

NOVEMBER 9, 2016 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
ROYAL INDIAN PALACE, 118-06 ATLANTIC AVE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2016-MARCH 2017

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

D. Bhattacharjee	(0) (0)	Stephen Esposito	(0) (0)	Jagir Singh	(1) (2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1) (1)	Laraine Fletcher	(0) (0)	Regina Santoro	(1) (2)
Latchman Budhai	(0) (1)	Sylvia Hack	(0) (1)	Maharani Singh	(1) (1)
John Carter	(0) (1)	Sherman Kane	(0) (0)	Mohinder Singh	(1) (1)
Jim Coccovillo	(0) (0)	Joel Kuszai	(2) (2)	Raghibir Singh	(0) (1)
Andrea Crawford	(1) (1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (0)	J. Richard Smith	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Richard David	(1) (1)	Raj Rampershad	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1) (1)	Linda Fogal	(2) (3)	Mohamed Safie	(5) (6)
Julio Batista	(3) (3)	Joseph Iaboni	(1) (1)	Jarnail Singh	(2) (3)
Alex Blenkinsopp	(1) (1)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(3) (4)	Matthew Singh	(2) (2)
Nick Comaianni	(2) (4)	Priscilla Levine	(5) (7)	Maria Thomson	(2) (2)
Joan DeCamp	(1) (1)	Marian C. Molina	(2) (2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(3) (4)
Jan Fenster	(1) (1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1) (2)	Kenichi Wilson	(1) (1)

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joseph Addabbo
 Brandon Clarke, Rep. Council Member Wills
 Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
 Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz
 Nannette Alvarado, Rep. Assembly Member Miller
 Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz
 Deputy Inspector Urprasad, NYPD/102 Pct.
 P.O. Jose Severino, NYPD/102 Pct.
 P.O. Edwin Martinez, NYPD/102 Pct.

*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.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2018 Capital & Expense Budget *No speakers*

Liquor, Wine & Beer Licenses, Letters of Intent Received

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

La Cabana Restaurant De Rosa Corp.
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Corp.
D/b/a Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Restaurant
76-15 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

b. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal

V N K Coffee Shop, Inc.
D/b/a Marino S Corner
90-17 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. Alteration

El Gran Canario II Restaurant, Inc.
111-17 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Capocasale, Woodhaven Resident, distributed Bus Riders Safety Group November 2016 newsletter and thanked the board members who voted in opposition to the DOT SBS Proposal for Woodhaven/Cross Bay Blvd. Corridor.

Dorothy L. Nixon, Committee for Compassionate Neighborhoods, spoke about Breaking Ground's proposal to use the vacant building at 100-32 Atlantic Ave as a 50-bed transitional Safe Haven and Drop In Center and taking steps toward reasonable solutions for both our communities and local homeless people.

Chair Rampershad recognized Legislative Representatives.

Carl Moore, rep. Senator Addabbo, wished the Board Members a Happy Thanksgiving.

Bruce Eiber, rep. Council Member Koslowitz, wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Brandon Clarke, rep. Council Member Wills, invited all to attend a Community Town Hall on the proposed Atlantic Ave Homeless Transitional Residence & Drop In Center on Thursday, November 10, 2016, 6-9 pm at Richi Rich Palace, 110-19 Atlantic Ave.

Muhammad Rahman, rep. Assembly Member Weprin, wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Nannette Alvarado, rep. Assembly Member Miller, invited all to take part in Assemblyman's Thanksgiving Food Drive. All donations will benefit families from local schools. The deadline to donate is November 22, 2016.

Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz, stated that a NY LAG Van is going to be stationed at the Assembly Member's office at 159-06 71st Ave on November 28th, 2016 from 10 am to 3 pm. Free legal services for New Yorkers in need will be provided.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

J. Richard Smith read a correction submitted by Maharani Singh: Motion # 10 should read: To oppose new on premises beer & cider application for 113 Deli & Grocery, Inc. not 112 Deli & Grocery, Inc.

John Carter stated that he voted Yes for Motion # 7.

Motion # 1: To accept October 11, 2016 Minutes as corrected

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad asked for a moment of silence in honor of a fellow Police Officer from the 43rd Pct. who was murdered while on duty.

He stated the following:

- Thanked all veterans who served this county.
- There were no issues at the polling sites on Election Day. Everything went smoothly.
- 102nd Pct. is number seven in the city for crime reduction in all aspects: robbery, grand larceny, auto theft, etc.
- Wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

P.O Severino stated that the next 102nd Precinct Community Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 at 7 pm at the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, 110-04 Atlantic Ave.

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

- Thanked all veterans, including CB9 Members J. Richard Smith, Joe Iaboni and Nick Comaianni for their service.
- Town Hall meeting on the proposed Atlantic Ave Homeless Facility will take place on

Thursday, November 10, 2016, 6-9 p.m. at Richi Rich Palace, 110-19 Atlantic Ave.
Breaking Ground representatives will be present at that meeting.

- Next Executive Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the district office.
- A meeting with the Deputy Director of the SLA Michael Jones will take place on Wednesday, November 17th, 2016 at 2 pm at the district office. We will discuss ongoing issues with establishments in the CB9 area and find out what happens to the letters that are sent to the SLA.
- Thanked Richard David for providing a list of locations for proposed Link locations within our district. They were submitted to NYC DOITT.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes

“I attended Press Conference re: Transitional Residence /Drop in Center for homeless adults. NYC Council Member Rubin Wills & Assemblyman Michael Miller and other community leaders called on both the Dept. of Homeless Services (DHS) and provider Breaking Ground to participate in a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the Transitional Residence and Drop-In Facility. The Department of Homeless Services and Breaking Ground have agreed to a Town Hall Meeting that will not conflict with the Jewish observance of Simcha Torah. The Town Hall meeting will be held on November 10, 2016 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Richi Rich Palace, 110-19 Atlantic Ave.

Breaking Ground Submitted a Proposal to the Dept. of Homeless Services (DHS).

- DHS has received their proposal and it is still under review. Nothing has been finalized as of yet. They are moving forward with community meetings.
- They are in the process of meeting with community stakeholders including those specifically recommended by Raj:
- On Nov. 2, 2016 Breaking Ground (Claire Sheedy, Doug Becht and Cara Ochsenreiter) and DHS (Matt Borden) representatives met with The High School for Construction Trades, Engineering & Architecture Principal Lakeisha Gordon and colleagues including the head of the high school's PTA.
- Breaking Ground is scheduling meetings with the following block associations in the hopes they can get to all before Thursday, November 10.
 - Richmond Hill Block Association
 - Woodhaven Resident's Block Association
 - Richmond Hill East Block Association

Attended Queens Borough President Melinda's Borough Cabinet Meeting (Oct. 19, 2016). The NYC Fire Department gave a presentation on Fire Safety:

- 70% of fires can be stopped with Smoke Detectors.
- Batteries in your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors should be changed twice a year.
- Stay in your house or Apartment when there is a Fire.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz wrote a letter regarding Changes to the Street Festival permit process that would seriously affect our communities, undermine the authority of Queens Community Boards and potentially do away with street festivals in our borough.

She reported that after all public testimony was presented to the agency, The Administration has listened and for now has placed the proposal on hold for at least another year and the 2017 process will remain the same.

Irina processed sixty complaints for the month of October.

Victor processed sixty two Liquor License Applications and 3 TLC License Applications.”

- **FY 2018 Capital & Expense Budget**

Regina Santoro made a motion to accept FY 2018 Capital & Expense Budget. Stephen Esposito seconded it.

Motion # 2: To accept FY 2018 Capital & Expense Budget

Vote # 2: Unanimous

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

Sylvia Hack stated that the state's controversial 421-a program -a tax break for certain newly built residential developments- is getting a new life and could soon unlock \$2 billion in state affordable housing funds.

Chair Rampershad stated that he is trying to set up a meeting with DOB Commissioner Dereck Lee, but he is away on vacation until November 22, 2016.

A meeting with Senator Addabbo will be set up in order to discuss 421-a.

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

Chair Rampershad gave an update on Jamaica Ave: at our board meeting on October 11, 2016, we voted to oppose SBS on Woodhaven Blvd. Two days later, DOT began construction of safety improvements at Woodhaven Blvd. and Jamaica Ave. The work included realigning the left turn bays and an expanded pedestrian median.

Woodhaven Blvd. & Jamaica Ave is one of the deadliest intersections in the city, tied with Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. in Manhattan.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

La Cabana Restaurant De Rosa Corp.
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 3: To oppose on premises liquor license application renewal due to the 102 Pct. report for La Cabana Rest. De Rosa Corp., 102-24 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: Unanimous

Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Corp.
D/b/a Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Restaurant
75-16 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 4: To oppose on premises liquor license application renewal due to the 102 Pct. report for Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Corp., 75-16 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 4: Unanimous

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

Rabbi Polack reported on a Security Preparedness Forum for non-profit and houses of worship, sponsored by Congress Member Grace Meng.

10. Ad Hoc Committee Report – John Carter & Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Co-Chairs

- **Proposed New By-Laws**

Mr. Carter read the motion: “The Ad Hoc Committee moves to replace the current by-laws by approving and adopting the proposed, revised by-laws for Community Board 9 dated November 9, 2016.

This full amendment of the by-laws will be initiated by a majority vote of members present. Then, ratification take place with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and the next two consecutive general meetings.”

Discussion on a motion followed.

Motion # 5: To replace the current by-laws by approving and adopting the proposed, revised by-laws for Community Board 9 dated November 9, 2016

Vote # 5: Unanimous

11. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair *not present to give a report*

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

Seth Welins mentioned a few upcoming meetings he is going to attend.

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

J. Richard Smith stated that the sidewalk renovation on Myrtle Ave by the Buddy Monument is close to its completion. The remaining section that has to be done is across from the Golf Course.

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

Mr. David stated that there is no update on the LIRR underpass at Jamaica Ave & Sutphin Blvd.

Chair Rampershad stated that NYC DOITT is looking into Wi-Fi locations in CB9 submitted by Richard David. Originally it was only one location in Kew Gardens.

15. Old Business

Rabbi Pollack inquired if a new Community Board 9 meetings schedule was coordinated with religious holidays.

16. New Business

Sylvia Hack voiced her concern regarding Board of Election's poor staff training. She also suggested inviting Verizon FiOS representatives to the meeting.

Andrea Crawford explained Verizon FiOS service regulations.

Rabbi Pollack shared the problems he had at the local election poles. He suggested contacting other Community Boards and addressing this issue.

Latchman Budhai stated that the 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting will take place next Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, Inc. 110-04 Atlantic Ave.

Richard David asked to find out if the Department of Sanitation has purchased smaller equipment for narrow streets to be plowed of snow.

Maharani Singh and Mohinder Singh have also shared the problems she had at the local election poles.

17. Public Forum

Lori Lichman, Citizens Committee for NYC, stated that grants of up to \$3,000 are available from community gardening and tenant organizing to school recycling drives and art projects across NYC. Time to apply is through January 23rd, 2017.

Bridget Bartolini, Richmond Hill Love Letter, announced that Writing Workshop free event will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Lefferts Library, 103-34 Lefferts Blvd.

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn, Rabbi Pollack seconded it.

The meeting ended at 9 p.m.