomes, Community Coordinator

* 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

Carl Moore, Senator Addabbo
Rudy Giuliani, Council Member Ulrich
Scott Wolff, Assembly Member Simanowitz
Vishnu Mahadeo, Senator Saunders
David Renz, Assembly Member Miller

Ann Marie Costella, Senator Smith
Michael Cohen, Council Member Koslowitz
Chris Kaznowski, Assembly Member Hevesi
Harpreet Toor, Assembly Member Weprin
PO Jose Severino, 102 Pct.

GUESTS

Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

PUBLIC FORUM

Charles J. Ober, Ridgewood Resident- spoke positively about Sam Esposito and his good qualities.

Sonia Lugo, Woodhaven Resident – spoke in opposition to the Queens Way Project.

Neil Giannelli, Woodhaven Resident – spoke about 226 residents from 98th St, between Park Lane South & Atlantic Ave who signed a petition opposing any development of a Bike Path and a Railway.

Kathleen Brooks – spoke about the Outreach Program and its outpatient adolescent services and invited all to the Families to Support Treatment Symposium on November 19, 2013 in Queens Village.

Joseph Reuter, Richmond Hill Resident- spoke about the need for elevators and escalators in A & J train stations.

Chairperson Jim Coccovillo introduced legislative representatives.

Scott Wolf, Assembly Member Simanowitz spoke about a bill that was introduced by the Assembly Member and signed into law by Governor Cuomo. It protects property owners from being assessed sales tax on water and sewer line protection programs. In New York State insurance does not include sales tax and the protection plan serves the same purpose as an insurance plan. Homeowners should not be subject to unnecessary taxes on their water and sewer line protection programs and this law will ensure exemption from the burden of excessive fees.

Assembly Member Hevesi stated that he would be traveling to Buffalo as Chairman of the Investigations Committee following the death of two children: last month a 5-year old was beaten to death and last year a 10-year old was beaten to death by his stepfather. Both of these children were supposed to be under the protection of Child Protection Services. He intends to determine whether or not these incidents are isolated out of

concern for the five boroughs, which have now instilled differential treatment programs that keeps Child Protective Services from having to investigate such cases.

Assembly Member answered Board Members' questions.

Vishnu Mahadeo, State Senator Sanders objected to students of Richmond Hill High School having classes in trailers.

David Renz, Assembly Member Miller made an announcement regarding a Healthcare Seminar on 11/20/2013 at the Richmond Hill Block Association and the Food Drive for Thanksgiving.

Harpreet Toor, Assembly Member Weprin stated that they are still looking for an office space in Richmond Hill.

Senator Addabbo thanked those who participated in his and AM Miller's recycling event last month. A total of 7.8 tons of electronics and 3.9 tons of paper were recycled. They are planning on having another event in spring of 2014. Senator Addabbo answered Board Members' questions.

Chairman Coccovillo moved agenda item number 6 to number 5.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. FY 2015 Capital & Expense Budget

No speakers

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application- New

88-18 Tropical Restaurant Corp.

88-18 Jamaica Ave

Woodhaven, NY 11421

No speakers

New Talent Zone Corp

119-30 Metropolitan Ave

Kew Gardens NY 11415

No speakers

Krystal Hall

D/b/a Fusion NYC

124-12/14 101 Ave

Richmond Hill, NY 11419

No speakers

b. On Premise Liquor License Application- Renewal

Happy Days Lounge
118-16 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

Jim N Rich LLC.
D/b/a Obsession Bar
107-14 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

c. On Premise Beer- Renewal

VNK Coffee Shop Inc.
D/b/a Marino's Corner
90-17 130th St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

City 99 Discount store
117-20 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill NY 11418
No speakers

d. On Premise Wine & Beer Application- Renewal

JDM Quick Stop, Inc.
130-01 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill NY 11418
No speakers

e. On Premise Liquor License Application- New/Reconsideration

Golden Palace Catering Hall
123-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Joan DeCamp made a motion to adopt minutes as presented. Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as presented

Vote # 1: Unanimous

2. Monthly Update Report- 102 Pct.– PO Severino distributed NYPD Community Affairs Contact Forms for constituents who want to get information from the precinct regarding crime prevention tips, events and programs in the community.

District Manager Mary Ann Carey complemented 102nd precinct on conducting a car stop in the vicinity of 88 St & 95 Ave where Gang Division arrested four individuals known to be gang members with a loaded firearm. She thanked men and women of the NYPD for making the community safer.

Question and answer period followed.

3. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report- James Coccovillo

- The Chairperson announced that after 25 years, The Forest Park Carousel was Landmarked and a ceremony was held. He thanked Maria Thomson for all her hard work and dedication as well as previous Chairs of the board and other organizations.
- He stated that he is looking forward to working with a new Mayor and Queens Borough President.

4. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

► FY 2015 Capital & Expense Budget

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

District Manager Mary Ann Carey asked if the Board Members for any changes in the priorities.

Alexander Blenkinsopp made a motion to remove item #9 from FY 2015 Capital Budget. Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

Motion # 2: *To remove item #9 from FY 2015 Capital Budget & move everything else up.*

Vote # 2: *30 in favor, 13 opposed*

Maria Thomson made a motion to upgrade restrooms at the Forest Park Carousel and make it priority # 9 in the Capital Budget.

Motion # 3: *To add upgrading of unisex, handicapped accessible bathroom at the Forest Park Carousel to FY 2015 Capital Budget.*

Vote # 3: *Unanimous*

Maharani Sing asked to add 101st Ave to item # 5 in the Capital Budget.

Maria Thomson asked to add *Improve & Upgrade Lighting to LED* to item # 5 in the Capital Budget.

Motion # 4: *To add 101st Ave and Improve & Upgrade Lighting to LED to item # 5 in the Capital Budget.*

Vote # 4: *Unanimous*

Discussion followed. Maria Thomson made a motion to move item # 6 to item # 1 on the FY 2015 Expense Budget. Sylvia Hack seconded the motion.

Motion # 5: *To move item # 6 to item # 1 on the FY 2015 Expense Budget*

Vote # 5: *35 in favor, 8 opposed*

Motion # 6: *To approve CB 9 FY 2015 Capital & Expense Budget*

Vote # 6: *42 in favor, 1 opposed*

Council Member Erick Ulrich addressed the board. He spoke about last elections; Ozone Park rezoning going to the next level; participatory budgeting, etc.

5. Executive Session waved

6. "Consideration of Removal of Sam Esposito from membership on Community Board No. 9 for Cause"

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 7: *To call the question and end debate*

Vote # 7: *31 in favor, 13 opposed*

Motion was made by Jim Coccovillo to remove Board Member Sam Esposito.

Motion # 8: *To remove Board Member Sam Esposito.*

Vote # 8: *10 in favor, 34 opposed*

Wally Bock stated: "I cannot continue to serve on a board that condones the behavior of Sam Esposito. I resign."

7. Transportation Committee Report- Andrea Crawford - stated that the Transportation Committee will discuss the request for street conversions (Beverly Rd, btwn Park Lane South & Brevoort St and Grenfell St., btwn Onslow Pl & 83rd Ave) from two-way to a one way street at the next CB 9 Transportation Committee meeting.

8. Land Use Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane - Sylvia Hack stated that Ozone Park rezoning is the second largest rezoning in the City of New York and is calendared for a vote before the new administration becomes effective.

Republican Club-attended Landmark Preservation Commission and talked about requests that were made by new owners. 1) Request to fence the front area was turned down. 2) While the board had

approved more of an authentic restoration of the Republican Club, they had not talked about or reached a vote on whether or not this board would approve a cabaret license and it is being stalled. ULURP requires a special permit from the City Planning Commission.

9. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins- Update

- ▶ Resolution Opposing D.O.E. Re-Siting of One Grade Level of Richmond Hill High School (annex) to Main Building Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year. **VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

Mr. Welins introduced a resolution opposing the re-siting of the Richmond Hill High School annex to the main building. The resolution was adopted by the education committee.

Discussion followed.

Motion # 9: *To support CB 9 Education Committee Resolution opposing the re-siting of the RHHS annex to main building*

Vote # 9: *43 in favor, 1 abstained*

10. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Dr. Sofer reported for Evelyn Baron. He reported on the progress report from ACS Commissioner R. Richter about the Close to Home Initiative program. According to the letter the Commissioner talked about positive aspects of the program: kids are in school, working towards their GED, some of them have graduated and gone into main stream schooling. He also recognized and addressed some difficulties that the program has experienced, namely people going AWOL. ACS worked intensively with provider agencies, as well as city and state partners to address the issue. Since the efforts were enhanced this spring, the number of young people leaving placement without permission declined from 27% in May to 18% in July. Planning for Close to Home Phase II, Limited-Secure Placement is underway.

There are 11 locations in Queens: 9 for men and 2 for women, one in CB #9 at 101-30 92 St.

Dr. Sofer made an announcement about FIST Awareness event on Tuesday, 11/19/13 at Antun's in Queens Village.

11. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report- J. R. Smith & J. DeCamp – J. R. Smith represented the board at the Liberty Plaza Ribbon Cutting ceremony and presented the board with the memento that he was given.

12. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- Jim Coccovillo & R. Daniel Pollack

- ▶ **On Premise Liquor License Application- New**

88-18 Tropical Restaurant Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 10: *To send letter of opposition for 88-18 Tropical Restaurant Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave*

Vote # 10: *42 in favor, 2 opposed*

New Talent Zone Corp
119-30 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens NY 11415

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 11: *To send a letter of no opposition for New Talent Zone, Corp.
119-30 Metropolitan Ave*

Vote # 11: *Unanimous*

Krystal Hall
D/b/a Fusion NYC
124-12/14 101 Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 12: *To send a letter of opposition for Krystal Hall, d/b/a Fusion NYC
124-12/14 101st Ave*

Vote # 12: *Unanimous*

► **On Premise Liquor License Application- New/Reconsideration**

Golden Palace Catering Hall
123-08 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 13: *To send a letter of no opposition for Golden Palace Catering Hall
123-08 Jamaica Ave*

Vote # 13: *Unanimous*

► **On Premise Beer- Renewal**

City 99 Discount Store
117-20 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 14: *To send a letter of opposition for City 99 Discount Store
117-20 Jamaica Ave*

Vote # 14: *Unanimous*

► **On Premise Wine & Beer Application- Renewal**

JDM Quick Stop Inc.
130-01 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 15: *To send a letter of opposition for JDM Quick Stop, Inc.
130-01 Hillside Ave*

Vote # 15: *Unanimous*

Rabbi Pollack stated that the next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7pm at the district office.

13. Old Business

No speakers

14. New Business

John Carter made a recommendation that the Executive Committee or the full board consider having an executive session to address board processes.

15. Public Forum

No speakers

Alexander Blenkinsopp made a motion to adjourn, Stephen Esposito seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 11 pm