

**APRIL 13, 2017 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD ROOM 213**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2017-MARCH 2018

2nd # Represents Absences as of January 2017-December 2017 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Matthew Singh	(0)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(1)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Nick Comaianni	(0)(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)(2)	Maria Thomson	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(0)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(0)(1)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Stephen Esposito	(0)(1)	Raj Rampershad	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Richard David	(1)(1)	Regina Santoro	(1)(2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1)(2)	Jan Fenster	(1)(2)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)(2)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(4)	Raghbir Singh	(1)(2)

ALSO PRESENT

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate; Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant, Leela Venketachalam, City Seasonal Aide

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Kenneth Lazar, NYC DOB
Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Mariana Lano, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Kevin Jean Baptiste, Rep. Senator James Sanders Jr.
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Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Antojitos Restaurant Corp.
90-04 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

b. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – New

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

88 Deli Grocery Inc.
88-01 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

Nomi Deli & Grocery, Inc.
119-14 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Karp Hill Inc.
D/b/a Last Call
81-72 Lefferts Blvd
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

Maracas Club and Restaurant LLC
121-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

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

8102 Pizza Corp.
D/b/a Enzo's Pizzeria
81-02 Rockaway Blvd
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Application – Renewal (Cont’d)

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

Ms. Tavares, application expediter, spoke on behalf of the owner. She said that Mr. Collado has been in the restaurant business for over twenty years and does not have any citations from the NY SLA. She urged the board members to vote for this application renewal and class change.

GSFA Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a The Classic Diner
117-33 Myrtle Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *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. Class Change – New Application

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

g. Alteration

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

h. TLC For Hire Base Station License Application – Renewal

Cautious Cars Inc.
76-19 Rockaway Blvd
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

i. DOT Presentation Kew Gardens Safety Improvements *no speakers*

j. Street Conversion of 87th St. from Jamaica Ave. and 88th Ave to one way Northbound *no speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Janet Forte, Rep. Reverend Tumino of St. Thomas The Apostle, read a letter of opposition to the proposed traffic change direction on 87th Street between Jamaica Ave. and 88th Ave.

Philip Condon, Kew Gardens Resident, recommended enhancing CB9's presence on Social Media, stating that it will advance the dissemination of community information to residents that have expressed concerns to its few residents "in the know".

Michael Moore, Kew Gardens Resident, addressed the board regarding the Kew Gardens Traffic Proposal being put forward by the DOT stating that:

- It will significantly impact the residents living near Park Lane South.
- Larger numbers of drivers will use the surrounding streets to avoid the congestion at the intersections of 115th St and Park Lane South and Park Lane South and Metropolitan Ave.
- Dangerous increase in traffic speed and volume on Mayfair, Curzon and 116th Streets is an issue.
- The stop sign at 115th St and 84th Ave is completely ignored.
- A traffic light at 115th St will dramatically increase traffic flow down 112th St.
- Further regulation of traffic at Park Lane South and Metropolitan Ave will increase the traffic flow down Curzon and Mayfair Rd.
- More crashes occurred on 116th St than at the intersection of Park Lane South and Metropolitan Ave.

A full version of Mr. Moore's Statement is available upon request.

Kevin Burns, Kew Gardens CSA, confirmed that the Kew Gardens Community Supported Agriculture site will be located at the Kew Gardens Cinema's Park every Sunday morning for twenty four weeks starting in June. Registration is open. Participants should sign up before the season begins to avoid missing an opportunity to procure fresh, organic food. Contact number is (718) 971-3001.

Rudy Simhaef, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke in favor of DOT Kew Gardens Safety Improvement Project and thanked Vikram Sinha, Queens DOT Planner, for his support and cooperation.

Martin Colberg, Woodhaven Resident Block Association President, spoke against 87th Street conversion into a one way street operation stating that in is going to affect the community in a negative way.

Giedra Kregzdys, Vice President of the WRBA, spoke in opposition of the one way street conversion of 87th St between Jamaica Ave and 88th Ave.

Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.

Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, invited all to Borough Presidents' Vaisakhi Celebration on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Queens Borough Hall, room 213.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, wished all a Happy Easter.

Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, announced the following:

- Free Recycling Event will take place on Sunday, April 30th, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Bandshell Parking Lot in Forest Park.
- On Sunday, May 7, 2017 a Mammogram Van will be in front of 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. from 9 am to 12 pm. Call the office (718) 805-0950 to schedule an appointment for no-cost digital mammograms and clinical breast exams.
- Assembly Member Miller opposed the conversion of 87th Street between Jamaica and 88th Ave into a one way operation northbound.

Kevin Jean Baptiste, Rep. Senator James Sanders Jr., stated that on May 6th, 2017 a Mobile Immigration Van will be in front of the Senator's office from 12 pm to 2 pm. An attorney will be there to answer immigration questions.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Treasurer Mrakovcic asked if there were any corrections/additions to March 14, 2017 minutes. There were none. Maharani Singh made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

Motion #1: To accept March 14, 2017 minutes as presented

Vote #1: 24 in favor, 5 abstentions and 1 not present

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct. *No report*

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

- Introduced new board members: Ms. Cristal Rivera, Mr. Faiuze Ali, Ms. Zoila Bofill and Mr. Daniel Grieve.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the district office.
- Stated that a follow up meeting with Breaking Ground will be arranged for the 100-32 Atlantic Ave site.
- Office Budget will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Recognized and thanked Victor Ampuero for maintaining the CB9 Facebook page and working with DOITT on keeping the CB9 website up to date.
- Wi-Fi stations are finally coming to CB9 area. The list of locations will be emailed to all board members.
- Chair Rampershad asked each of the board members to fill out a Committee Preference Form.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes, *no report*

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

- **DOT Presentation Kew Gardens Safety Improvements**

Mr. Albert Silvestri spoke about project benefits and answered board members' questions.

Motion #2: To approve DOT Kew Gardens Safety Improvement Project

Vote #2: 29 in favor and 1 abstention

Chair Rampershad recognized State Senator James Sanders Jr. who addressed the board and answered board members' questions.

- **Street Conversion of 87th St. from Jamaica Ave. and 88th Ave to one way Northbound**

Motion # 3: To oppose conversion of 87th Street between Jamaica Ave & 88th Ave into a one way street operation Northbound

Vote # 3: Unanimous

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

Sylvia Hack stated that the Department of City Administrative Services will attend CB9 Land Use Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 25th, 2017. Items that will be discussed are: changes around Queens Borough Hall area and 421-a.

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

1: Excelsior Scholarship

The NYS legislature passed a law that would offer tuition college scholarships for N.Y.S. students enrolled in either 2 or 4-year SUNY and CUNY College. Students whose families earn less than \$100K would be eligible for this scholarship. The income cap will rise to \$125 in 2019.

There are several important eligibility requirements for this scholarship:

A: Students must be registered for at least 30 credits per/semester

B: They must graduate in 2 years for 2-year schools and 4 years for 4-year schools.

C: They must use other grants and scholarships before they can receive Excelsior funds.

D: After graduation, they must continue to reside in New York for the number of years they received their scholarship. If they do leave New York before the four year period, their scholarships will be converted into a loan that they will have to repay.

E: This scholarship is only available to citizens, permanent residents and refugees.

F: Students must maintain an *unspecified?* Grade point average to continue receiving their scholarship.

We will have to see the detailed provisions of this program in order to assess its full impact on students and colleges.

2: Charter Schools

Many charter schools receive very large donations and grants. For example, Success Academy's 2014 IRS 990 form showed that they received nearly \$5 million in 2013 and nearly \$11 million dollars in 2014.

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

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

Antojitos Restaurant Corp.

90-04 Jamaica Ave

Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion #4: Not to oppose new on premise Wine, Beer & Cider application with 1 a.am stipulation

Vote #4: Unanimous

b. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – New

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

Motion #5: To oppose new on premise Beer & Cider application due to lack of paperwork and cooperation

Vote #5: Unanimous

88 Deli Grocery Inc.
88-01 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion #6: To oppose new on premise Beer & Cider application due to lack of cooperation

Vote #6: Unanimous

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

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

Motion #7: To oppose on premise Wine, Beer & Cider renewal application due to CB9's policy on billiard halls

Vote #7: 28 in favor and 2 opposed

d. 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

Motion #8: Not to oppose on premise Beer & Cider renewal application with 1 a.m. stipulation

Vote #8: Unanimous

e. Class Change – New Application

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

Motion #9: To oppose new Class Change application due to CB9's policy on billiard halls

Vote #9: Unanimous

Ms. Singh announced that the next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, April 17th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

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

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

J. R. Smith reported on the following:

- Attended siting meeting for CM Crowley’s plans for a Path from Myrtle Ave to the Band Shell.
- Electronic waste dumping in Forest Park is becoming an issue. The Mayor is working on ways to make it easier for people to recycle their electronics.

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

Matthew Singh made an announcement about Minority & Women Business Enterprise Seminar that will take place on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Starlight Pavilion, 130-05 101st Ave.

14. Old Business

Latchman Budhai commended Matthew Singh on allowing his establishment to be used for numerous community events.

Rabbi Pollack, on behalf of the Jewish Community of Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens, acknowledged District Manager Gomes and Staff Member Irina Barayeva for securing a special sanitation pick up on Passover. He also thanked Chair Rampershad and the Executive committee for rescheduling the April Board Meeting due to a Passover.

Joan DeCamp presented 2018 All Faiths Holidays Calendar.

15. New Business

Latchman Budhai stated that the next 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 7-9 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Library.

Stephen Esposito made an announcement about GWDC Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival date being changed to October 1st, 2017 due to a conflict with another festival in the city. He wished all to have a great summer as he won’t be able to attend May or June CB9 Meetings.

Seth Welins stated that the former Richi Rich Palace, located at 111th St & Atlantic Ave, is up for auction and that it would be a very good place for a new school location.

Chair Rampershad made an announcement to the board members to donate \$15 for 2017 Good and Welfare Fund.

16. Public Forum *No speakers*

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

Meeting ended at 9:19 p.m.