

MAY 10, 2016 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
THE CENTER AT MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY, 127-15 KEW GARDENS RD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2016-MARCH 2017

2nd # Represents Absences as of January 2016-December 2016 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0) (0)	Jan Fenster	(0) (0)	Mohamed Safie	(1) (2)
Julio Batista	(1) (1)	Laraine Fletcher	(0) (0)	Regina Santoro	(0) (1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Sylvia Hack	(0) (1)	Jagir Singh	(0) (1)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0) (0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	Jarnail Singh	(1) (2)
Latchman Budhai	(0) (1)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(1) (2)	Matthew Singh	(0) (0)
John Carter	(0) (1)	Sherman Kane	(0) (0)	Mohinder Singh	(0) (0)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (0)	Joel Kuszai	(1) (1)	Raghbir Singh	(0) (1)
Nick Comaianni	(1) (3)	Marian C. Molina	(1) (1)	J. Richard Smith	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Ivan Mrakovic	(0) (1)	Maria Thomson	(0) (0)
Richard David	(0) (0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (0)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Joan DeCamp	(0) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Stephen Esposito	(0) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kamal Bhuiyan	(1) (1)	Priscilla Levine	(1) (3)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(1) (1)
Andrea Crawford	(1) (1)	Maharani Singh	(1) (1)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1) (2)
Linda Fogal	(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/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo
Kevin Sean Baptist, Rep. Senator Sanders
Maricela Pano, Rep. Council Member Ulrich
Mohamad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz
Brandon Clarke, Rep. Council Member Wills
Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
P.O. Martinez, NYPD/102 Pct.
P.O. Jose Severino, NYPD/102 Pct.

Guests' sign-in sheets are available upon request.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application – New

Tropical Restaurant Bar, Inc.
88-18 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

b. On Premise Liquor License Application – Renewal

Overtime Bar & Lounge Corp.
87-22 Lefferts Blvd
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Hamburguesas Doña Maria Corp.
D/b/a Delicias Doña Maria
88-09 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

El Rinconcito De Nagua
76-20 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

c. On Premise Wine, Beer & Cider Only Application – New

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

Tu Casa #4 Restaurant Corp.
116-35 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

d. Off Premise Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal

JAC Deli Corp.
117-12 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Hines, Richmond Hill Resident, asked for an update on Q54 bus re-route issue.

Michael Moore, Richmond Hill Resident, encouraged the board members to vote in favor of CB9 Resolution re: Waivers of Parking Requirements for New Apartment Houses in Kew Gardens.

Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, stated that the Electronic Recycling event that was held in April in Forest Park was very successful. 12 times of electronic equipment, 3 times of recycle paper and two trucks of clothing and household items for Veterans groups were collected.

Next Rain Barrel Giveaway will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2016, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kevin Sean Baptist, Rep. Senator Sanders, stated that the Richmond Hill Job Workshop & Fair, sponsored by the Senator, will be held Monday, May 23, 2016, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz, announced the 2015-2016 winners of Participatory Budget:

- Safer intersection/single curb extension on n/e corner at 71st Ave & Austin St-\$400,000
- Proper pupil potties-\$350,000 for complete renovation of bathrooms at P.S. 144, P.S. 174 & P.S. 101.
- Outdoor reading space at the Forest Hills Library-\$275,000.

Mohamad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, made an announcement about three Rainbarrel Giveaway Events: on Sunday, June 5, 2016, 8:30-11 a.m. at Saint John's University, July 10, 2016 at Cunningham Park and July 24, 2016, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. at P.S. 56, 86-10 114 St.

Maricela Pano, Rep. Council Member Ulrich, stated that Queens Symphony Orchestra Concert Series will take place tomorrow, May 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 1404, 209 Crossbay Blvd.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Executive Secretary Mrakovcic asked for any corrections or additions to April 12, 2016 minutes. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept April 12, 2016 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 28 in favor, 6 not present for vote and 2 abstentions

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

P.O. Martinez reminded all that the 102 Pct. Community Council monthly meeting is held every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Library. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7 p.m. Constituents can follow the 102nd Pct. on Twitter at @nypd102pct for the latest updates on street closures, criminal activities, etc.

P.O. Severino stated that the same info can be obtained at 102 Pct. website. He also added that the 102 Pct. is 26% down in crime year to date and has the second lowest crime rate in the city. P.O Severino was happy to announce that in July, 2016 the 102 Pct. is getting twelve more police officers in addition to the fourteen officers that joined 102 Pct. in January, 2016.

Question and answer period followed.

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

- Office budget will be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the district office.
- As per Assembly Member Miller, surveillance cameras will be installed in populated areas of Forest Park within the next two months.
- Reached out to Dennis Walcott, President of Queens Library, to set up a meeting to discuss libraries in CB9.
- The next Borough Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Queens Borough Hall.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes

"On Tuesday April 19th I attended the QBP Cabinet meeting. A presentation took place by JASA Senior Initiative Project regarding Foreclosure Prevention. Foreclosure scams are targeted towards Homeowners, especially on seniors who are in distress. This can be done via telephone calls, and unsolicited Mailings. JASA has 3 major objectives:

- ▶ Protect Seniors who were victims of scams
- ▶ Provide financial counseling and help to enable them to manage their household Budget. (Seniors live on fixed incomes in NYC).
- ▶ JASA reaches out to seniors to prevent Scams through their outreach efforts.

- ▶ Many organizations try to prevent scams through outreach campaigns at Senior Centers, houses of worship, and community based organizations.
- ▶ Be advised that Housing Counseling Services won't charge upfront fees.
- ▶ Seniors can get Applications for help through The Department of Finance.
- ▶ Prosecution of the Companies that scam seniors can be difficult as they don't stay in the neighborhood for very long and change their Company name.

Data2Go.NYC -this is a research tool funded by a grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust. They connect sectors that are organized by maps and census data, birth rates, statistics, etc.

- ▶ There are 12 sectors and 360 indicators.
- ▶ Map shows you what is happening with indicator across the city. Data is available by Community Districts and Census Tracts.
- ▶ 40% of Indicators comes from the Census Bureau
- ▶ New data will be loaded annually for 4 years."

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

Mr. Kane thanked all for their good wishes during his illness.

Motion # 2: To oppose Waivers of Parking Requirements for New Apartment Houses in Kew Gardens

Vote # 2: 35 in favor and 1 abstention

Mr. Kane stated that the Oligarch Club, located at 86-15 Lefferts Blvd., a landmarked property (formerly the site of the Republican Club), is seeking a 'Special Permit' from the Department of City Planning to convert the cellar from a banquet hall to an Eating and drinking Establishment with Dancing. A letter will be mailed out to the neighbors.

Ivan Mrakovic spoke about Neirs Tavern Landmark Support Rally sponsored by Historic Districts Council that took place on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Neirs Tavern, located at 87-48 78 St in Woodhaven, is NYC's oldest continuously operating tavern since 1829.

Ivan Mrakovic made a motion to support a Landmarking of Neirs Tavern and send a letter to the Landmark Committee. Sherman Kane seconded the motion.

Motion # 3: To support the Landmarking of Neirs Tavern, 87-48 78 St.

Vote # 3: Unanimous

8. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenny Wilson, Chair

- Speed Bump Request - 85th St. between 89th and 91st Avenues

Motion # 4: To send a letter of support to DOT for speed bump installation on 85th St, btwn 89th & 91st Ave

Vote# 4: Unanimous

- Decision on Onslow PL Speed Hump

Mr. Wilson stated that this location does not meet the criteria for a speed hump installation. There is an open DOT study with bigger boundaries that will show all necessary improvements.

SBS update:

- Key street design changes will be implemented
- Key pedestrian and traffic safety treatment will start this fall
- Left turn on Jamaica Ave will be kept intact
- There are three workshops coming up soon: May 17, 2016, 6-8 p.m. at P.S.42, 488 Beach 66th St; May 21, 2016, 12-2 p.m. at P.S. 65, 103-22 99th St and May 25, 2016, 6-8 p.m. at P.S. 306, 95-16 89th Ave.

Alex Blenkinsopp added to SBS update:

- Though DOT plans to restore some of the left turns, they are still planning some key left turn bans. For example, southbound traffic will not be permitted to turn left onto Union Turnpike. Instead, DOT plans to have that traffic do a U-turn at 81st Road.
- DOT still plans to have median bus stops. Interestingly, the median bus stops are planned only for Woodhaven and Ozone Park; the rest of the SBS route will have bus stops on the sidewalks.
- DOT said they need the bus lanes to be in effect 24/7 (as opposed to just rush hour) for the CB9 part of the route because they don't want the SBS buses to pull over into the stops the same way the local buses will - even though the local buses will be using the same bus lanes.

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application – New

Tropical Restaurant Bar, Inc.
88-18 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 5: Not to oppose new on premise liquor license application with 1 a.m. stipulation applied for Tropical Restaurant Bar, Inc. 88-18 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 5: 35 in favor and 1 opposed

b. On Premise Wine, Beer & Cider Application – New

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

Motion # 6: To oppose new on premise liquor license application for Tauros Bar & Restaurant Corp. 108-02 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 6: Unanimous

Tu Casa #4 Restaurant Corp.
116-35 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion # 7: Not to oppose new on premise liquor license application with 1 a.m. stipulation applied for Tu Casa #4 Restaurant Corp, 116-35 Metropolitan Ave

Vote # 7: 35 in favor and 1 opposed

c. On Premise Liquor License Application – Renewal

EL Rinconcito De Nagua
76-20 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 8: To oppose liquor license application renewal for El Rinconcito De Nagua, 76-20 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 8: Unanimous

Mr. Coccovillo stated that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

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

Mr. Welins Reported on the following:

- Letters were sent to four Community Board schools that appear to be overcrowded. The letters asked about the overcrowding. We offered to meet with the principals to see if/how we could help them reduce the overcrowding. As of this date, we did not receive replies.
- Will be sending letters to the superintendents of Districts 27 and 28. We will offer to meet them and the district's principals and discuss ways we can offer support for their various programs.
- Will be meeting with officials of Queens Library in order to get updates on the proposed

- renovation and closing of the Richmond Hill Library.
- Next Education Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the district office.

11. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report – J.R. Smith & Regina Santoro, Co-Chairs

Mr. Smith thanked Laraine Fletcher for being a co-chair of the committee and welcomed Regina Santoro as a new co-chair.

J.R. Smith informed the board members of the committee's intent to keep track of all the projects that are taking place in the park. He asked the board members to report any complaints re parks in order for committee to follow up.

12. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair

- Handed out flyers on How to be Prepared for Excessive Heat
- Read a thank you letter to the CB 9 members from Smokefree Advocates re the vote and submission of CB9 version of a smoke free multiple housing resolution.
- Reported on 6-Step New York State Zika Action Plan:
 1. Eliminate Zika at Its Source-the State will distribute 100,000 starter kits of mosquito dunks (larvicide tablets) to residents and business owners to use in standing water that cannot be emptied.
 2. Monitor the Aedes Mosquito with Special Trapping and Testing.
 3. Provide Free Zika Protection Kits to Pregnant Women
 4. Deploy Rapid Response Teams wherever a case of Zika transmission is confirmed.
 5. Issue Emergency Regulations Requiring Local Zika Control Plans.
 6. Launch Aggressive Public Awareness Campaign

For more information call Zika Info Helpline: 1-888-364-4723 or go to the website: www.ny.gov/Zika .

13. Economic Development Committee Report – Richard David & Matthew Singh, Co-Chairs

Mr. David stated that he will establish a meeting date for a newly re-constituted Economic Development Committee.

John Carter gave an update on the issues that were discussed at the Ad Hock Committee meeting: membership, officers' duties and responsibilities, meetings, hearings, etc.

14. Old Business *No speakers*

15. New Business

Stephen Esposito invited all to the GWDC Special 37th Anniversary "Spring into Woodhaven" Dinner Dance on Friday, June 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodhaven Manor Caterers, 96-01 Jamaica Ave. Tickets are \$65 per ticket. For more info call (718) 805-0202.

Maria Thomson read the list of honorees:

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz-Woman of the Year
Sal Simonetti, Chief of Staff for Council Member Eric Ulrich-Man of the Year
Victor Hui, Dexter Court Liquors & Wine Store Owner-Businessman of the Year
Mandeed Singh and Sangita M. Patel, Woodhaven Manner Owners-Business Owners of the Year
Deputy Inspector Deodat Urprasad is a recipient of a special award of the year.

Nick Comaianni urged all to attend public hearings re: Mayoral Control over Department of Education.

Ivan Mrakovic stated that the Richmond Hill Historical Society will conduct a Walking Tour of old Victorian homes in Richmond Hill on Saturday, May 14, 2016 and invited all to attend an event about Richmond Hill history on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Leonard Center, 111-03 86th Ave.

Alex Blenkinsopp announced the WRBA next Townhall meeting will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Emanuel United Church of Christ at 91 Ave & Woodhaven Blvd. Guest Speaker will be Assemblyman Phillip Goldfeder and he will discuss the upcoming feasibility study to reactivate the Rockaway Beach Branch LIRR.

Sylvia Hack stated that a closing of 83rd Ave, btwn Queens Blvd. & Kew Gardens Rd for crane operation will affect traffic and residents of the surrounding area.

Rabbi Pollack reported the Kew Gardens Post Office lease was extended for 5 years.

Richard David invited all to a 178th Year of Indian Arrival Celebration on Sunday, June 5th, 2016 at the Smoky Oval Park at 1 p.m.

16. Public Forum

Anthony Johnson stated that a 4-Way Stop sign is needed at the intersection of 83rd Ave & 123rd St.

Ludy Resurreccion, Nursing Office of the Richmond Hill Community Center, invited all to a Family Fun Day on May 15, 2016, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Smoky Oval Park.

Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, reported that One Million Pajamas Program was a big success. The Assemblyman is supporting the Landmarking of Neirs Tavern.

Brendan Clarke, Rep. Council Member Ruben Wills, announced the following events sponsored by the Councilman:

- Annual Aloha to Summer Family Fund Day will take place on June 4th, 2016 at Smoky Oval Park
- Movie Night on Friday, June 24, 2016, 7-10 p.m. at Smoky Oval Park

- 6th Annual Commit To Be Fit Event will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2016, 12-4 p.m. at Baisley Pond Park

Nick Comaianni made a motion to adjourn, Joe Iaboni seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:15