

NOVEMBER 10, 2015 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING ROYAL
INDIAN PALACE, 118-06 ATLANTIC AVE

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)	Jagir Singh	(0) (1)
Julio Batista	(2) (3)	Linda Fogal	(1) (1)	Jarnail Singh	(0) (1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	Matthew Singh	(0) (0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(0) (0)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(1) (1)	Ragbir Singh	(0) (2)
Latchman Budhai	(3) (5)	Sherman Kane	(1) (1)	J. Richard Smith	(1) (1)
John Carter	(1) (3)	Patrick Khan	(2) (2)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1) (1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (0)	Joel Kuszai	(0) (0)	Maria Thomson	(0) (1)
Nick Comaianni	(3) (3)	Marian C. Molina	(1) (1)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Andrea Crawford	(2) (2)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (1)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)
Richard David	(1) (1)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)		
Joan DeCamp	(1) (1)	Regina Santoro	(1) (2)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alex Blenkinsopp	(3) (4)	Sylvia Hack	(2) (3)	Mohamed Safie	(3) (6)
Stephen Esposito	(1) (1)	Scott Jordan	(5) (6)	Harichandan Singh	(6) (6)
Jan Fenster	(2) (2)	Priscilla Levine	(2) (5)	Maharani Singh	(2) (2)
Ralph Gonzalez	(6) (6)	Ivan Mrakovic	(2) (3)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2) (3)

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

Maricela Cano, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
Senator Joe Addabbo
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Arlene Brown, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Capt. Molloy, 102nd Pct.
Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Brandon Clarke, Rep. Council Member Ruben Wills
Aliya Latif, Rep. City Comptroller Scott Stringer
Kevin Jean Baptiste, Rep. Senator Sanders
Scott Wolff, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz

Guests' sign-in sheets are available upon request.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Capital & Expense Budget FY2017 *No speakers*

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Grazi Foods, Inc.
85-19 126th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

b. On Premise Wine & Beer License- New

Hustle Barber Shop, Inc.
135-22 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

New Metro Sushi Café, Inc.
118-21 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

Golden Arrow sports Bar, Inc.
107-14 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

c. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal

Rain Nightclub Inc.
89-29 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers. Chair Rampershad stated that no vote will be taken; the committee Chair will be commenting on this*

96-03 Bar & Grill Corp.
96-03 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

d. On Premise Beer License- Renewal

Fortune Hut, Inc.
76-11 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

e. Corporate Change

New Talent Zone Corp.
D/b/a VENUE
119-30 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Paul Capocasale, Task Force Committee for a Better Woodhaven, spoke against the implementation of Selected Bus Services on Woodhaven Blvd.

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

Mark Gallagher, Woodhaven Resident, spoke against SBS.

Cathy Rojas, Ryder's Alliance, spoke in favor of SBS and stated that the Ryder's Alliance has a petition signed by 6,500 people supporting SBS on Woodhaven Blvd.

Colleen Aiello, Woodhaven Resident, asked the board members to help DOT find a better solution than SBS.

Joanne Capocasale, Woodhaven Resident, spoke against SBS on Woodhaven Blvd.

Shawn Slavin, Swim Strong Foundation, introduced a new affordable program that saves and changes lives through the great sport of swimming. Ms. Slavin gave out pamphlets that indicate locations and schedules.

Betty Ann Deegan, Woodhaven Resident, spoke against SBS on Woodhaven Blvd.

Chair Rampershad recognized Legislators and their representatives.

Council Member Karen Koslowitz addressed the board and asked all to submit proposals for Participatory Budget.

Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, wished the Indian community a Happy Diwali and invited all to the State of the Borough Address on January 21, 2016 at Queens College.

Senator Joe Addabbo thanked the board members who are Veterans for their service and dedication. The Senator announced that a Resource Fair, co-sponsored by Congress Member Grace Meng, will take place in P.S. 49 on Thursday, November 12, 2016 at 6 p.m.

3. Presentation of Recognition Awards for Firehouses in CB9

Sandra Datnarain presented the Recognition Awards to the representatives of the four Fire Houses.

Engine Co. 293
Battalion 51, Division 13
89-40 87th Street
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Engine Co. 294, Ladder 143
Battalion 51, Division 13
101-02 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Squad 270
Division 13
91-45 121st Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Engine Co. 285, Ladder 142
Battalion 51, Division 13
103-17 98th Street
Ozone Park, NY 11417

Chair Rampershad resumed the recognition for the legislative representatives.

Marcella Cano, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, stated they are collecting clothing for Veterans at their Richmond Hill office.

Kevin Wisnewski, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi, stated that he brought a Fall Newsletter that reflects the current events at the Assembly Member's office.

Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, stated that the Assembly Member is sponsoring a Food Drive until November 23, 2015. Food can be dropped off at the Woodhaven district office.

Brandon Clarke, Rep. Council Member Rubin Wills, stated that the Council Member is sponsoring a Winter Coat Giveaway on November 21, 2016. Mr. Clarke will be replacing Mr. Jahi Rose and will be attending CB9 meetings from now on.

Arlene Brown, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, said that she will be covering CB9 meetings from now on and stated that the Council Member is preparing a surprise for his Veteran constituents.

Aliya Latif, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer, announced two events that will be sponsored by the Comptroller: Diwali Breakfast on Friday, November 20, 2015 at the Comptroller's Board Room and the Celebration of Jewish Heritage and Culture on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the Surrogate Courthouse.

Kevin Jean Baptiste, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., stated the Senator is sponsoring a Job Fair for Youth on November 18, 2015 and a Senior Resource Expo on December 16, 2015.

4. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

J. Richard Smith asked for any corrections/additions to the minutes, there were none. He made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Joe Iaboni seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept the minutes as presented

Vote # 1: Unanimous

5. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Capt. Molloy reported on the following:

- Crime is down 9%
- There is a slight increase in burglaries in Richmond Hill and Woodhaven
- Numerous tickets were issued during a special operation that took place on Atlantic Ave corridor two weeks ago.

Question and answer period followed.

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

- Chair Rampershad stressed the importance of attending board and committee meetings.

- A vote will be taken at the Borough Board meeting regarding DCP Zoning for Quality & Affordability & Mandatory Inclusionary Housing on November 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- Asked the committee chairs and the board members to email all issues and helpful email links to the district office so that they can be added to the CB9 website and be useful to the community.

7. District Manager's Report- Lisa Gomes

► Capital & Expense Budget FY 2017

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

District Manager Gomes stated that a copy of the Capital & Expense Budget FY 2017 is included in board members' packages so they can make any additions/corrections or change the order.

Maria Thomson made a motion to make an amendment to the Capital Budget: Enclose the Carousel so the community can enjoy during inclement weather and move it to # 6. Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

Joan DeCamp made an amendment to Maria Thomson's motion stating that P.S 90's request for indoor gym and air conditioners for the 4th floor classrooms should be item # 6 and the Carousel enclosure request should be # 7. Nick Comaianni seconded it.

Motion # 2: To make an amendment to the Capital Budget FY 2017: Enclose the Carousel so the community can enjoy during inclement weather and make it #7

Vote # 2: 31 in favor and 3 opposed

Kamal Bhuiyan requested to make an amendment to item # 2: to have a specialized public school in the CB9 area so it can promote the area financially and raise real estate value. Joel Kuszai seconded the motion.

Motion # 3: To have a specialized public school in CB9 area

Vote # 3: Unanimous

Sherman Kane asked to look into the language of item # 7 regarding Planting Street Trees in District 9.

Motion # 4: To adopt the Capital Budget FY 2017 as amended

Vote # 4: Unanimous

There were no additions/corrections to the Expense Budget FY 2017.

Motion # 5: To adopt the Expense Budget FY 2017 as presented

Vote # 5: Unanimous

8. Land Use Committee Report- Sherman Kane, Co-Chair

- ▶ DCP Zoning for Quality and Affordability & Mandatory Inclusionary Housing
VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Sherman Kane asked if there were any additions/corrections or discussion to Land Use Committee Resolution.

Regina Santoro commended the way the resolution was written and stated that the committee had done an exceptional job.

Motion # 6: To oppose the proposed Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment

Vote # 6: 33 in favor and 1 abstention

Motion # 7: To oppose Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Plan

Vote # 7: 33 in favor and 1 abstention

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application- New

Grazi Foods, Inc.
85-19 126th St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 8: To send a letter of objection to the SLA for Grazi Foods Inc.,
85-19 126 St

Vote # 8: Unanimous

b. On Premise Wine & Beer License- New

Hustle Barber Shop, Inc.
135-22 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 9: To send a letter of objection to the SLA for Hustle Barber Shop,
Inc., 135-22 Hillside Ave

Vote # 9: Unanimous

New Metro Sushi Café, Inc.
118-21 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 10: To send a letter of no objection to the SLA for New Metro Sushi
Café, Inc., 118-21 Metropolitan Ave

Vote # 10: 32 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention

Golden Arrow Sports Bar, Inc.
107-14 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion # 11: To send a letter of no objection to the SLA for Golden Arrow Sports Bar Inc., 107-14 101 Ave

Vote # 11: Unanimous

c. On Premise Liquor License- Renewal

Rain Nightclub Inc.
89-29 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

No vote is necessary as the SLA has renewed their license.

96-03 Bar & Grill Corp.
96-03 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

No vote is necessary; all their paperwork is in order.

d. On Premise Beer License- Renewal

Fortune Hut, Inc.
76-11 101 Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

No vote is necessary; all their paperwork is in order.

e. Corporate Change

New Talent Zone Corp.
D/b/a VENUE
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Kew Gardens, NY 11415

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

The committee does not vote on Corporate Changes and will review their renewal application at the next committee meeting.

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

Mr. Wilson reported on the following:

- The steel cleaning and surface repainting of the Woodhaven Boulevard Bridge over Atlantic Ave is ongoing.
- The Woodhaven Corridor SBS Study is ongoing; the results of this study will be available by the end of December.

- Trying to get the DOT to give updates on SBS study of the Rego Park bus lanes, but said that Community Boards 5 and 6 have the right to see the results first since the lane is in their districts.

Question and answer period followed.

Maria Thomson expressed her concern about the cars that would be directed through residential streets if they wish to access commercial corridors such as Jamaica Avenue. She stated the added number of cars would be a threat to the families living on those blocks.

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

Seth Welins reported on the following:

- Federal and NYC guidelines will now limit the amount of yearly standardized testing to 2% of the school year, which will average approximately 23 hours of testing. This figure does not include practice tests and preparation.
- By spring 2017, all NYC students will be able to take the S.A.T. for free (the test normally costs \$54). The test will be administered during class time instead of on Saturdays. It is hoped that more students will opt to take the test. Last year, only 56% of NYC high school juniors took the test.
- Library hours have been expanded to 6 days a week for most libraries and additional staff has been hired.

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

J.R. Smith thanked Jim Coccovillo for thinking about seniors and recommending installing a foot bridge to help them to go to the Band Shell.

13. Economic Development Committee Report- Richard David, Chair

Mr. David stated that the City's Economic Development Corporation is running three workshops in advance of the next city budget where they are helping nonprofit organizations register to get training to access the capital budget. \$2 billion is allocated each year for these causes, but few organizations apply. For more information, see the NYC EDC website.

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

Ms. Molina asked all board members to read the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) put together by Dr. Sofer.

15. Old Business *No speakers*

16. New Business

Maria Thomson stated that November 28, 2015 is Small Business Day and encouraged all to shop at local shops and do a good thing for the community.

Chair Rampershad thanked Sandra Datnarain for her great work on recognition awards and Ragbir Singh for hosting tonight's meeting.

Dr. Sofer stated the Mets are having their annual Coat Drive in December and offering free tickets and discounts at their club shop; go to their website for more details.

Sandra Datnarain met with the President and volunteers from Calvary Mission. She commended them for their services. If anyone is in need of their services, the Calvary Mission location is 102-16 89 Ave.

Nick Comaianni wished a Happy Veteran's Day to his fellow veterans.

Maria Thomson asked everyone to recognize all the Veterans.

Joe Iaboni asked all to donate food and bring it Council Member Ulrich's office so he can deliver it to a Veteran's Pantry in Long Island City.

Ragbir Singh invited all to Sigh Prayer Day on Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Joan DeCamp stated that the board should lobby for the Zadroga Bill.

Latchman Budhai reminded all about the 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Library.

17. Public Forum

Romie Zelaya, Citizens Committee for NYC, spoke about Neighborhood Grants that are available for community gardening, tenant organizing, school recycling drives and art projects. To learn about the grants go to www.citizensnyc.org or call 212-822-9563.

Rayaz Khan, Woodhaven Resident, spoke in opposition to SBS.

Jose Vazquez, Woodhaven Resident, stated that he does have facts — such as photos and videos — that show the bus lane would not decrease congestion, as its supporters claim.

Nick Comaianni made a motion to adjourn, Regina Santoro seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10 p.m.