

**MARCH 22, 2017 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD ROOM 213**

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)	Stephen Esposito	(1) (1)	Jagir Singh	(1) (0)
Julio Batista	(3) (0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0) (0)	Jarnail Singh	(2) (0)
D. Bhattacharjee	(1) (1)	Linda Fogal	(4) (1)	Maharani Singh	(2) (0)
Latchman Budhai	(1) (1)	Sylvia Hack	(0) (0)	Matthew Singh	(4) (2)
John Carter	(1) (1)	Sherman Kane	(1) (0)	J. Richard Smith	(1) (0)
Jim Coccovillo	(1) (0)	Marian C. Molina	(4) (1)	Ragbir Singh	(1) (1)
Nick Comaianni	(4) (1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0) (0)	Maria Thomson	(3) (0)
Andrea Crawford	(2) (1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0) (0)	Seth Welins	(0) (0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1) (0)	Raj Rampershad	(1) (0)	Kenichi Wilson	(1) (0)
Richard David	(1) (0)	Regina Santoro	(2) (1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kamal Bhuiyan	(2) (1)	Joel Kuszai	(5) (3)	Marie Turley	(1) (1)
Joan DeCamp	(2) (1)	Ivan Mrakovic	(3) (2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(4) (1)
Jan Fenster	(2) (1)	Mohamed Safie	(9) (3)	Joseph Iaboni	(2) (1)
Mohamad Z. Islam	(6) (3)	Mohinder Singh	(3) (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
Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz
Capt. Molloy, 102nd Pct.
P.O Martinez, 102nd Pct.

Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Blend Restaurant & Lounge LLC
127-07 94th Ave
S. Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Mr. Chalim Imanudin, restaurant owner, introduced himself and asked the board members to vote in favor of a new on premise liquor license application for Blend Restaurant & Lounge.

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

El Pollo Inka N.Y. Inc.
D/b/a El Pollo Inka
89-20 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Forge Diner Inc.
D/b/a Pasta Lovers Trattoria
124-18 Queens Blvd
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

M & F Restaurant Corporation
D/b/a Spolini's Restaurant
116-25 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

Mingle #1 Inc.
D/b/a Mingle's
130-18 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

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

84-23 Polleria Inc.
D/b/a Mistura Peruana Restaurant
84-23 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

9010 Atlantic Inc.
D/b/a Queens Buffet
90-10 Atlantic Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

e. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – Renewal

Jophsua 19 Grocery Rest. Corp.
D/b/a Richard Deli Restaurant #2
134-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

f. Corporate Change

L & Y Deli & Grocery Inc.
95-14 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

g. Class Change – New Application

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

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Kevin Burns, Kew Gardens Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), stated the following:

- CSA is where a farm and community partner together.
- There are 120 CSA groups in NYC.
- From March to November of each year the CSA members pick out an amazing amount of fruits, vegetables, eggs, flowers, meat and bear share.
- Cost for a share is \$25 per week. People should join in the spring so the farmer can plant seeds accordingly.
- Fruits and vegetables will be distributed at the Kew Gardens Cinema Park at Austin Street and Lefferts Boulevard every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Santiago Preciado, Kew Gardens Resident, stated that as a member of the Historic District Council, his mission is to ensure the preservation of historic buildings and public spaces in Kew Gardens and Richmond Hill.

Esta-Joy Sydell, The Forest Park Barking Lot Organization, stated that The Forest Park Barking Lot is a non-profit community group working with the Dept. of Parks and Recreation to satisfy the needs of dog-owners and non-dog owners alike. This community group is calling upon local residents, businesses and city officials to help them get funding for building a permanent dog run with all the amenities needed for a safe, healthy environment for pets and parents. They have over 450 petition signatures and that number is growing.

Chair Rampershad acknowledged Legislators and their representatives.

Carl Moore, Rep. State Senator Joe Addabbo, made an announcement re the following events:

- Free Prostate Cancer Screening will take place on Saturday, April 15, 2017 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Senator's office, 66-85 73rd Place.
- Free Semi-Annual Recycling Event will take place on Sunday, April 30th, 2017 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Bandshell Parking Lot at Forest Park. List of acceptable Items is available upon request.
- List of Senator Addabbo's Mobile Office Hours is available upon request.

Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Miller, stated that they are having a mammogram van on May 7th, 2017 in front of their office.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, asked all to join Council Member Koslowitz Rally for Women's Rights on Sunday, March 26th, 2017, 12-3 p.m. at the MacDonald Park, corner of Yellowstone Boulevard and Queens Boulevard.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, made an announcements regarding Town Hall meeting on Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, 7-9 p.m. at the Hillcrest Jewish Center 183-02 Union Turnpike.

Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz, made two announcements:

- The Metro Card Bus will be by the office on Thursday, March 30th, 2017 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- E-waste Recycling Event, co-sponsored by Council Member Lancman will take place on Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the YCQ (Yeshiva of Central Queens) Building on 70th Road between 147th and 150th Streets.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

1st Vice Chair Smith stated that Maria Thomson submitted the following correction to the February 14th, 2017 minutes:

"Maria Thomson stated that Board Members who have legitimate medical reasons or are recuperating from an operation should not be removed from the Board. This was also the consensus of the Board".

Motion # 1: To accept February 14th, 2017 minutes as amended

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

P.O. Severino stated that there was an NYPD Hate Crime Task Force Presentation at the 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting on Tuesday, March 21st, 2017. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 18th, 2017. 7-9 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Branch Library.

Officer Severino raised awareness about mailbox fishing crime stating that thieves use common household products to alter checks they recently stole out of mailboxes. They then make the checks payable to themselves or other parties. Cautions, i.e. using pen with pigmented ink to

write checks, shredding any voided or incorrectly written checks, checking account balance frequently to ensure checks were cleared by the establishment that the checks were written out to, should be taken.

Officer Severino thanked Matthew Singh for using his establishment at 130-05 101st Ave for 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting yesterday.

Question and answer period followed.

5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – Raj Rampershad reported on the following:

- The next Exec. Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the district office.
- Chair Rampershad thanked all the chairs and board members for their professionalism and dedication; he thanked legislative representatives and press for attending all the board meetings.
- Mr. Rampershad stated that when he became CB9 Chair two years ago he became the youngest Chair in CB 9 history and first Indo-Caribbean Chair in the history of New York City.

A moment of silence was held for the passing of Former Queens Borough President Helen Marshall.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes:

“Attended the Borough Presidents Cabinet Meeting on March 7, 2017.

NYC Small Business gave an overview of the services they provide to the Community. Since the economic crash small business have had the Greatest Growth.

The NYC Business Solutions Queens Center at the NYC Small Business Support Center is located at 90-27 Sutphin Boulevard, 4th Floor.

The Center offers services from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and Small Business Services (SBS).

Please call 311 to contact this location.

Grants are available up to \$90,000. Must be for Profit, operating in a commercial space for 3 years & must be independent and not a franchise.

Costal Storm Evacuation Route Signage Program/NYC Office of Emergency Management

Originally 19 signed routes citywide which was implemented as part of the 2007 Coastal Storm Plan were intended to direct drivers to Emergency Centers. The current routing strategy is a southern model and not well suited to a dense urban grid. There are few signs within zones and public awareness is minimal.

OEM is rethinking the Queens Costal Storm Plan to direct drivers to certain emergency centers. They are proposing to increase year round awareness of hurricane risk & the best path to safety for communities in evacuation zones. They will also increase the amount of signage within evacuation zones.

Attended the opening of Joseph Devoy Playground with Chair Rampershad & Regina Santoro, Co-Chair of the Parks Committee.”

Sandra Datnarain, Chair Rampershad and Lisa Gomes presented Recognition Award to

Pandit Lakhram Ramdat Maharaj, founder of the Shri Tulsi Mandir Inc., in appreciation of his dedicated humanitarian work in providing relief for all of the victims from the devastating seven alarm fire that took place on 110th Street and Liberty Avenue.

7. Election of Officers

John Carter opened nominations on the floor for Chairperson.
Nominees Raj Rampershad and Sherman Kane.
Sherman Kane withdrew his nomination.

Raj Rampershad is re-elected Chairperson.

Chair Rampershad received nominations for 1st Vice Chair.

Nominees: J. Richard Smith and Kenny Wilson.
Kenny Wilson withdrew his nomination.

J. Richard Smith is re-elected 1st Vice Chairperson.

Chair Rampershad received nominations for 2nd Vice Chair.

Kenny Wilson was nominated for 2nd Vice Chair.

Kenny Wilson is re-elected 2nd Vice Chair.

Chair Rampershad received nominations for Treasurer.

Nominees: Joe Iaboni, Ivan Mrakovcic and Marian C. Molina.
Marian withdrew her nomination.

Vote: 11 for Joe Iaboni, 17 for Ivan Mrakovcic and 1 not present.

Ivan Mrakovcic is elected Treasurer.

Jessie Sly from Queens DA Brown's office addressed the board stating that they are temporarily using the Maple Grove Park, located on Queens Boulevard and Hoover St, to park their cars while the construction of a municipal parking lot is in progress.

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

Sherman Kane reported on the following:

- The committee met with Council Member Koslowitz to discuss the homeless population in NYC. Data on homelessness in Queens and CB9 specifically was requested.
- This data is needed to evaluate the level of saturation, where those people are located and where they are coming from. The information is needed to evaluate the placement of future shelters in our community.
- The next Land Use Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 28th, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the district office.

Question and answer period followed.

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

- John Carter reported on the School Construction Authority's plans to develop new schools and school additions in Queens. P. 66 will get a new addition in their school yard to alleviate, but not eliminate, overcrowding.
- Board members received D.O.E. statistics on the number of CB9 students who are currently homeless or living in temporary quarters. The individual school homeless percentages ranged from less than 1% to a high of 7.6%. There is strong evidence that many homeless students are having great difficulty coping with their temporary living conditions. Schools need a lot more resources for these very vulnerable students.
- The D.O.E. has issued guidelines to principals should non-law enforcement agents attempt to enter their school and/or speak with students. These agents can only do so with a court issued warrant. NYPD officers are allowed to enter schools if the situation demands police intervention but they will not be allowed to share information about students and their families with non-local law enforcement officers unless they are required to do so by law.

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

- The Department of Transportation will be working on Woodhaven Boulevard by 85th Rd, 85th Ave and 86th Ave to implement pedestrian safety on the islands.
- The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 28th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Queens Borough Hall, Rm. 213.
- Mr. Wilson invited all to March 28th Transportation Committee meeting to discuss the proposed conversion of 87th Street between Jamaica Ave and 88th Ave into a one way northbound operation.
- DOT Park Lane South Safety Improvement Project will be presented at March 28th Committee meeting. The link with that presentation will be emailed to all board members.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Blend Restaurant & Lounge LLC
127-07 94th Ave
S. Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new on premise liquor license application
Vote # 2: Unanimous

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

El Pollo Inka N.Y. Inc.
D/b/a El Pollo Inka
89-20 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new on premise wine, beer & cider application with 1am stip.
Vote #3: Unanimous

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

84-23 Polleria, Inc.
D/b/a Mistura Peruana Restaurant
84-23 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 4: To oppose on premise wine, beer & cider application
Vote # 4: Unanimous

d. Class Change – New Application

Tu Casa Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Tu Casa Restaurant
119-05 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion # 5: Not to oppose new class change application
Vote #5: Unanimous

Next Public Safety Committee meeting is on Monday, March 27th, 2017 at 7 p.m at the district office.

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

“Last month Breaking Ground signed a four year lease with option to renew for two more years at 100-32 Atlantic Avenue. As of today we have no details on the budget. They are not yet operating out of the facility because they have no heat. They contacted National Grid to have their heat turned on.

Breaking Ground met with the Principal and PTA of the High School for Construction, Trades, Engineering and Architecture. No details were given about their meeting. They will be inviting the school administration and CB9 members as soon as their facilities are open for business.

The Health and Social Services Committee, together with the Economic Development Committee is bringing forth a resolution for a study to be done on the impact a homeless shelter will have in our community. Richard David read the resolution. The resolution will be forwarded to the Office of the Borough President, elected officials and other Community Boards.”

Motion # 6: To send CB9 Resolution to DHS, QBP, elected officials and Community Boards

Vote # 6: 25 in favor, 1 opposed and 4 abstention

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

- Attended the Joseph Devoy Playground Ground Breaking/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 at 2:15 p.m.
- Parks Department is looking for funding to fence a Dog Park in Kew Gardens.
- Attended a scope meeting for reconstruction of paths at Forest Park Baby Carriage Lane located between Forest Park Drive and Park Lane South. This site will be part of a multi-site contract; \$400,000 was allocated by Council Member Eric Ulrich.
- April 8th, 2017 is Pine Grove Restoration/Tree Planting Day.
- The NYC Department of Sanitation is elated to introduce the new Organics Recycling Program to the District.

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

15. Old Business *No speakers*

16. New Business

Maria Thomson invited all to a Spring to Summer Dinner Dance sponsored by GWDC on Friday June 9th, 2017 at the Woodhaven Manor.

17. Public Forum *No speakers*

Rabbi Pollack made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Coccovillo seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 9:32 p.m.