

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING  
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO, 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2016-MARCH 2017

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0) (0)	Jan Fenster	(0) (0)	Regina Santoro	(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)	Matthew Singh	(1) (1)
Latchman Budhai	(0) (1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0) (0)	Mohinder Singh	(1) (1)
John Carter	(0) (1)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(2) (3)	Raghibir Singh	(0) (1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (0)	Sherman Kane	(0) (0)	J. Richard Smith	(0) (0)
Nick Comaianni	(1) (3)	Joel Kuszai	(2) (2)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(2) (2)
Andrea Crawford	(1) (1)	Marian C. Molina	(1) (1)	Maria Thomson	(1) (1)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0) (1)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Richard David	(1) (1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Joan DeCamp	(0) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1) (2)
Stephen Esposito	(0) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0) (0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(2) (2)	Priscilla Levine	(3) (5)	Mohamed Safie	(3) (4)
Jagir Singh	(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

Assembly Member Mike Miller  
Council Member Rubin Wills  
Senator Joseph Addabbo  
Sergio Galeano, Rep. NYC Comptroller  
Nick Gulotta, Rep. Mayor's Office  
John Perricone, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz  
P.O. Martinez, NYPD/102 Pct.  
P.O. Jose Severino, NYPD/102 Pct.  
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz  
Alex Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Hevesi  
Diana Santana, Rep. Assembly Member Miller  
Harpreet S. Toor, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin  
Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin  
Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz

*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 Premises Liquor License Application – New**

Rose Lounge Corp.  
89-25 130<sup>th</sup> St.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Alpha Lounge Bar and Grill, LLC  
117-03 Hillside Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Vikeira Partners LLC, d/b/a Karnival Belize  
117-03 Hillside Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**b. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Only Application – New**

Tauros Bar and Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Tauros Bar Restaurant  
108-02 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. **On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal**

Deleon Latin Cuisine Corp., d/b/a Mi Casa Restaurant  
116-20 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

The Hibiscus Restaurant and Bar, Inc.  
124-18 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

88 18 Tropical Restaurante Corp.  
88-18 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Envy Café, d /b/a Traphouse  
94-02 80<sup>th</sup> St. (AKA, 78-16 Atlantic Ave)  
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

La Negra Restaurant Corp., d/b/a La Cocina De Alex Café Bar & Lounge  
102-03 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

2 Brothers Billiards, d/b/a M2 Billiards & Lounge  
87-50 Lefferts Blvd  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Hermes Billiards & Café, Inc., d/b/a 102 Billiards  
102-14 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Starz Princess, Inc.  
107-11 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Aristokrat Corp., d/b/a Oligarchy  
86-15 Lefferts Blvd  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Four Bhai Corp., d/b/a New Tandoori Hut  
119-08 94<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

**d. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal**

Biao Feng, Inc., d/b/a Friend Restaurant  
110-15 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Sai Lakshmi Corp., d/b/a Baba's Corner  
108-24 Myrtle Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**e. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal**

Jamaica Fish Market, Inc., d/b/a Jamaica Fish Market  
88-02 Van Wyck Expressway #3A  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**f. Off Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal**

74-39 Meat Corp., d/b/a C-Town Supermarket  
74-39 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Chairperson Rampershad announced that there will be an addendum to the agenda and a vote will be taken for Alpha Lounge Bar & Grill LLC, 117-03 Hillside Ave.

**g. Extension of Hours**

La Negra Restaurant Corp.  
D/b/a La Cocina De Alex Café Bar & Lounge  
102-03 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**h. Corporate Change**

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

**i. Cabaret License Application – New**

Rain Nightclub, Inc., d/b/a Rain  
89-29 130<sup>th</sup> St.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**j. TLC Base Station License – Renewal**

Big Q Car Services, Inc.  
86-29 102<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

*No speakers*

*Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.*

Assembly Member Mike Miller stated that:

- Cameras were finally installed around Forest Park. He will allocate \$1M for more cameras to be installed in his district at the sites suggested by the 102 Pct.
- Electronic Recycling Event, sponsored by Assembly Member Miller and Senator Addabbo, will take place on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at the Band Shell parking lot in Forest Park.
- Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless is in preliminary stages and he hopes that everybody has a chance to voice their opinions.

Council Member Rubin Wills spoke regarding the decision for DHS to deny support to homeless service provider Breaking Ground's application to establish a Transitional Shelter Facility at 100-32 Atlantic Ave. The proposed facility would be located less than 250 feet from the High School for Construction Trades, Engineering and Architecture. NYS Penal Law 65.10 prohibits certain sex offenders from knowingly entering into or upon school grounds, and it cannot be assumed that measures would be taken to prevent unlawful sheltering of registered sex offenders. Last year, Skyway Men's Shelter was discovered to be sheltering Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders. The Council Member stated that the NYV Council continues to support and admire Breaking Ground's street outreach. DHS must however deny a contract to any provider that proposes to install facilities at any location where their relative proximity to a school's grounds is less than 1000 ft.

Harpreet S. Toor, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, stated that the decision regarding Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless should be made in consideration with what is best for the community.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, stated that the Council Member is not opposing the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless at this time.

Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz, stated that the Assembly Member is working on the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless but has no further comments.

Sergio Galeano, Rep. NYC Comptroller, spoke about the Bureau of Public Affairs Community Action Center which assists New Yorkers with complaints or inquiries about government services on topics ranging from NYCHA repairs to City pension payments, tenant harassment, or filing a claim against the City. Mr. Galeano stated that an audit recently released by Comptroller Stringer found that the City's Health Department failed to ensure that daycare centers tested their water for lead. Based on a sample of 119 daycare centers, auditors found that lead tests were conducted at only 49 sites, while another 70 were listed as safe without any proof that a lead test was ever done.

Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Hevesi, made an announcement re: Free Electronic-Recycling Event on Saturday, September 17, 2016, 10 AM-4 PM at Queens Community College, 108-25 62<sup>nd</sup> Rd and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Free Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 24, 10 AM-4 PM at 91-30 Metropolitan Ave.

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

**Michael Moore, Richmond Hill Resident**, invited all to join the Friends of Forest Park in painting the bridge over the abandoned rail line on Forest Park Drive. For any questions email [friendsofforestpark@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofforestpark@yahoo.com) or visit the web site at [www.friendsofforestpark.com](http://www.friendsofforestpark.com) .

**Cheryl Mackey, Richmond Hill Resident**, spoke on behalf of her neighbors stating that they cannot support the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless due to the lack of comprehensive services for the homeless population.

**Maria Estrada, Richmond Hill Resident**, spoke in favor of the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless.

**Carlos Ariza, Woodhaven Resident**, spoke in opposition to the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless stating that once it's opened at that location it will always be there and there is nothing that Community can do about it.

**Dee Nixon, Richmond Hill Resident**, did not take any position at this time but stated if the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless is going to go through, the funding should be increased for extra police presence, neighborhood beautification, afterschool safety programs, etc.

**Toby Shepard Blah, CB 5 Member**, spoke in favor of NYC's Select Bus Service proposal for Woodhaven Blvd. and encouraged all to listen to DOT & MTA SBS presentation tonight.

**Stephanie Veras, Woodhaven Resident**, spoke in favor of NYC's Select Bus Service proposal for Woodhaven Blvd as it is a better solution to improve services for Woodhaven commuters.

**Paul Hines, Richmond Hill Resident**, spoke about the problems that still exist after the DOT finished Safety Improvement Project at the intersection of Metropolitan Ave & Hillside Ave.

**Simcha Waisman, Richmond Hill**, spoke against the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless.

**Dominick Arhale, Woodhaven Resident**, spoke against the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless.

**Paul Capocasale, Woodhaven Resident**, spoke against 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. He also spoke against the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless.

**Wendy Bowne, President of RHBA**, spoke against the Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless. She invited all to their Park Fair on Saturday, September 17, 2016, 10am-6pm at the intersection of Park Lane South & Myrtle Ave.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### 3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Executive Secretary Mrakovcic asked for any corrections or additions to June 14, 2016 minutes. There were none.

**Motion # 1:** To accept June 14, 2016 minutes as presented

**Vote # 1:** Unanimous

#### **4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.**

- P.O. Severino reminded all that school is in session and asked all to be careful while driving and walking on the streets.
- The next 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 7-9 PM at the Richmond Hill Library.
- NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Blood Drive will take place on Friday, September 23, 2016 11:45 AM to 6 PM.
- Constituents can follow the 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. on Twitter at @nypd102pct for the latest updates on street closures, criminal activities, etc.

Question and answer period followed.

Chairperson Rampershad recognized State Senator Joe Addabbo who thanked the board members for the time they dedicate to their communities. The Senator gave a brief summary of the June, 2016 State Legislative Session. Senator Addabbo stated that the Dept. of Transportation should come to a solution that will benefit 300,000 commuters who use the Woodhaven/Crossbay Blvd. corridor and that he is looking forward to working with DOT and the community advocates.

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

- The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 at 7 PM in room 310-A.
- Recognized John Carter and Dr. Stephen Sofer for receiving a certificate from QBP Melinda Katz for 25 years of community service; Rabbi Daniel Pollack who received a certificate for 15 years of service and Joe Iaboni for receiving a certificate for 10 years of community service.
- Stated that he met with many of the Legislators during the summer after receiving a notification from Assembly Member Miller re: the DHS Proposal to open a Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless at 100-32 Atlantic Ave.
- Thanked the office for processing 151 complaints over the summer; copy of the report is available upon request.
- Issued several memorandums to DOT regarding the speed bumps requests and thanked the DOT for agreeing to provide the info whether those speed bumps were physically installed.
- The next Borough Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 5:30 in Queens Borough Hall.

#### **6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes**

“Welcome Back. I hope everyone had a great summer. The office has been busy this summer. Irina processed 151 complaints from June through August. Victor processed 23 Liquor license applications, including 1 Cabaret and 1 TLC application.

This summer I met with Mr. Raul Santillan who is the Tenant Representative for 83-09 Lefferts Blvd. He complained about the Hangar Bar which is across the street from his building. He stated that there is constant noise and music coming from the bar as they leave the doors open during the summer. On July 26, 2016 I arranged a meeting between Mr. Santillan (Tenant Rep) and Mr. Alba owner of Hangar Bar. Mr. Alba lowered the outside music. There have not been any complaints from Mr. Santillan (Tenant Rep.) since 7/26/16.

Queens District Managers had Budget Consultations On Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>. We met with Dept. of Sanitation, Dept. of Buildings and Housing Preservation and Development. We have 9 more Budget consultations:

- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> - DEP, DOT, DOHMH and NYPD
- Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> - HRA, DHS, ACS, DFTA and FDNY

I will give a brief report after all consultations are finished.”

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

Sherman Kane stated that the Oligarch application for cabaret license Use Group 12, formerly Republican Club location, was withdrawn thanks to CB9 initiative and involvement.

Sylvia Hack stated that the Board has to get involved because what we are seeing in terms of these shelters is really a problem of affordability. The Independent Budget Office of New York has calculated that it costs the city \$1.2 Billion in lost property taxes every year.

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

### **► Speed Bump Requests:**

- **77<sup>th</sup> St. between 88<sup>th</sup> & 90<sup>th</sup> Avenues**

**Motion # 2:** To send a letter of support to DOT for speed bump installation

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

- **91<sup>st</sup> Ave. between 79<sup>th</sup> & 80<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Motion # 3:** To send a letter of support to DOT for speed bump installation

**Vote # 3:** Unanimous

- **91<sup>st</sup> Ave. between 95<sup>th</sup> & 96<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Motion # 4:** To send a letter of support to DOT for speed bump installation

**Vote # 4:** Unanimous

- **130<sup>th</sup> St. between Kew Gardens Rd. & Hillside Ave**

**Motion # 5:** To send a letter of support to DOT for speed bump installation

**Vote # 5:** Unanimous

- **84<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 110<sup>th</sup> St. & 112<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Motion # 6:** To send a letter of support to DOT for speed bump installation

**Vote # 6:** Unanimous

### **► Update on Speed Hump on 98<sup>th</sup> St. btwn Jamaica Ave and Park Lane South**

Alex Blenkinsop stated that DOT finally installed the two speed humps on 98th Street (between Jamaica Avenue and Park Lane South) that CB9 approved over four years ago. Unfortunately, the locations of those speed humps are at the extreme beginning and end of the block, doing nothing to stop speeding on the 1,000-foot stretch that was the original source of concern for the residents. Multiple people from 98th Street have already complained that the locations of the speed humps rendered them ineffective.

DOT has said they could find no alternate locations that fit their guidelines. Yet they set aside those guidelines by placing one of the speed humps fewer than the required 200 feet from a curve in the road.

He had two suggestions for DOT regarding future speed hump installations:



1. If curb cuts prevent a speed hump from being installed, DOT should collaborate with other city agencies to ensure those curb cuts are actually legal. DOT conceded at a previous CB9 meeting that they do not currently do this.
2. DOT should explain when and why it deviates from its own guidelines when installing some speed humps, and why it does not do so in the cases of other speed humps.

► **Update on School Sign Request for Parsons Preschool / North Side UPK, 85-27 91<sup>st</sup> St**

Mr. Wilson stated that the signage was approved for this location and will be implemented soon.

► **SBS Update *Nicole Garcia, DOT & Simone Price, MTA***

DOT gave a power point presentation on SBS for Woodhaven Blvd. The key points were: overview, community engagement, spring feedback follow-up, implementation and project timeline.

Question and answer period followed.

A link for this project will be forwarded to all board members for a review. Mr. Wilson asked the board members to look over the plans and reply with some feedback whether it is positive or negative so the Transportation Committee can study the board's general concerns.

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

**a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New**

Rose Lounge Corp.  
89-25 130<sup>th</sup> St.  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 7:** Not to oppose new on premise liquor license application for Rose Lounge Corp.,  
89-25 130<sup>th</sup> St

**Vote # 7:** 36 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions

Vikeira Partners LLC, d/b/a Karnival Belize  
117-03 Hillside Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 8:** To oppose new on premise liquor license application due to 500 Foot Rule for  
Vikeira Partners LLC, d/b/a Karnival Belize, 117-03 Hillside Ave

**Vote # 8:** Unanimous

**b. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Application – New**

Tauros Bar and Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Tauros Bar Restaurant  
108-02 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 9:** Not to oppose new on premise wine, beer & cider application with 1 AM Stip. for Tauros Bar & Rest, 108-02 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 9:** 38 in favor, 1 opposed

**c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal**

Envy Café, D/b/a Traphouse  
94-02 80<sup>th</sup> St. (AKA, 78-16 Atlantic Ave)  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

**Motion # 10:** To oppose on premise liquor license renewal application due to reports from the 102 Police Pct. for Envy Café, d/b/a Traphouse, 94-02 80<sup>th</sup> Street

**Vote # 10:** Unanimous

La Negra Restaurant Corp., D/b/a La Cocina De Alex Café Bar & Lounge  
102-03 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 11:** To oppose request for extension of hours due to eighteen 311 noise complaints for La Negra Restaurant Corp., d/b/a La Cocina De Alex Café Bar & Lounge, 102-03 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 11:** Unanimous

**Motion # 12:** Not to oppose on premise liquor license renewal application with the existing hours (11 PM closing time) for La Negra Restaurant Corp., d/b/a La Cocina De Alex Café Bar & Lounge, 102-03 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 12:** 38 in favor, 1 opposed

**d. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal**

Sai Lakshmi Corp., d/b/a Baba's Corner  
108-24 Myrtle Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 13:** To oppose on premise wine, beer & cider license application for Sai Lakshmi Corp., d/b/a Baba's Corner, 108-24 Myrtle Ave

**Vote # 13:** Unanimous

Alpha Lounge Bar and Grill, LLC  
117-03 Hillside Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 14:** To oppose on premises new liquor license application for Alpha Lounge Bar & Grill, LLC, 117-03 Hillside Ave

**Vote # 14:** Unanimous

e. **New CB9 Liquor License Information Questionnaire Form**

**Motion # 15:** To approve the new CB9 Liquor License Information Questionnaire Form

**Vote # 15:** Unanimous

f. **New CB9 For Hire Base Station License Questionnaire Form**

**Motion # 16:** To approve the new CB9 For Hire Base Station License Questionnaire Form

**Vote # 16:** 38 in favor, 1 opposed

Maharani Singh stated that the next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7 PM at the district office.

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

**► Update on Breaking Ground Organization – Proposed Safe Haven/Drop in Center for the Homeless at 100-32 Atlantic Ave**

“On Tuesday, August 25, 2016, the Health and Social Services Committee met with representative of Breaking Ground and other elected officials representatives regarding a proposal to open a Drop – In Center/Save Haven at 100-32 Atlantic Avenue. We learned that the proposal is in the preliminary stages. The proposal was not available for review.

At the meeting we learned that Breaking Ground will be servicing adults 18 years of age and older. The Drop-In facility will service both genders. As for the Safe Haven, a gender has not been established. This is not a homeless family shelter. This location will service street homeless individuals who refuse to stay at homeless shelters. The purpose is to find them permanent housing. There is no time limit set as to how long a homeless individual may stay at the facility. The Center will offer semi-private beds, approximately 75, shower facilities, meals, laundry facilities and medical services such as psychiatric services. The facility will service homeless individuals with mental illness and other conditions. It is not a substance abuse treatment center. These individuals will be referred and transported to other locations that offer this type of service.

We asked about screening for sex offenders since they will be located near schools. They responded that they do not screen for sex offenders. We asked if other locations in Queens were considered. They said yes but no specifics were given. There will be 24 hour security inside and around the perimeter of the facility. During off hours there will be 3-5 staff members, more during business hours.

A Q&A letter was sent to M. Borden, Assistant Commissioner for the NYC Dept. of Homeless Services. Mr. Borden provided answers to our letter. All Board members were copied.”

Question and answer period followed.

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

- Temporary classrooms have been removed from Richmond Hill HS schoolyard. The school now has a very nice track and sport field. The scaffolds have been removed and there appears to be new windows. The school recently unveiled a new media center for the students.
- Raj Rampershad, J. Richard Smith, John Carter and Seth Welins met with officials of Queens Library

on June 23. We expressed our strong concerns about the possible closing of the Richmond Hill Library during upcoming renovations. Queens Library officials were asked to consider other options to a full closing, such as keeping the children's room open during the renovation. We also strongly urged Queens Library to lease an alternative space near the library if the library has to be closed. As of this date, we have not heard from them.

- We scheduled a meeting with a representative of the proposed Circle Academy Charter School on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

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

Mr. Smith announces that the next Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:15 PM at the district office where the 2018 Capital & Expense Budget items for the parks in Community Board 9 will be discussed.

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

Richard David stated that over the summer Governor Cuomo came up with the initiative that allows New Yorkers to report vacant and abandoned properties in their communities through the NYS Department of Financial Services hotline at (800) 342-3736.

#### **14. Ad Hoc Committee – John Carter & Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Co-Chairs**

“The Ad Hoc Committee presents here for your consideration and review, the new, proposed by-laws. The template we used was the “MODEL” by-laws provided by the Borough President’s office. Where we chose to reject certain language, you will see a strike through (~~striketrough~~). Where we chose to include other language, you will see it underlined.”

We hope to provide a full presentation at the October meeting and then, if possible, vote at the November and December meetings. In the meantime, please review them. Anyone who cannot attend the October meeting may contact J. Carter directly with any comments, or, ask the Board Office to have him contact them directly.”

#### **15. Old Business** *No speakers*

#### **16. New Business**

Rabbi Pollack announced the welcoming of a new granddaughter into their family.

Maria Thomson invited all to the GWDC Annual Street Festival on Sunday, October 16, 2016 12-6 PM.

Ivan Mrakovcic- announced Richmond Hill Historical Society event on Friday, September 30, 2016.

#### **17. Public Forum**

Cynthia Dickerson, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that no meeting should occur on Primary Elections.

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

The meeting ended at 10:45