

JANUARY 10, 2017 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, Room 213, 120-55 QUEENS BLVD

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	(2) (0)	Linda Fogal	(3) (0)	Maharani Singh	(2) (0)
Julio Batista	(3) (0)	Sylvia Hack	(0) (0)	Mohinder Singh	(2) (0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1) (0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1) (0)	Ragbir Singh	(0) (0)
Latchman Budhai	(0) (0)	Sherman Kane	(1) (0)	J. Richard Smith	(1) (0)
Jim Coccovillo	(1) (0)	Ivan Mrakovic	(1) (0)	Maria Thomson	(3) (0)
Nick Comaianni	(3) (0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (0)	Marie Turley	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1) (0)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Richard David	(1) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(1) (0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(3) (0)
Joan DeCamp	(1) (0)	Regina Santoro	(1) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(1) (0)
Jan Fenster	(1) (0)	Jagir Singh	(1) (0)		
Laraine Fletcher	(0) (0)	Jarnail Singh	(2) (0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

D. Bhattacharjee	(1) (1)	Mohamad Z. Islam	(4) (1)	Mohamed Safie	(7) (0)
John Carter	(1) (1)	Joel Kuszai	(3) (1)	Matthew Singh	(3) (1)
Andrea Crawford	(2) (1)	Priscilla Levine	(7) (1)		
Stephen Esposito	(1) (1)	Marian C. Molina	(4) (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
 Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Elizabeth Crowley
 Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz
 Sergio Galeano, NYC Comptroller
 Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Miller
 Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz
 Mohamed Hack, Re. QBP Melinda Katz
 Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
 Deputy Inspector D. Urprasad, 102nd Pct.
 P.O. Severino, 102nd Pct.
 P.O. Martinez, 102nd Pct.

Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Liquor, Wine & Beer Licenses, Letters of Intent Received

a. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Application – New

Members Only Bar and Grill, Inc.
D/b/a Escape Bar & Grill
106-05 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Nolascos Deli Grocery Store, Inc.
104-03 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

b. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Application – Renewal

Tu Casa Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Tu Casa Restaurant
119-05 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

Caridad Restaurant Corp.
90-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal

Richmond Hill Deli Corp.
D/b/a Richmond Hill Deli Restaurant
123-07 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

d. Class Change

El Rey IV Billiard & Lounge, Inc.
75-16 Rockaway Blvd
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Hines, Richmond Hill Resident, reported a traffic signal facing the wrong way at the intersection of 130th Street Hillside and Metropolitan Avenues.

Ed Wendell, Woodhaven Resident, stated that the Woodhaven Cultural and Historical Society voted unanimously to support a resolution adopted by the American Legion Post 118 to rename Forest Park Drive to Forest Park Memorial Drive. Mr. Wendell asked the board members to support this resolution.

Chair Rampershad acknowledged Legislators and their representatives.

Carl Moore, Rep. State Senator Joe Addabbo stated that the Senator is looking forward to working with board members.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, reported on the following:

- A meeting will take place at the end of the month at the Council Member's office re: Light Rail Proposal followed by a meeting for the community.
- Council Member Crowley sent a letter of support to DOT Commissioner to rename Forest Park Drive to Forest Park Memorial Drive.
- FY18 Funding Applications for Non-Profits are on the Council Member's website. All organizations are encouraged to fill out and submit this application.
- Congratulated Deputy Inspector Urprasad on receiving CB9 Recognition Award.

Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz, stated that the office will host a sales bus from the MTA on January 31st, 2017 to help seniors and people with disabilities to get reduced fare metro cards. Multi Care unit will be at Assembly Member's office on February 1st, 2017 for free mammograms. Call the office in advance to schedule an appointment.

Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Miller:

- Distributed flyers on Laws Taking Effect In 2017.
- Assembly Member is holding an annual Valentine's Day Vets Drive.
- Heat assistance is available by calling the Heat Energy Assistance Program at (800) 342-2009.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, stated that this year commemorates his thirty first year representing the City Council.

Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, invited all to the 230th Haitian Independence Celebration on Thursday, January 19th, 2017 at Queens Borough Hall and to the State of the Borough Address on January 27, 2017 at York College.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, congratulated Deputy Inspector Urprasad on his recognition award.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Executive Secretary Mrakovcic asked for any corrections or additions to December 13th, 2016 minutes. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept December 13th, 2016 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 22 in favor, 3 not present and 6 abstentions

4. **Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.** Deputy Inspector Urprasad asked to take a moment of silence in memory of NYPD Detective Steve McDonald who was shot and paralyzed on July 12, 1986 and passed away today.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad announced that crime in the 102nd Pct. hit record lows in 2016, making it the safest year on record. 102nd Pct. ranked number four in the city in crime reduction.

Sandra Datnarain, Chair Rampershad and Lisa Gomes presented Recognition Award to Deputy Inspector Deodat Urprasad.

5. **Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – Raj Rampershad** announced the following meetings will take place on Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 at the board office:
- Budget Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - Exec Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.-Breaking Ground and DHS will give an update on 100-32 Atlantic Ave site.

Chair Rampershad reminded board members who are up for re-appointment to submit their applications. He announced that Alexander Blenkinsopp has resigned from the board and thanked him for his service and dedication to the board and the Woodhaven Block Association.

Chair Rampershad said that the Queens Borough President's Office will take both board and committee meeting attendance into consideration before the re-appointment of board members.

Mr. Rampershad stated that all religious and national holidays were taken into consideration while compiling the list of 2017 CB9's regular monthly board meetings. The final copy will be emailed to all board members shortly.

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

"NYC Department of Finance has several Benefits Programs. Income threshold has been increased to \$50, 000. Fonts have been enlarged for Rent Free SCRIE application (Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption).

Tenant Representative is important if someone has dementia or is in the hospital.

DHE- Disabled homeowner's exemption will have to be renewed this year.

The Enhanced Star Exemption is up to \$86,000 total household income.

Age for Homeowner Exemption benefit is 65 & 62 years of age.

Link NYC- free Internet access to New York City and is 100x faster than FIOS.

In 2016 thirty nine Links were installed in Queens:

- Five Community Boards 9,2,4,6, & 12
- Five Council Districts (24, 25, 26, 27, 29)
- Two Bids

There is a two year plan to install Kiosks for Queens:

- 31St. in Long Island City
- Broadway & 30th Ave in Astoria
- Jamaica Ave, west of the Van Wyck

- Roosevelt Ave
- 37th Ave
- Greenpoint Ave

The Community board gets sixty days to comment if a new location is being considered for a Kiosk. In eight years the old pay phones will not appear in Queens. They are looking for suggestions for locations within the community board. Please let me know if you have any sites you would like to submit.

Irina processed twenty eight complaints for the month of December 2016.
Victor processed six liquor licenses this month.”

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

“Comptroller Scott Stringer issued his audit of the Success Academy Charter Schools. The report highlights many types of financial irregularities by Success Academy. According to the audit, Success Academy denied all the allegations and refused to adopt the recommendations outlined in the audit.”

Mr. Welins introduced guest speaker Jesse Mojica, Executive Director of Parent Leadership.

Mr. Mojica spoke on the following:

- The Division of Family and Community Engagement works closely with parent coordinators in providing professional development and training in a variety of issues throughout the system.
- The central office works with Family Leadership Coordinators and Family Support Coordinators on constituent issues.
- Works closely with Community Education Councilors throughout the city.
- Manages the election process as Communication Councilors get re-elected every two years.
- Host multi lingual parent conferences throughout the city.

Question and answer period followed.

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

Sylvia Hack stated that they are hoping to meet with State Senator Addabbo soon.

9. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenny Wilson, Chair, reported on the following:

- Cashless tolling is coming to MTA bridges and tunnels. Electronic devices will collect money from drivers through E-ZPass, or a bill will be sent in the mail for those who pay with cash. The cameras can also snap photos of license plates at any speed and in any weather.
- Traffic patterns study in Kew Gardens is ongoing.
- The next Transportation & Traffic Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the district office.

10. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – M. Singh & J. Coccovillo, Co-Chairs

Members Only Bar and Grill, Inc.
D/b/a Escape Bar & Grill
106-05 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new on premise wine, beer & cider application with 1 a.m. stipulation for Members Only Bar and Grill, Inc., 106-05 101st Ave

Vote # 2: Unanimous

Nolascos Deli Grocery Store, Inc.
104-03 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 3: To oppose new on premise wine, beer & cider application for Nolascos Deli Grocery Store, Inc., 104-03 101st Ave

Vote # 3: Unanimous

El Rey IV Billiard & Lounge, Inc.
75-16 Rockaway Blvd
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 4: To oppose class change application for El Ray IV Billiard & Lounge, Inc., 75-16 Rockaway Blvd.

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Jim Coccovillo announced that the next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

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

Proposed New By-Laws

Rabbi Pollack read the following statement submitted by Maria Thomson:
“Under Section: Removal From Office - Officers and Members of the Board

2. Removal of Members of the Community Board

a. Any appointed member of the board may be removed for cause, which shall include substantial nonattendance at Board or Committee meetings over a period of 6 months.

My proposed addition is *except for legitimate medical reasons or recuperation from an operation.*”

Motion # 5: To adopt the proposed, revised by-laws for Community Board 9

Vote # 5: Unanimous

Rabbi Pollack reiterated his appreciation to the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for committing their personal time into this process.

12. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair *No report*

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

Regina Santoro stated that she submitted requests for planting of new trees in Richmond Hill which were processed by the board office.

14. Economic Development Committee Report – Richard David & Matthew Singh, Co-Chairs
No report

15. Old Business *no speakers*

16. New Business

Maria Thomson stated that Assembly Member Hevesi released a Homeless Relief Program which was accepted and voted upon by other community boards.

17. Public Forum

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

The meeting ended at 9:17 p.m.