

**MARCH 11, 2014 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR
MEETING MAJESTIC MARQUISE 88-03 101 AVE**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2013-MARCH 2014

David Adorno	(4)	Sam Esposito	(2)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)	Stephen Esposito	(1)	Raj Rampershad	(2)
Julio Batista	(1)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(1)	Linda Fogal	(2)	Jagir Singh	(5)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0)	Ralph Gonzalez	(0)	Maharani Singh	(2)
Latchman Budhai	(2)	Sylvia Hack	(1)	Ragbir Singh	(1)
John Carter	(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(2)	J. Richard Smith	(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)	Scott Jordan	(1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1)
Nick Comaianni	(2)	Sherman Kane	(2)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Andrea Crawford	(2)	Patrick Khan	(0)	Marie Turley	(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)	Joel Kuszai	(1)	Seth Welins	(0)
Richard David	(2)	Priscilla Levine	(1)	Clark Whitsett	(1)
Joan DeCamp	(1)	Marian Molina	(4)	Kenichi Wilson	(1)
Anton Dietrich	(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)		
H. Singh Duggal	(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mohamed Safie	(4)	Naidoo Veerapen	(4)	Joseph Todisco	(4)*
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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

Dev Awasthi, NYC Comptroller Stringer
David Renz, Assembly Member Miller
Carl Moore, Senator Addabbo
Chris Kaznowski, Assembly Member Hevesi
Vishnu Mahadeo, Senator Sanders
Scott Wolf, Assembly Member Simanowitz

Barry Grodenchik, QBP Katz
Kate Mooney, Council Member Crowley
PO Brendan Noonan, 102 Pct.
PO Jose Severino, 102 Pct.
Harpreet Toor, Assembly Member Weprin
Jahi Rose, Council Member Wills

GUESTS

Sign-in sheets are available upon request.

PUBLIC FORUM

Joseph Reuter, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about a problem with crosswalks not being even with property lines.

Edward Wendell, Woodhaven Resident, spoke about the partially collapsed building at 78-19 Jamaica Ave and asked the Community Board to have Buildings Dept. take the action.

Helen Krisilos, Woodhaven Resident, spoke about free tax services that are offered by H&R Block branch located at 72-08 Austin St.

Sasha Austrie-Resort World Casino talked about upcoming events and invited all to attend.

Mike Estep-Circle Education Academy Charter School-stated that an application will be submitted to the NYS Board of Regents to open a new K-8 public charter school in Woodhaven. Mr. Estep distributed information to the board members.

Kelly Sexton, WRHVAC-expressed her concerns about the condition of the Woodhaven/Richmond Hill Volunteer Headquarters, located at 78-15 Jamaica Ave and urged the board to have DOB take action.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received*

a. On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Dhyana Hibachi Lounge Inc.
117-15 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No Speakers

La Cabana de San Cecilio, Inc.
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

b. On Premise Liquor License-Renewal

Tequila Bar, LLC
D/b/a Eres Libre Restaurant
105-13 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

c. Off Premise Beer License Application- Renewal

John's Luncheonette Deli & Grocery, Inc.
95-14 Jamaica Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No Speakers

Jophsua 19 Grocery Restaurant Corp.
134-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No Speakers

Chairperson Coccovillo introduced legislative representatives and asked for updates.

Dev Awasthi, NYC Comptroller Stringer, stated that he is a new liaison for CB 9 and a citywide liaison for the South Asian Community. Mr. Awasthi reported on two upcoming events sponsored by Comptroller Stringer: Women's History Month on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 and Free Tax Preparation Day on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

Barry Grodenchik, Dir. of Community Boards, QBP Katz, spoke about topics that were discussed at the last QBP Borough Cabinet meeting.

David Renz, representing Assembly Member Miller, reported on two upcoming events: Recycling Day, co-sponsored by Senator Addabbo, taking place on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at the Bandshell parking lot in Forest Park and a Free Mammogram event on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Assembly Member Miller's office. He also stated that the Assemblyman is working on a Bill that will prevent cars with out of state license plates to park on public streets between the hours of 2-5am to help in conducting an insurance fraud.

Kate Mooney, representing Assembly Member Crowley reported on following:

1. Organizations are encouraged to submit discretionary funding requests. Final date for submission is March 21, 2014.
2. Reminded homeowners that star exemption can still be filed- last day is Sat. March 15.

3. Announced that CM Crowley is co-chair of the Women's Caucus in the NYC Council. The Councilwoman is looking forward to bringing to the fore issues that affect women.
4. Distributed three event flyers:
 - a. The Co-naming of Pope John Paul II Way with the Polish Jewish Dialogue Committee on April 6.
 - b. Farm to Faith: A Cornell University Extension Program to explain MARKETMAKER- the on-line NYS Farmers website for great discounts on local produce for all non-profits who serve meals.
 - c. Tree Giveaway with NY Restoration Project on March 22.

Regarding the situation at the Woodhaven Richmond Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corps: CM and Staff understand the serious nature of the situation. CM has worked as hard as possible to put pressure on the owner through the City Agencies. CM thanks all the elected officials and CB9 and the Woodhaven community for its work to support the WRHVAC. The Councilwoman's office has also been working to assist the non-profit organizations with financial and tax assistance.

Chris Kaznowski, representing Assembly Member Hevesi, stated that:

- Assembly Members Hevesi and Lupardo submitted a budget request to the Assembly Speaker calling for the restoration of funding for Child Welfare Services in the 2014 State Budget.
- AM Hevesi introduced a bill A.7187, which passed unanimously in the State Assembly. The legislation eliminates antiquated and unnecessary reporting requirements for the Board of Railroad Commissioners and now defunct Commission on Local Government Ethics.

Vishnu Mahadeo, representing State Senator Sanders, stated that the Senator is sponsoring a Free Giveaway event in Smokey Park on April 5, 2014. Mr. Mahadeo spoke about the annex issues in RH High School.

Harpreet Sing Toor, representing Assembly Member Weprin, thanked the Board Members for the work they do.

Scott Wolf, representing Assembly Member Simanowitz, reported on \$4.5M that Assembly Member advocated to be put back for safety equipment for non-public schools.

Carl Moore, representing State Senator Addabbo, reported on following:

- A Town Hall meeting on the Core Curriculum will take place on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at PS 232 in Lindenwood.
- Free prostate screening will take place on March 29, 2014 at the Howard Beach office.
- The Metro Card Van will be in Ridgewood for seniors to get half price cards on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Call the office for locations.
- No Cost Mammogram Screening will take place May 1, 2014 at the Middle Village office from 9 am to 5 pm.

Jahi Rose, representing Council Member Wills stated that the Council Member is offering free legal assistance every Monday 10 am to 6 pm at the district office.

List of vital programs for individuals who need help with their tax preparation is available at the office.

Mr. Rose distributed a flyer with frequently asked question about potholes.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Chairman Coccovillo announced a change in the agenda stating that the District Manager will be giving her report first.

1. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Stephen Esposito and Scott Jordan motioned to accept minutes as presented.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as presented.

Vote # 1: Unanimous

2. Elections of Officers

Jim Coccovillo nominated Ralph Gonzalez for Chairperson.

Vote: unanimous

Ralph Gonzalez is elected Chairperson

Jim Coccovillo received nominations for 1st Vice Chair.

Nominees: Joe Iaboni, Raj Rampershad, Rabbi Pollack and David Adorno.

Joe Iaboni, Rabbi Pollack and David Adorno declined.

Nominee: Raj Rampershad

Vote: unanimous

Raj Rampershad is elected 1st Vice Chair.

Jim Coccovillo received nominations for 2nd Vice Chair.

Nominees: Joe Iaboni, J. Richard Smith and Marie Turley.

Vote: 11 for Marie Turley, 25 for J. Richard Smith and 8 for Joe Iaboni.

J. Richard Smith is elected 2nd Vice Chair.

Jim Coccovillo received nominations for Executive Secretary.

Nominees: Marie Turley, Marian Molina and Ivan Mrakovcic.

Vote: 16 for Marie Turley, 12 for Marian Molina and 16 for Ivan Mrakovcic.

2nd Vote: 24 for Marie Turley, 18 for Ivan Mrakovcic, 2 void

Marie Turley is elected Executive Secretary.

3. Monthly Update Report- 102 Pct. – PO Noonan, PO Severino

PO Severino reported on the NYPD's No Double Parking initiative. He stated that it obstructs the view of other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists; double parked vehicles impede traffic flow and

increase the chance of a collision.

PO Severino stated that 2014 Youth Summits will be held throughout NYC to inform the public about potential dangers and consequences of Social Media. PO Severino and Noonan distributed flyers on Pedestrian Safety.

Question and answer period followed.

4. Guest Speaker-Mark Kleiman-Executive Director of Community Mediation Services

Mr. Kleiman explained the process of mediation stating that it helps people talk and listen to each other, think about new ways to understand the situation and help build the bonds of trust lost in the dynamics of conflict. He gave examples of issues that can be brought to mediation, i.e. workplace disputes, noise issues with neighbors; family disputes including custody arrangements, parent-child conflict, etc. The success rate is over 70%. Basic Mediation Training is offered to become a mediator. The fee is \$850.00.

Question and answer period followed.

5. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

DM Carey reported on following:

- At the Borough Cabinet meeting this morning BP Katz had a presentation by the Dept. of Health "Take Care New York" by Knewl Napier. She stated that life expectancy in the US and NYC has risen to an all-time high. Children born in NYC today can expect to live to the ripe old age of 81 and those born in other areas of the US-to the age of 78.7. "Take Care NY 2016" identifies 10 priorities for a longer life: tobacco free living, healthy eating, active living, heart health, healthy indoor and outdoor air, and quality preventive care.

District Manager Mary Ann Carey, on behalf of the office staff, thanked those who served and wished good luck to the new officers.

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

- Chairperson Coccovillo stated he is honored and privileged to have held his position for a year.
- Chair Coccovillo stated he received a letter of resignation from Anton Dietrich, but the Chair and the Board did not except his resignation. The Chair stated anytime Anton attends the meeting, he is considered a member of the board no matter what the BP's decision is.
- Chairperson Coccovillo will present the report from the last Borough Board meeting at the next community board meeting.
- Chairperson Coccovillo congratulated the newly elected officers.

7. Land Use Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane

Sherman Kane stated that at the last Land Use Committee meeting, the committee voted unanimously to oppose the legalization of basement apartments. Due to the opposition surrounding

this issue the committee is requesting the city conduct a feasibility study. A letter summarizing the committee's decision should be available for the next board meeting. The committee will meet with The BASE-organization that supports legalization of basement apartments.

Sylvia Hack stated that the committee will discuss the BSA item regarding a fitness facility in Richmond Hill. Mrs. Hack reported on the collapsed building located at 78-19 Jamaica Ave. Discussion followed.

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins

Applications are now being accepted for the Summer Youth Employment Program. This program is geared for 14-24 year olds. The six week program runs between July and August. The next Education Committee meeting will take place on March 19th at 7:00 pm. We will be receiving additional information about charter schools.

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report-Ralph Gonzalez

Mr. Gonzalez stated that his report was emailed to all board members.

10. Transportation Committee Report-Andrea Crawford

The next Transportation Committee meeting is on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 6:30pm. MTA/Bus plans regarding the bus stop on Kew Gardens Rd will be discussed with Joe Raskin and other MTA/Bus Co representatives.

Ms. Crawford stated that all Queens's buses are GPS and on MTA bus time. There are various apps available that give you an exact time of bus arrival.

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

Mr. Smith congratulated the Sanitation Dept. on doing a good job on snow removal.

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

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

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VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 2: To send a letter of opposition for an on premise liquor license application for Dhyana Hibachi Lounge Inc., 117-15 101 Ave

Vote # 2: Unanimous

La Cabana de San Cecilio, Inc.
102-24 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 3: To send a letter of no objection for an on premise liquor license application for La Cabana de San Cecilio, Inc., 102-24 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: 18 in favor, 24 opposed, and 2 not present

The motion did not carry.

► **On Premise Liquor License-Renewal**

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Rabbi Pollack stated that there will be no vote taken for the three establishments listed above because all paper work is in order.

Next meeting is on Monday March 17, 2014 at 7 pm at the district office.

13. Old Business *No speakers*

14. New Business

Andrea Crawford invited all to the Annual concert on March 29, 2014 at the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Sam Esposito thanked Sandra Datnarain for hosting tonight's meeting.

Ralph Gonzalez congratulated the newly elected officers.

David Adorno hoped that Community Board 9 will be in the papers for positive things.

15. Public Forum No speakers.

J. Richard Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sam Esposito seconded it.

The meeting ended at 11:05 pm