

**MAY 13, 2014 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND  
REGULAR MEETING CENTER AT THE MAPLE GROVE  
CEMETERY 127-15 KEW GARDENS RD**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2014-MARCH 2015**

**2<sup>ND</sup> # Represents Absences As Of January 2014 (Borough President's Attendance)**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mohamed Safie	(1) (2)	Raghibir Singh	(1) (2)	Maria Thomson	(1) (1)
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**ALSO PRESENT**

Mary Ann Carey, District Manager  
Lisa Gomes, Office Manager

\*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.

## Legislators & Legislative Representatives

State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo  
Council Member Eric Ulrich  
Harpreet S. Toor, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin  
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz  
Scott Wolf, Rep. Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz  
Chris Kaznowski, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi  
Jahi Rose, Rep. Council Member Rubin Wills  
David Renz, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller  
Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Elizabeth Crowley  
Don Capalbi, Rep. Congress Member Grace Meng  
Dev Awasthi, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer  
Vishnu Mahadeo, Rep Senator Sanders

P.O. Brendan Noonan, 102 Pct.  
P.O. Jose Severino, 102 Pct.

Guests' sign-in sheets are available upon request.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **1. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes**

Corrections submitted by Maria Thomson:

Page 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Rampershad introduced Legislators and their representatives.  
Under Kate Mooney's report should read: Kate Mooney congratulated newly appointed cabinet and new board members. Ms. Money presented Maria Thomson with an award from the Woman of the NYC Council Caucus Members for Woman History Month.

Page 6, after Vote # 4, should read-The Chair was asked to secure a clarification of abstentions according to parliamentary procedure.

Page 7, Kate Mooney was asked by the Chair of the Parks Committee to give an update on the Tennis Courts in Forest Park. The council women's office has received calls regarding the condition of the tennis courts and it is not a high priority for the Parks Department or the CB9 Parks Committee.

**Motion # 1:** To accept minutes as amended

**Vote # 1:** 43 in favor, 2 abstentions

### **2. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report-Ralph Gonzalez**

Chair Gonzalez suggested that the committee chairs send their committee reports to him so he can forward it all board members to keep them informed.

Mr. Gonzalez reported on attending Borough President Katz meeting for Board Members stating that she addressed various issues, such as: conflict of interest, board members absences, etc.

BP Katz clarified the absence process: if a board member misses five meetings in two years-it is a reason for removal.

Chair Gonzalez stated that Borough President Katz will be attending our June board meeting.

3. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey reported on the following:

- Attended NYC DOT's Annual Mobility Management Conference on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.
- Pedestrian Plaza Program controversy-CB 9 is working with DOT to settle the dispute.
- Safety City Program that was in Forest Park for seven years was removed. It served all of Queens and the Youth in our community. They are reviewing the program and considering a new location in Queens, but not in CB9.

4. Public Forum

**Murray Berger, KGCA** spoke about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civic Association.

**Council Member Eric Ulrich** congratulated the new officers and spoke about several issues, including Woodhaven Corridor and a Green Market for Forest Park.

**Alissa Gonzalez** spoke about the World's Fair Anniversary Festival in Flushing Meadow Corona Park and other upcoming events.

**Carl Moore** from Senator Addabbo office announced Senior/50+ Job Fair, sponsored by Senator Addabbo, taking place on Friday, May 30, 2014 at the Queens Community House.

**Kate Mooney** from Council Member Crowley's office talked about Fire House response and stated that they are adding more females to the FD.

**Bruce Eiber** from Council Member Koslowitz office announced various programs.

**Chris Kaznowski** from Assembly Member Hevesi office announced the Assembly Member hosting a Free E-Recycling event in Forest Hills Jewish Center on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

**Sasha Austrie**, Resorts World Casino talked about the upcoming events at the casino.

**Kenny Ren** from the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs spoke about what employers need to know about the paid sick leave law.

**Ehsan Tommooy** from Public Advocate Office stated that Public Advocated Letitia James has used her first four month in office advocating for justice for workers, support for public school children, and fair treatment for families in every community.

**Scott Wolf** from Assembly Member Simanowitz's office stated that Community Health &

Services Fair will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 67-35 Parsons Blvd.  
Assembly Member Simanowitz was able to get \$100,000 in capital money for a ticket machine and bus shelter at the Kew Gardens LIRR Station.

**David Renz** from Assembly Member Miller's office reported on following:

- A9565 Bill that establishes the Diwali school holiday in certain qualifying school districts to commemorate the Hindu festival of lights.
- A9473 Bill that relates to implementing dedicated crossing times at all major thoroughfares in the City of New York.

**Harpreet S. Toor** from Assembly Member Weprin's office announce a Grand Opening of their 2<sup>nd</sup> office on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at 111-12 Atlantic Ave.

**Vishnu Mahadeo** from Senator Sander's office spoke about Vision Zero workshops.

**Jahi Rose** from Council Member Will's office announced events sponsored by the Council Member.

**Don Capalbi** from Congress Member Meng's office announced an event honoring veterans and spoke about legislation that will introduce religious sanitary desecration.  
Congress Member Meng office will be accepting names of children for recognition on STEM contest until the end of this month.

## 5. Public Hearing

### *Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received*

#### a. On Premise Wine & Beer License-New

AK Family Deli & Grocery Inc.  
97-19 101 Avenue  
Ozone Park, NY, 11416  
*No speakers*

#### b. On Premise Liquor License-Renewal

El Nuevo Triangulo Rest., Inc.  
75-11A Rockaway Blvd.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421  
*No speakers*

Bicheiros Café, Inc.  
105-05 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418  
*No speakers*

El Puerto Mexicano, Inc.  
84-28 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421  
*No speakers*

6. Monthly Update Report-102 Pct.

PO Noonan reported on Green Dot scam incidents continuing to occur in the community, especially to elderly. He encouraged board members to tell people in the immigrant community that no one can ask them for money from utility company or IRS and force them to pay with the Green Dot card.

PO Noonan talked about pedestrian safety. There were three pedestrian struck: two on Atlantic Ave and one on Rockaway Blvd. Most of the incidents happen to drivers who are on the phone or sending/receiving texts while driving.

Question and answer period followed.

7. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- Joe Iaboni & Jim Coccovillo

**On Premise Wine & Beer License-New**

AK Family Deli & Grocery Inc.  
97-19 101 Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

**Motion # 2:** To oppose on premise wine & beer license for AK Family & Grocery Inc.,  
97-19 101 Ave

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

8. Guest Speaker Commissioner Resemonde Pierre-Louis & Mr. Edward T. Hill-Executive Director- Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

Commissioner Resemonde Pierre-Louis stated that Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV) oversees citywide domestic violence services, develops policies and programs, and works with diverse communities to increase awareness of domestic violence. OCDV partners with city agencies, community based and advocacy organizations, local leaders, and service providers to deliver and expand access to services for victims and their children to receive the help that they need. OCDV's programs include:

- NYC Family Justice Centers
- NYC Healthy Relationship Training Academy
- Fatality Review Committee

According to 2013 data, NYPD responded to 280,000 domestic violence incidents in NYC which averages to 770 calls per day; 102 Pct. responded to 4,500 domestic incidents=about 12 per day. In terms of felony assault, 41% for this district was domestic violence related and in terms of rapes-33%.

Question and answer period followed.

**9. Budget & Finance Committee Report-E. David Adorno, Chair**

The Budget and Finance Committee met prior to the general board meeting and discussed the amount of funding still remaining in the budget for the community board, which was determined to be approximately \$8500. This funding must be spent by June 30th, 2014, which is the end of Fiscal Year 2014 and as required by the city.

Ideas for how the funding could be spent were discussed and included:

- New voice recording equipment
- New camera equipment for webcasting meetings
- Transcription software for transcribing the meeting
- Purchasing of plaques for the community recognition awards
- Funding for the creation of a new and separate website for the board
- A new public announcement system for use during meetings and events

The committee also discussed a review of the Mayors Executive budget, and ultimately, the adopted budget for the City of New York during the coming months. Since the city budget won't be adopted until at the earliest June 30th, the Finance committee will be meeting in July to discuss the details of the adopted budget and how it will affect Community Board 9. The focus of the review will be to see if any reduction to the board's budget is in the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Thus far, the executive budget calls for no cuts to any community board's budget city-wide. Prior to leaving office, Mayor Bloomberg base-lined the budget for the community boards across the city, thereby taking their funding off the negotiating table and ensuring continued funding at the same levels as prior years or higher in years to come.

The committee will make recommendations to the Executive Committee on where it believes funding should be spent, how much, and what portion will remain, if any. Also reported was a review of Councilmember Eric Ulrich's participatory budget results and the development of recommendations based on what was not funded after the results were tallied. Many projects are still feasible but did not receive enough votes to be included in the project list.

**10. Transportation Committee Report-Kenichi Wilson, Chair reported on the following:**

- Attended Woodhaven Blvd Rapid Bus Service Community Planning Workshop at JHS 210
- Woodhaven Blvd/Atlantic Ave overpass graffiti complaint and procedures of removing it
- Circle Academy Charter School buses loading and unloading issue
- Vision Zero upcoming public workshops

- Q10 articulated buses issues and meeting with Joe Raskin from MTA
- Change in speed limits and newly imposed slow zones

**11. Land Use Committee Report-Clark Whitsett, Chair**

Mr. Whitsett stated that the next Land Use Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2014 at 8 pm.

Jamaica Hospital has applied for a zoning map amendment to construct a senior housing facility at 89-05 134<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposed rezoning would facilitate the development of a new six story non-profit residence for the elderly to be designed under the bulk regulations of the R6 district. They already have the federal funding for this project. This area was left out of the two recent re-zonings: 2005 Richmond Hill/Kew Gardens re-zoning and 2012 South Richmond Hill/Ozone Park re-zoning.

Sherman Kane spoke about Mayor de Blasio affordable housing program and his concerns about illegal conversions.

Mr. Kane stated that the President of the Queens Civic Congress was to attend the May 27 Land Use meeting and speak on the issue of the proposed legalization of unauthorized dwellings.

**12. Education & Youth Services Committee-Priscilla Levine, Chair**

Mr. Seth Welins stated that Education & Youth Service committee will meet every first Thursday of the month at the district office. Next meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 where the proposed Circle Academy Charter School and its outreach efforts will be discussed.

**13. Health & Social Services Committee-Joan DeCamp, Chair-No report**

**14. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee-Nick Comaianni, Chair gave kudos to the Woodhaven Residents' Block Association for organizing a clean-up of Forest Park's Mary Whalen Playground. With the help of fifty volunteers about 106 garbage bags of leaves and other debris were collected.**

Mr. Comaianni announced Chancellor Farina coming to PS 239 in Ridgewood on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

**15. Economic Development Committee-Richard David, Chair-No report**

**16. Old Business**

Richard David spoke about Mayor's Proposal on increasing affordable housing and legalizing basement apartments.

Andrea Crawford suggested on following up on 421 exemptions filed by builders under old

administration.

Sam Esposito brought up an issue of BP Katz not reappointing Joe Todisco. Chair Gonzalez stated that the Board cannot get involved unless Mr. Todisco starts the process himself.

**17. New Business**

Stephen Esposito the GWDC annual dinner dance will take place on Friday, June 6, 2104 from 7:30 to 11 pm at the Woodhaven Manor Caterers.

Alexander Blenkinsopp thanked all who participated in Playground cleaning and stated that the next WRBA Town hall meeting will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 1pm at the American Legion Hall.

Chair Gonzalez thanked Alex Blenkinsopp for his help in taking care of all the correspondence and working on CB9 newsletter.

Latchman Budhai stated that the next 102 Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7 pm at the Richmond Hill branch library.

Joe Iaboni-Public Safety committee meeting will take place on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7 pm

**18. Public Forum-no speakers**

The meeting ended at 10:30 pm