

**JUNE 9, 2015 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR
MEETING MAJESTIC MARQUISE 88-03 101 AVE**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2015-MARCH 2016

2nd # Represents Absences As of January 2015 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia (1)(2)	Laraine Fletcher (1)(1)	Jagir Singh (0)(1)
Julio Batista (1)(2)	Linda Fogal (1)(1)	Jarnail Singh (0)(1)
D. Bhattacharjee (0)(0)	Sylvia Hack (0)(1)	Maharani Singh (0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan (0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni (0)(0)	Matthew Singh (0)(0)
Alex Blenkinsopp (2)(3)	Mohamad Z. Islam (1)(1)	Raghibir Singh (0)(2)
Latchman Budhai (1)(3)	Patrick Khan (1)(1)	J. Richard Smith (1)(1)
John Carter (1)(3)	Joel Kuszai (0)(0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer(1)(1)
Jim Coccovillo (0)(0)	Priscilla Levine (0)(3)	Maria Thomson (0)(1)
Nick Comaianni (1)(1)	Marian C. Molina (0)(1)	Marie Turley (0)(0)
Andrea Crawford (0)(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic (0)(1)	Seth Welins (0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain (0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary (0)(1)	Naidoo Veerapen(0)(1)
Richard David (0)(0)	Rabbi D. Pollack (0)(0)	Clark Whitsett (0)(1)
Joan DeCamp (1)(1)	Raj Rampershad (0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson (0)(0)
Stephen Esposito (0)(0)	Mohamed Safie (1)(4)	
Jan Fenster (0)(0)	Regina Santoro (0)(1)	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ralph Gonzalez (3)(3)	Sherman Kane (1)(1)	Scott Jordan (2)(3)
Harichandan Singh (3)(3)		

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Gomes, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

*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

Lauren Capotti, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
Aaron Siegel, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Devin Wellspeale, Rep. Congress Member Grace Meng
Scott Wolf, Rep. Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joseph P. Addabbo
Jahi Rose, Rep. Council Member Rubin Wills
Vishnu Mahadeo, Rep. Senator Saunders
Mohamed Hack, Rep. Borough President Melinda Katz
David Renz, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Elizabeth Crowley, Council Member
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
P.O. J. Severino, 102nd Pct.

Guests' sign-in sheets are available upon request.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Yayo Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a EL Viejo Yayo
97-12 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

Temptations Beer Garden
125-09 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

Tauros Bar and Restaurant Corp.
108-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

EL Rancho Restaurant Corp.
105-13 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

b. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal

101-12 Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Villa Russo
118-16 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419
No speakers

c. On Premise Wine & Beer –Renewal

Clark’s Coffee Company LLC
D/b/a Odradeks Coffee House
82-60 Austin Street
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
No speakers

CW Group, Inc.
D/b/a Crazy Willey’s
117-10 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Keri Allen, Empowering U2 SucSeed, stated that her organization’s mission is to empower women to become employable through technology training and to build confidence and skills while discovering their purpose.

Council Member Elizabeth Crowley spoke about the following:

- The current budget
- Mayor’s new initiatives and programs
- Hiring more police officers
- Renovation of Mary Whalen Playground
- Domestic Violence Forum
- Thanked the board members for their service

Hira Naveed, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, spoke about ID NYC municipal identification program. She stated that all New York City residents 14 years and older are eligible for the ID, regardless of immigration status. IDNYC cardholders can receive one-year free membership at more than 30 cultural institutions, discounts at movie theatres and more. Visit IDNYC website or call 311 for an appointment. A pop-up enrollment center can be requested through the community board or an elected official's office.

Jess Nizar, Ryders' Alliance, spoke in favor of Selected Bus Service initiatives on Woodhaven & Crossbay Boulevards.

Lauren Capozzi, representing Assembly Member Hevesi, stated that the New York State Assembly voted 144-0 to pass A.5056, also known as the Enterprise Fraud bill. This bill was written by AM Hevesi in cooperation with the Office of the State Comptroller and once enacted, will save NYS taxpayers millions of dollars by utilizing real time data analytic tools to target waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer money.

Aaron Siegel, representing Assembly Member Weprin, announced that a Fire Safety & Prevention Class will take place on Monday, June 29, 2015, 7-9 p.m. at Martin Van Buren High School; DEP Rain Barrel Giveaway will take place on July 12, 2015 at Cunningham Park.

Joel Bhuiyan, Queens Community Coordinator Smoke Free Housing, stated that a goal of their organization is to protect the health of residents by increasing the availability of smoke-free multi-unit housing.

Phil Konigsberg, CB 7Q, stated he presented the Smoke-Free Housing Resolution to all fourteen Community Boards and seven of them have already passed it. He encouraged all board members to pass this resolution today.

Joseph Reuter, Richmond Hill Resident, voiced his concern regarding sidewalks that were uprooted by fallen trees during cold season.

Jessica Douglas, Green Market Grow NYC, stated that they operate Green Markets throughout the five boroughs and there are seven in Queens. They are hoping to open the eighth location on Queens Blvd, in front of Queens Borough Hall, 200 feet from the bus stop. The vehicles will be parked curbside and will sell fresh fruit, vegetables and baked goods. Ms. Douglas encouraged all board members to support the Queens Borough Hall Green Market.

Devin Wellspeale, Rep. Congress Member Grace Meng, spoke about the following:

- A Bill was passed by the House of Representatives to annul a widespread telephone scheme targeting and defrauding millions of Americans,

- Congress Member Meng’s legislation to crack down on Hezbollah passed by House Committee.
- Launching the Healthy Nail Salon Network.
- The Social Security office in Rego Park has re-opened. It provides services to about 240 residents per day.

Scott Wolf, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz, stated the Assembly Member is working on Bill A7410 that relates to the designation of comprehensive stroke centers, primary stroke centers and acute stroke ready hospitals. The bill is about continuous improvement of the quality of care for individuals with stroke.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joseph P. Addabbo stated that the Veteran’s Annual BBQ will take place on August 29, 2015 at the Howard Beach office.

Jahi Rose, Rep. Council Member Rubin Wills, stated Council Member’s and NYC Parks Movie Night event will take place on Friday, June 12, 2015 at Smokey Oval Park and the Southern Queens Gospel Fest will take place on June 20, 2015 at the Baisley Pond Park.

Vishnu Mahadeo, Rep. Senator Saunders, announced two events: Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics at the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir, 128-04 Liberty Ave on Saturday, June 13, 2015, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Weekly Senior Luncheon will take place Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. also at the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir.

Mohamed Hack, Rep. Borough President Melinda Katz, stated the NYC ID can be obtained at Queens Borough Hall until June 16, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. QBP Katz announced the “2015 Katz Concert Series” made up of free outdoor concerts this summer in various locations throughout Queens.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, stated the Council Member and her staff will attend the Austin Street Fair on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

David Renz, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, stated that Assemblyman Miller and Senator Addabbo are sponsoring a free Safety and Health Event on Saturday, June 13, 2015, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Ivan Mrakovcic read the corrections to the minutes:

Submitted by Sylvia Hack: Land Use Committee Report-Sylvia Hack stated there will be a meeting with the Department of City Planning regarding the re-zoning document on May 27, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall, room 200 and encouraged all to attend.

Submitted by Sherman Kane: The vote to oppose the Rezoning Scoping Document should be reported along with the other motions of the May 12th meeting indicating that it was email/telephone vote that had to be taken before April 30.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as amended.

Vote # 1: 38 in favor and 5 abstentions

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Officer Edwin Martinez was given the CB9 Recognition Award for his dedicated and loyal service to the local community, the 102 Pct. and the NYPD.

Sandra Datnarain read P.O. Edwin Martinez's biography and presented him with the CB 9 Recognition Award.

Captain Raia stated the next 102nd Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at the Richmond Hill Library.

Question and answer period followed.

5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec Report- Raj Rampershad

- ❖ Chair Rampershad thanked the four board members of CB 9 who were recognized at the BP Katz's Board Members Swearing-In Ceremony:
Joan DeCamp and Maria Thomson- for 30 years of service
Jim Coccovillo- for 20 years of service
Ivan Mrakovcic-for 15 years of service
Raj Rampershad-for 10 years of service
- ❖ Chair Rampershad announced that this is the last CB 9 meeting for Luis Gronda of Queens Tribune and thanked him for his services.
- ❖ Several board members will be assigned to have the CB 9 website redone and have the Facebook page updated with the latest information.
- ❖ DM Gomes and Chair Rampershad had a conference call with the Endzone Company who is doing a clean-up in Ozone Park: the work is still on-going and will be completed in about two months.

6. District Manager's Report- Lisa Gomes

"I was invited by Councilman Wills to help kickoff his Spring Cleaning 2015 Initiative to Clean Liberty Ave & 111 St along with our own Sandra Singh, Betty Bratton, Cb10 Chair, and Adrienne Adams, Board 12 Chair. This is an aggressive Commercial Corridor Cleaning which was administered by Wildcats /Fed Cap. This organization will hire the people who will be cleaning this area. We participated in Power Washing the side walk which was really fun.

I had the distinguished honor to be invited to The Faith Assembly Church in

Richmond Hill on Sat. June 6, 2015 by our own Mohamad Safie to attend the launching of their Family Life Center where children and their families can gather for recreation, homework help, counseling, etc. The mission of the Family Life Center focuses on changing lives, strengthening families and impacting the community.

In your packages you will find Minutes to the District Cabinet meeting I held on May 21, 2015.

I attended QBP Melinda Katz's Memorial Day Celebration. I also attended the CB BD Member Orientation which was very interesting and several of our members were there as well.

I attended the Installation of the 2015 Community Board Members & Service Awards Ceremony.

The Advertisement's for the Community Assistant Full time & Community Service Aide Part time Position have been put in the Queens Chronicle, Ridgewood Times, Times Newsweekly, Queens Courier, Queens Ledger (six papers in Queens & one in Brooklyn). It's on our Website, Facebook page and was also forwarded to all Personnel Directors in the City. We received two resumes today."

DM Gomes gave an overview of the Board's Budget and answered board members' questions.

7. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- James Coccovillo & Maharani Singh- Co-Chairs
On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Yayo Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a EL Viejo Yayo
97-12 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 2: To send a letter of no objection to the SLA for El Viejo Yayo,
97-12 101st Ave

Vote# 2: 40 in favor, 3 opposed

Temptations Beer Garden
125-09 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 3: To send a letter of objection to the SLA for Temptations Beer Garden,
125-09 101st Ave

Vote# 3: 42 in favor, 1 opposed

Maria Thomson asked the committee to note that both of these establishments are located on 101st Ave.

Tauros Bar & Restaurant Corp.
108-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Debate ensued. Joel Kuszai made a motion to close the debate, Sandra Datnarain seconded the motion.

Motion # 4: To close the debate for Tauros Bar & Rest. Corp., 108-02 Jamaica Ave

Vote# 4: 36 in favor, 7 opposed

Motion # 5: To send a letter of no objection to the SLA for Tauros Bar & Restaurant Corp., 108-02 Jamaica Ave

Vote# 5: 29 in favor, 14 opposed

EL Rancho Restaurant Corp.
105-13 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 6: To send a letter of no objection to the SLA for El Rancho Restaurant Corp., 105-13 Jamaica Ave

Vote# 6: 29 in favor, 14 opposed

Seth Welins made a suggestion to reach out to the SLA and ask them to explain how their decisions override the Community Board's decision. Chair Rampershad stated that the oversaturation of liquor establishments also needs to be addressed.

Mr. Coccovillo stated the following:

- Liquor license renewal applications that are about to expire will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- A letter will be drafted to the Mayor regarding additional funds to hire more police officers. It will be sent to the executive committee for review.
- A letter of objection will be sent to the SLA regarding a liquor license renewal for Spice Catering Restaurant, 100-05 Atlantic Ave, due to lack of paperwork.

8. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report- Kenny Wilson- Chair

Mr. Wilson reported on the following:

- Municipal Parking Garage Demolition project is still ongoing, there have been no

complaints reported.

- The NYCDOT School Safety Engineering team requested to present a Safe Route to School Plan for P.S. 54 at the next Transportation & Traffic Committee meeting.
- There were many complaints called into the board office regarding a lack of parking in Kew Gardens due to the gas pipes replacement project.
- Full Gospel Assembly of Queens Church had a Speed Hump Installation Celebration Ceremony. Three speed humps were installed on 114th Street, btwn 89th and Atlantic Avenues.

► *SBS/RBT- Presentation- Sheila Webb-Halpern- MTA NYCT Government & Community Relations:*

Taylor Gouge of the DOT stated: “NYC DOT and the MTA have chosen main road bus lanes for Woodhaven Blvd and offset bus lanes for Cross Bay Boulevard. After a year of data collection, site visits, and speaking with community leaders, residents, and bus riders along Woodhaven and Cross Bay Boulevards, the choice for this draft design will benefit all users.

The new design would create designated bus lanes, left-turn bays at selected locations to allow vehicles to move between the service road and the main road.

The project goal, in addition to improving transit service, is transform Cross Bay and Woodhaven Boulevards into streets where riders can comfortably get on and off the bus.

The plan would eliminate left turns from Woodhaven Blvd. onto Jamaica Ave and 101st Ave in Woodhaven and Ozone Park. Left turns would be allowed at Park Lane South and 103rd Ave.

Several public designs workshops took place at various locations in April. The next workshop will be held on June 24, 2015. Over the summer, DOT and MTA will refine the proposed designs based on community feedback and further technical review, including detailed traffic analysis. In the fall the project will be transferred to the Department of Design and Construction for final design and engineering.”

Ms. Sheila Webb-Halpern of MTA spoke about proposed SBS stations and bus stops in CB 9.

A copy of the presentation is available at nyc.gov/brt.

Question and answer period followed.

9. Land Use Committee Report- Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs

Sylvia Hack stated that on May 27, 2015 the committee met with the Department of City Planning regarding the Scoping Document.

The committee is working on a draft memo which will reflect the concerns of the committee regarding the “Quality and Affordability” Scoping Document.

10. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins, Chair, reported on the following:

- Field Testing-Pearson (the company that NYS has contracted with to develop and score various standardized tests) has conducted field testing of questions that might be used on future standardized tests. The field tests will occur in most of the private and public schools within our community board. The testing will be conducted June 2-11, 2015. These test scores will not be part of a student’s record and will not be used for decisions regarding student’s promotion or placement.
- The Boys and Girls Club of Metro Queens faces possible budget cuts. A letter was introduced opposing these cuts and all board members agreed to send the letter to NYC Council members and other elected officials.
- The Tax Credit Education Bill that was approved in the NYS Senate is now in the NYS Assembly Ways and Means Committee. It is not certain if this bill will leave the committee for consideration by the Assembly members in this legislative session.
- Some members of our community expressed concern about school buses double and triple parking in front of schools at dismissal time. The streets near the schools get blocked posing potential problems for ambulances or fire engines that might need to pass through the area of the schools. The 102 Precinct was informed of this problem and we are hopeful that the schools, bus company and police will find a way to alleviate the congestion.

11. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report- J.R. Smith & Laraine Fletcher, Co-Chairs

Mr. Smith stated that he requested information regarding the tree-pruning schedule for Community Board 9 and the funding availability for the Sidewalks Lifted by Tree Roots program.

Alex Blenkinsopp gave an update on the matter of Sanitation issuing summonses to the Woodhaven Residents Block Association. He stated that the WRBA sent a letter of support to the Speaker of the Assembly regarding Assembly Member

Miller's legislation, which would create a Civilian Review Board for Sanitation summonses.

12. Economic Development Committee Report- Richard David, Chair

Richard David had no report, but asked all board members to treat one another with respect.

13. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Marian C. Molina, Chair

► *Nancy Copperman, Corporate Director, Public Health Initiatives, North Shore LIJ-Queens Smoke-Free Partnership*

Ms. Copperman stated that:

- The only way to fully protect yourself and your loved ones from the dangers of secondhand smoke is through 100% smoke-free environments.
- Secondhand smoke is a known cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Children can trigger more severe and frequent asthma attacks and have highest exposure (41%) to secondary smoke.
- Secondhand smoke increases the risk of heart and respiratory diseases and lung cancer.
- Persons living in rental housing have one of the highest exposures to second hand smoke (37%).
- Individuals living below the poverty level have great exposure to secondhand smoke (43%).
- The exposure to secondhand smoke by non-smokers is inflicted on unwilling individuals in multi-unit dwellings due to involuntary seepage of smoke through hallways, vents air ducts, electrical outlets and walls.

Ms. Cooperman stated that several community boards have already passed the Smoke-Free Resolution and asked the board members to do the same.

Question and answer period followed.

Marian Molina made a motion to adopt the Smoke-Free Multiple Housing Resolution. Ivan Mrakovcic seconded the motion.

Motion # 7: To adopt a Smoke-Free Multiple Housing Resolution

Vote # 7: 39 in favor, 4 opposed

14. Old Business

Regina Santoro asked if the board office received a response from Borough President Katz regarding the re-appointment of former board member Dr. Vincent Evangelista.

Kevin O'Leary reiterated that two months ago he stated that the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is still accepting donations for Liu and Ramos Fund.

Maharani Singh asked if the board office acquired a list of the Juvenile Group Home Facilities.

Ivan Mrakovcic asked if the former Board Chair is still on the board.

Andrea Crawford asked if the keys to the board office were changed.

15. New Business

Maria Thomson thanked Scott Strober for helping community groups and contributing exercise equipment to the Police, Fire Dept. and the Dept. of Sanitation.

Marie Turley suggested guest speakers should do their presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

Stephen Esposito invited all to the GWDC 36th Annual Dinner Dance to enjoy good food and good music.

Joan DeCamp asked if Borough President Katz's office finished modification of By-laws.

Sandra Datnarain announced the next 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Richmond Hill branch library.

16. Public Forum

No speakers

Regina Santoro made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kenny Wilson seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:45 pm