

JUNE 14, 2016 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MAJESTIC MARQUISE, 88-03 101ST AVE

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)	Stephen Esposito	(0) (0)	Regina Santoro	(0) (1)
Julio Batista	(1) (1)	Jan Fenster	(0) (0)	Jagir Singh	(0) (1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0) (0)	Jarnail Singh	(1) (2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1) (1)	Linda Fogal	(1) (2)	Maharani Singh	(1) (1)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(0) (0)	Sylvia Hack	(0) (1)	Raghubir Singh	(0) (1)
Latchman Budhai	(0) (1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	J. Richard Smith	(0) (0)
John Carter	(0) (1)	Sherman Kane	(0) (0)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (0)	Marian C. Molina	(1) (1)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Nick Comaianni	(1) (3)	Ivan Mrakovic	(0) (1)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1) (2)
Andrea Crawford	(1) (1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)		
Joan DeCamp	(0) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard David	(1) (1)	Joel Kuszai	(2) (2)	Mohamed Safie	(2) (3)
Mohamad Z. Islam	(2) (3)	Priscilla Levine	(2) (4)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(2) (2)
Matthew Singh	(1) (1)	Mohinder Singh	(1) (1)	Maria Thomson	(1) (1)

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
Nick Gulotta, Mayor's Office
Brandon Clarke, Rep. Council Member Wills
John Perricone, QBP Melinda Katz
Deputy Inspector Urprasad, NYPD/120nd Pct.
P.O. Martinez, NYPD/102 Pct.
P.O. Jose Severino, NYPD/102 Pct.
Supt. Woodall, School Safety PBQS
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz
Alex Arecchi, Rep. Assembly Member Hevesi
Nanette Alvarado, Rep. Assembly Member Miller
Anthony Lemma, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Scott Wolff, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz
Lisa Atkins, QBP Melinda Katz

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

Ed Jakubov (or Corp. to be formed)
D/b/a Rose'
89-25 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Nebu Hookah Lounge, Inc.
86-72 80th St.
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

b. On Premise Liquor License Application – Renewal

KEDS I Corp.
D/b/a Nest Restaurant & Bar
125-17 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

c. On Premise Beer & Cider Only Application – New

113 Deli Grocery, Inc.
112-27 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

d. Corporate Change – Corporate Officer Change Only

La Negra Restaurant Corp.
102-03 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. Special Zoning Permit for Use Group 12 (App# C 160189ZSQ)

Oligarch Catering Hall
86-13 Lefferts Blvd
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Capocasale, Woodhaven Resident, spoke about NYC’s Select Bus Service proposal for Woodhaven and Cross Bay boulevards stating that speed and time of bus services should not be more important than peoples’ safety.

Mary Ann Carey, former CB9 District Manager, urged the Board Members to vote against the Woodhaven/Crossbay Blvd. SBS proposal.

Michael Estep, Circle Academy Spokesman, gave an update on a new Circle Academy Charter School that is proposed to open in Woodhaven.

Shabana Sharif, Community Activist, spoke about youth and economic impact of Resorts World Casino in NYC and urged everyone to sign a petition that recommends changing the legal gambling age to 21 in NYS.

Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, stated that:

- The next Rain Barrel Giveaway will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2016, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. To reserve a barrel please call 718-738-1111.
- Free Legal Aid Van will be at the Maspeth Federal Savings Bank on Saturday, July 9, 2016 where attorneys will be present to discuss civil issues.
- Arnie Mig Big Band Concert will take place on August 18, 7-9 p.m. at St. Helen’s Church in Howard Beach.

Nick Gulotta, Queens Borough Director, CAU/Mayor's Office, stated that the City Council and the Mayor approved an \$82 Billion Budget for FY 2017 of which \$32 Million is allocated for Summer Youth Employment Program; \$20 Million will be added for the funding of Queens Libraries to keep them open six days a week; \$21 Million for purchasing small snowplows.

Brandon Clarke, Rep. Council Member Ruben Wills, reported on events sponsored by the Council Member:

- Movie Night on Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Smokey Oval Park
- After School Festival on Thursday June 16, 2016 at the Rochdale Park
- Rainbarrel Giveaway will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at St. Anthony of Padua Church Parking Lot, 135 Ave & 128 St

John Perricone, QPB Melinda Katz, reminded all Board Members of the Swearing-In Ceremony on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at the Hall of Science at 5 p.m. Mr. Perricone invited all to the Queens Summer Festival. It will take place on Sunday, June 26, 2016, 1-8 p.m. at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, thanked the Community Members for their hospitality.

Supt. Woodall, School Safety, PBQS, introduced himself and urged all to be cautious on the roads and have a great summer.

Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Hevesi, introduced herself and stated that their Spring 2016 Newsletter is in the back. Ms. Arcchi wished a great summer to all.

Anthony Lemma, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, stated that the Assemblyman is co-sponsoring a bill to do away with the van tax.

Nanette Alvarado, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, announced the following events sponsored by the Assembly Member:

- Mammogram Van will be in front of 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. on Sunday, July 17, 2015 10-4:30 p.m.
- NYLAG Mobile Legal Assistance Van on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016 will be i/f/o 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd.
- IDNYC Enrollment Site at the Assemblyman's office June 6-June 24, Monday-Friday, 9:30-5:00 p.m.

Scott Woolf, Rep. Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz, announced the following events sponsored by the Assembly Member:

- Free Legal Assistance Van will be stationed at 159-06 71st Ave on July 25th and August 31st, 2016 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm Giveaway on June 23rd, 2016 at the Assembly Member's office and July 6th, 2016 at the Richmond Hill Library 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Chair Rampershad recognized the members of the press.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Executive Secretary Mrakovcic asked for any corrections or additions to May 10, 2016 minutes. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept May 10, 2016 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 32 in favor, 1 abstention and 1 not present

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

P.O. Martinez stated that the next 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at the Richmond Hill Library, 7-9 p.m. There will be no meetings for the months of July & August.

National Night Out Against Crime is on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 6-8 p.m. at Forest Park Victory Field.

P.O. Martinez stated that constituents can follow the 102nd Pct. on Twitter at @nypd102pct for the latest updates on street closures, criminal activities, etc.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad stated the following:

- Crime is down 24.7% year to date on all major categories.
- 102nd Pct. is continuing law enforcement of electric motorcycles.
- The operation of towing away commercial vehicles illegally parked in residential area is ongoing.
- There was a shooting at 88th St & Atlantic Ave.
- There is more police presence in the parks.

Question and answer period followed.

Council Member Elizabeth Crowley addressed the board and spoke regarding the activation of passenger service on the Lower Montauk Branch of the LIRR which runs into CB9 in Richmond Hill. CM Crowley gave a presentation that illustrated some of the aspects of the proposal stating that the City Council has allocated \$500,000 for a study in the city's FY 2017 budget. She stated that it was already brought to the attention of CB2, CB5, & CB6. They passed a resolution supporting a study of the service.

Question and answer period followed.

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

- The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the district office.
- Meeting re: office budget will take place on Monday, June 27th, 2016 at the district office.
- Attended a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Mary Whalen Playground on June 3rd, 2016.
- Site meeting for End Zone will take place on Thursday, July 7th, 2016.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes

District Manager Gomes reported on the following:

At the Queens Borough President's Borough Cabinet Meeting on May 17, 2016 there was a Presentation on Hurricane Preparedness. They emphasized that individuals should know their evacuation zone. There are 65 evacuation centers throughout the five Boroughs. There are 450 Shelters associated with these evacuation centers.

NYC can feed 70, 000 people for 7 days. There is an email for any requests or inquires, the email is intergov@oem.nyc.gov. You can also sign up for Notify NYC which is the City of New York's Official source for information about emergency events and important City Services.to get information on weather, storms, etc.

Department of Youth & Community Development

Mr. Alexander Betancout stated that they have had the greatest increase in funding of after school programs. The Department has funded 2500 Contracts totaling 600 million dollars. There are 60, 000 Summer Youth Employment jobs. He also gave an update on the departments Comprehensive After School System of New York City.

The Comprehensive After School System of New York City (COMPASS NYC) integrates the best Out-of-School Time (OST) practices with the unprecedented expansion of afterschool programs serving the City's middle school students. Programs are offered at no cost to young people and are located in public and private schools, community centers, religious institutions, public housing, and recreational facilities throughout the City. COMPASS aims to help youth build skills to support their academic achievement, raise their confidence, and cultivate their leadership skills through service learning and other civic engagement opportunities. The COMPASS NYC system is projected to serve 97,000 youth with a budget of \$247.3 million.

I had the honor of attending the Ribbon Cutting of the New Mary Whalen Playground on June 3, 2016 along with Mary Whalen's two daughters, our Chair Raj Rampershad, J.R. Smith Chair of CB9 Parks Committee, Council Woman Crowley who allocated \$1 Million for the project, Assembly Member Mike Miller, Commissioner Mitchell Silver and Commissioner Lewandowsky.

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

- **DEP Presentation on Bio Swales. *Ibrahim Abdul-Matin, Director of Community Affairs***

Mr. Abdul-Matin gave a power point presentation on NYC Green Infrastructure Program (copy of presentation is available upon request). He also distributed the Homeowner's Guide to Rain Event Preparedness.

Question and answer period followed.

Andrea Crawford raised a question about people using ball fields in Sobelsohn Park without permits. J. Richard Smith stated that the Parks Committee will follow up with the Debbie Kuha, Forest Park Administrator.

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

- **Special Zoning Permit for Oligarch Catering Hall 86-13 Lefferts Blvd for Use Group 12 (App# C 160189ZSQ)**

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Representative from Eric Palatnik’s office made a presentation regarding the building history and the reasons why the business owners are applying for a special zoning permit.

Motion #2: To support the Land Use Committee resolution to oppose a Special Permit granting Use Group 12 status permitting a Cabaret to operate at 86-13 Lefferts Blvd.

Vote # 2: 25 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 not present and 1 abstention

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

a. On Premise Liquor License Application – New

Nebu Hookah Lounge, Inc.
86-72 80th St.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #3: To oppose the new on premise liquor license application due to violation of 200 ft. Rule for Nebu Hookah Lounge, Inc., 86-72 80th St.

Vote #3: 33 in favor and 1 not present

b. On Premise Beer & Cider Only Application – New

113 Deli Grocery, Inc.
112-27 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Motion #4: To oppose the new on premise beer & cider application for 113 Deli Grocery, Inc., 112-27 Jamaica Ave

Vote #4: 33 in favor and 1 not present

Ms. Singh stated that Keds I Corp., d/b/a Nest Rest. & Bar, 125-17 101 Ave was removed from the agenda. No vote is necessary because it’s a renewal and all paper work is in order.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, June 20th, 2016

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

Speed Bump Installations

- 97th Street between Jamaica Ave. & 89th Ave

Motion # 5: To send a letter of support to DOT for speed bump installation on 97th St, btwn Jamaica Ave & 89th Ave

Vote# 5: 33 in favor and 1 not present

- 95th Street between Jamaica Ave. & 89th Ave

Motion # 6: To send a letter of support to DOT for speed bump installation on 95th St, btwn Jamaica Ave & 89th Ave

Vote# 6: 33 in favor and 1 not present

Mr. Wilson reported on the following:

- All complaints and concerns that were received during the milling and paving of the roads in Kew Gardens were addressed.
- Due to the noise complaints regarding the Q10 buses received last year, it was a priority for Kew Gardens to get new articulated buses first.
- The final design on the SBS Proposal was released and is available online. The Transportation Committee will take a position after the meeting with MTA & DOT in September.
Mr. Wilson urged all board members to send their feedback to the board office before the meeting.
- Mr. Wilson made a motion to send a letter of support for the light rail line study. Motion was seconded by Jim Coccovillo.

Motion # 7: To send a letter of support for the light rail line study.

Vote# 7: 31 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 not present

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

Mr. Welins reported on the following:

- Several attempts were made to meet with the Queens Library officials concerning the Richmond Hill Library renovations and proposed closing of the library during the renovations. We expect to meet with these officials within the next few weeks.
- The DOE will be implementing several new programs. One program, Advanced Placement for All, will offer at least five advanced placement courses in every NYC high school by 2021. This program will be gradually phased in over the next 5 years.
- Black and Hispanic students are under-represented in the NYC specialized high schools. The DOE will be offering free intensive test preparation classes for all middle

school students. The major goal of these classes is to help students enhance their test-taking skills. School staff will encourage more minority students to take the admission test and the tests will be offered in all middle schools during the school day instead of weekends.

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

Ms. Molina reported on the following:

On June 6, 2016, the Health & Social Services Committee met with Joseph Marzilliano from the Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene. We discussed the reason for recent media interest in the Zika virus and how the City is taking preventive measures. Recently, scientists have found that there is a link between children born with microcephaly and the Zika virus. The City of NY is monitoring mosquito populations by spraying pesticides or dropping dunks/pellets in public areas where standing water is a problem in order to minimize the risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Mosquito monitoring season runs April 1 through October 31.

The type of mosquito linked to the current outbreak, *Aedes Aegypti*, can be found in tropical climates such as Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and parts of Southern United States. *Aedes Aegypti* has not been found in New York City. A different mosquito that can carry Zika is sometimes found in New York City during the summer: *Aedes albopictus*. So far, there are no cases of Zika virus reported in NYC.

Standing water complaints should be reported to 311. Homeowners can face violations which carries a fine of \$200. Abandoned construction sites can face violations starting at \$2,000.

Mosquito dunks or pellets can be bought at Home Depot and are recommended for individuals and homeowners who prefer this method in place of spray pesticides.

When traveling or conducting outdoors activities use a mosquito repellent that contains Deet. It is considered to be safe for children and pregnant women.

13. Economic Development Committee Report – Richard David & Matthew Singh, Co-Chairs *no report*

14. Old Business *No speakers.*

15. New Business

Stephen Esposito thanked all for attending the GWDC's Dinner Dance on Friday.

Latchman Budhai stated that the next 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 7-9 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Library.

Alex Blenkinsopp announced the next WRBA Townhall meeting will take place on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Emanuel United Church of Christ at 91 Ave & Woodhaven Blvd.

Kenny Wilson invited all to attend free concerts by Symphony Orchestra: June 18, 2016 at Maple Grove Cemetery; June 30, 2016 at Astoria Park and July 27 at Saint John's University.

16. Public Forum

Neir's Tavern representative thanked the board members for voting in favor of supporting the building's Landmark Status.

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

The meeting ended at 10:30