

OCTOBER 13, 2015 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, ROOM 200

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2015-OCTOBER 2015

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1) (2)	Laraine Fletcher	(1) (1)	Jarnail Singh	(0) (1)
Julio Batista	(2) (3)	Linda Fogal	(1) (1)	Maharani Singh	(1) (1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Sylvia Hack	(1) (2)	Matthew Singh	(0) (0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(0) (0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	Ragbir Singh	(0) (2)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(2) (3)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(1) (1)	J. Richard Smith	(1) (1)
John Carter	(1) (3)	Sherman Kane	(1) (1)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1) (1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (0)	Joel Kuszai	(0) (0)	Maria Thomson	(0) (1)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Priscilla Levine	(1) (4)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Richard David	(1) (1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (1)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Joan DeCamp	(1) (1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)
Stephen Esposito	(0) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)		
Jan Fenster	(1) (1)	Jagir Singh	(0) (1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Latchman Budhai	(3) (5)	Scott Jordan	(4) (5)	Mohamed Safie	(2) (5)
Nick Comaianni	(3) (3)	Patrick Khan	(2) (2)	Regina Santoro	(1) (2)
Andrea Crawford	(2) (2)	Marian C. Molina	(1) (1)	Harichandan Singh	(5) (5)
Ralph Gonzalez	(5) (5)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1) (2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1) (2)

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Gomes, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

*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

Aaron Siegel, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Chief Barrere, PBQS
Deputy Inspector Urprasad, 102 Pct.
P.O. J. Severino, 102nd Pct.
P.O. Martinez, 102nd Pct.
Sal Simonetti, Rep. Council Member Ulrich
Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz

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

Asweeb Holdings, LLC
D/b/a JJ'S Blue Mist Lounge
119-12 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

MLS Entertainment, LLC
117-03 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

G Spot Bar & Lounge
107-14 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Amnezia, Inc.
105-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

b. On Premise Wine & Beer License- New

Mex-Italian Pizza Inc., d/b/a Mario's Pizzeria & Restaurant
102-12 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Oxaquita Rest., Inc.
90-06 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Santa Restaurant NY Corp.
89-20 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

c. On Premise Beer License- Renewal

Lucky Thailand Kitchen, Inc.
86-05 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

d. Change in Hours of Operation

Dhyana Hibachi Lounge Inc.
D/b/a Zen Hibachi Lounge
117-15 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Noreen Healey, attorney for Dhyana Hibachi Lounge, stated that they are asking to extend their hours of operation from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.

La Negra Restaurant Corp
102-03 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

The restaurant owner's daughter explained that they want to extend their hours of operation for the weekends in order to increase their business so they can pay their bills.

Transportation

e. Speed Hump Requests

▶ 108th St btwn Jamaica Ave. & Atlantic Ave

▶ 88th St. btwn 95th Ave. & Atlantic Ave

Street Conversion Request

- ▶ 97th Ave to a one-way westbound operation from Lefferts Blvd to 117 St.

No speakers

2. Public Forum

Paul Capocasale, Task Force Committee for a Better Woodhaven, spoke against SBS plans for Woodhaven/Crossbay Blvd. corridor and gave statistics of accidents in the affected areas.

Aaron Siegal, representing Assembly Member Weprin, stated that the Assembly member is going to Albany in January; therefore if anyone wants to file any quality of life reports, they should contact Mr. Siegal.

Winston Crowell, H&R Block, spoke about free services provided by H&R Block located at 87-05 111th Street.

Viktor Starsky, Richmond Hill Resident, thanked the 102 Pct. for helping remove vehicles from residential areas. He also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Irina Barayeva for invaluable service to the community.

Jose Vasquez, Woodhaven Resident, spoke against SBS Bus Services coming to Woodhaven as it will affect traffic and create more dangerous situations on the side streets.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

J. Richard Smith read the corrections to the minutes submitted by Maria Thomson:

Page 6, under Monthly Update Report 102 Pct., last paragraph should read: P.O. Severino reiterated not to leave any valuable items in your vehicle in order not to attract potential criminals.

Page 10, under Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report 3rd paragraph should read: The meeting was hosted by Council Member Ulrich and was attended by the Woodhaven Residence Block Association.

Stephen Esposito made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Joe laboni seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept the minutes as amended

Vote # 1: 31 in favor and 3 abstentions

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Deputy Inspector Deodat Urprasad thanked everyone for their support of the Night Out Against Crime.

He stated that the street renaming ceremony for Deputy Commissioner Jack Maple took place on September 21, 2015 at Park Lane South and 108th Street. Deputy Commissioner Maple was a resident of the 102 Pct. and was an orchestrator of Crime Reduction Policy for NYPD-otherwise known as "COMPSTAT".

DI Urprasad read 102 Pct. statistics: crime is down 26% for the last 28 days and 7% year-to-date. He stated that the Heavy Duty Tow Initiative took place in the summer when many tractor trailers were towed away from residential streets. The next initiative will take place in a week or two.

Fall Festival sponsored by Council Member Ulrich will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Victory Field. GWDC 2015 Annual Street Fair will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2015; therefore there will be no parking on Jamaica Ave, between 80th Street and Woodhaven Boulevard from 12 a.m.

The 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Library.

Question & answer period followed.

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

Chairperson Rampershad reported on the following:

- Jack Maple Street Renaming Ceremony-thanked all the involved parties
- Uniform Bylaws for the Boards and FOIL Requests meeting will take place on October 22, 2015, 2-4:30 p.m. at the Queens Borough President's office
- Thanked the office for handling over fifty complaints for the month of September, 2015
- Working on keeping CB9's website up to date

6. Land Use Committee Report- Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs ▶ DCP Zoning for Quality and Affordability & Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Presentation

Sherman Kane asked all to submit illegal conversion complaints to CB9.

Mr. Kane introduced Brendan Pillar from the Department of City Planning. Mr. Pillar gave a power point presentation on Zoning for Quality and Affordability & Mandatory Inclusionary Housing.

Question & answer period followed.

7. **District Manager's Report- Lisa Gomes**

▶ Capital & Expense Budget FY 2017

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

District Manager Gomes waved her report stating that a copy is included in the board members' packages.

The Queens District Managers will have a last round of budget consultations tomorrow, October 14, 2015 therefore DM Gomes suggested to table The FY 2017 Capital & Expense Budget items. Jim Coccovillo made a motion, J. Richard Smith seconded it.

Motion # 2: To table FY 2017 Capital & Expense Budget items

Vote # 2: Unanimous

8. **Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- James Coccovillo & Maharani Singh- Co-Chairs**

Chair Rampershad stated that a Public Safety Committee recommendation sheet with the committee recommendations was sent out to all board members and civic groups in order to lessen the debate during the meeting and keep the community informed.

On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Asweeb Holdings, LLC
D/b/a JJ'S Blue Mist Lounge
119-12 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 3: To send a letter of no objection to the SLA for a new Liquor License Application for Asweeb Holdings, LLC, d/b/a JJ'S Blue Mist Lounge, 119-12 101 Ave

Motion # 3: 32 in favor and 2 opposed

MLS Entertainment, LLC
117-03 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 4: To send a letter of objection to the SLA for a new Liquor License Application for MLS Entertainment, LLC, 117-03 Hillside Ave based on 500ft Rule

Vote # 4: Unanimous

On Premise Liquor License Application- New (cont'd)

G Spot Bar & Lounge
107-14 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 5: To send a letter of objection for a new Liquor License Application for G Spot Bar & Lounge, 107-14 101 Ave based on lack of cooperation with the committee

Vote # 5: Unanimous

Amnezia, Inc.
105-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 6: To send a letter of objection to the SLA for a new Liquor License Application for Amnezia, Inc., 105-06 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 6: Unanimous

On Premise Wine & Beer License- New

Mex-Italian Pizza, Inc.
D/b/a Mario's Pizzeria & Restaurant
102-12 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 7: Not to oppose a new Wine & Beer License Application for Mex-Italian Pizza, Inc., d/b/a Mario's Pizzeria & Restaurant, 102-12 101st Ave with 1 a.m. stipulation

Vote # 7: 33 in favor and 1 opposed

Oaxaquita Rest., Inc.
90-06 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 8: To send a letter of no objection for a new Wine & Beer License Application for Oaxaquita Rest., Inc., 96-05 Jamaica Ave with 1 a.m. stipulation

Vote # 8: 31 in favor and 3 opposed

Santa Restaurant NY Corp.
89-20 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 9: To send a letter of no objection for a new Wine & Beer License Application for Santa Rest., NY Corp., 89-20 101st Ave with 1 a.m. stipulation

Vote # 9: 32 in favor and 2 abstained

Change in Hours of Operation-On Premise Liquor License

Dhyana Hibachi Lounge Inc.
D/b/a Zen Hibachi Lounge
117-15 101 Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 10: To send a letter of objection to the SLA re: change in hours of operation for Dhyana Hibachi Lounge, Inc., d/b/a Zen Hibachi Lounge, 117-15 101 Ave

Vote # 10: 19 in favor, 14 opposed and 1 abstention

La Negra Restaurant Corp
102-03 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 11: To send a letter of objection to the SLA re: change in hours of operation for La Negra Rest., Corp. 102-03 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 11: 32 in favor and 2 opposed

Ms. Maharani Singh stated that the committee is not opposed to a Beer License renewal application for Lucky Thailand Kitchen Inc., 86-05 Jamaica Ave. They agreed to a 1 a.m. stipulation and submitted their paperwork on time (no vote is necessary).

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

► DDC QBP Parking Garage Update

The committee met with NYC DDC and Public Building Division on September 29, 2015. The demolition is complete and the final design will be ready by the end of December, 2015. QBP parking garage will have 300 spots, 8 of which will be designated for handicapped parking and approximately 22 spots for motorcycle and bicycle parking. Long and short time parking will be available.

Speed Hump Requests

► 108 St, btwn Jamaica Ave & Atlantic Ave

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 12: To send a letter of support to DOT for speed hump installation on 108 St, btwn Jamaica Ave and Atlantic Ave

Vote # 12: Unanimous

► 88th St, btwn 95th Ave & Atlantic Ave

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 13: To send a letter of support to DOT for speed hump installation on 88 St, btwn 95 Ave and Atlantic Ave

Vote # 13: Unanimous

Street Conversion Request

► 97th Ave to a one-way westbound operation from Lefferts Blvd to 117 St

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 14: To send a letter of support to DOT to convert 97 Ave to a one-way westbound operation from Lefferts Blvd to 117 St

Vote # 14: 33 in favor and 1 opposed

Update on SBS Woodhaven corridor will be presented at the next meeting.

10. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Seth Welins, Chair

Mr. Welins reported on the following:

- The Richmond Hill HS trailers have not been removed from the school's yard, as promised by the D.O.E. A school official said that the trailers will be removed next year. The trailers will not be used as classrooms or staff offices and are currently unoccupied.
- Success Academy has requested classroom space in M.S. 53-a middle school in District 27 located in Far Rockaway. The school currently has one co-located D.O.E. school and an Alternate Learning Center. By 2019-2020, Success academy will serve approximately 500-600 students-(the total capacity of the school is 1600 students, according to the Blue Book). Blue Book data (listings that include the size of every classroom and office in a school and the potential student occupancy for these rooms) is currently being revised by the D.O.E. to reflect the actual classroom enrollments as opposed to the possible enrollments of each room. Most schools have low register special education classes in regular sized classrooms. Many schools have designated classrooms being used as computer labs, art rooms, libraries, etc. which do not have students assigned to these rooms. Therefore, we should see more schools that will be designated as over-crowded, once the revised Blue Book is published.

Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.

Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Miller, announced two events sponsored by the Assembly Member:

- Free Mammogram Van will be in front of their office on Sunday, October 25, 2015, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; must make an appointment by calling (877) 628-9090.
- CUNY College Information Session will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at MS 137

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

Mr. J.R. Smith, Chair Rampershad and DM Gomes met with Commissioner Lewandowski and discussed FY 17 Capital and Expense Budget for the Dept. of Parks. DM Gomes stated that a copy of the changes were included in board members' packages.

12. Economic Development Committee Report- Richard David, Chair

Mr. Richard David gave his best wishes for Navaratri (the Hindu holiday) to everyone.

A meeting in partnership with the Queens Borough President's office and the city Comptroller's Red Tape Commission will take place on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at the Flushing Town Hall. The purpose of that meeting is to find ways to help small businesses (including bars and restaurants) to thrive in Queens.

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

M.C. Molina was not present at the meeting.

14. Old Business *No speakers*

15. New Business

Maria Thomson invited all to attend the Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival on Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Jamaica Ave, between Woodhaven Blvd. & 80th Street.

Jim Coccovillo made a motion to send a letter of support to DOT regarding speed humps installation in front of 83-05 98th St and 83-75 Woodhaven Blvd. Maria Thomson seconded the motion.

Motion # 15: To send a letter of support to DOT regarding speed humps installation i/f/o 83-05 98th St & 83-75 Woodhaven Blvd.

Vote # 15: Unanimous

Mr. Coccovillo stated that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place

on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7 p.m at the district office.

Alex Blenkinsopp stated that the next WRBA town hall meeting will take place on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 89-02 91st St.

Ragbir Singh made an announcement about 15th annual Guru Nanak Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2015.

16. Public Forum

Charlotte Einhorn, Citizens Committee NYC, spoke about two grants: Love Your Bloc Grant which is a \$1,000 grant for beautification efforts and a \$3,000 Neighborhood Grant that is awarded to resident-led groups for a variety of community building projects in low-income neighborhoods.

District Manager Gomes stated that the Community Board 9 will have a table at the Fall Festival on October 17, 2015 at Victory Field.

Joe Iaboni made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sherman Kane seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:15 p.m.