

MAY 9, 2017 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
THE CENTER AT MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY, 127-15 KEW GARDENS ROAD

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)	Richard David	(1)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(4)
Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(2)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(1)	Matthew Singh	(0)(2)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Nick Comaianni	(0)(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)(2)	Maria Thomson	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(0)(1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Raj Rampershad	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Raghibir Singh	(2)(3)
Stephen Esposito	(1)(2)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
Jan Fenster	(2)(3)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)(3)

ALSO PRESENT

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate; Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
 Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
 Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
 Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo
 Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz
 Mariana Lano, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
 Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin

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

NYC Rain Lounge Corp.
89-29 130th St.

Richmond Hill, NY 11418, *Mr. K Katsorhis, applicant's representative, introduced himself and answered board members' questions.*

b. 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*

c. On Premises Beer & Cider Only Application – New

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

d. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Spice Catering Inc.
D/b/a Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge
100-05 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Don Kew Inc.
D/b/a The Hangar Bar & Grill
119-11 / 119-13 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

e. TLC For Hire Base Station License Application – Renewal

Boulevard Operating Inc.
122-11 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

City Line Car Service Inc.
80-06 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

d. TLC For Hire Base Station License Application – Renewal (Cont’d)

TD Maintenance Corp.
D/b/a Four Ones Car Svc
127-01 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

No speakers

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Kevin Burns, Kew Gardens CSA, stated that there are only two weeks left to sign up for CSA program and urged all to take this great opportunity.

Rayad Khan, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about the issue he is having with planting of a new tree. He also made a request to resurface Metropolitan Ave from Jamaica Ave to 130th Street.

Fabrice Armand, Dept. of Correction, stated that the NYC Dept. of Correction is now hiring correction officers as well as non-uniform individuals. The 2017 exam dates are May 1-May 31 for civil service title 7331 and June 1-June 30 for title 7327. The flyers and booklets are available in the back.

Chair Rampershad recognized Legislative representatives.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. CM Koslowitz, stated that he represents Council Member Karen Koslowitz at all CB9 meetings.

Mohamed Hack, Rep. QBP Katz, invited all to Guianese Independence Celebration at the Hellen Marshall Atrium on Monday, May 15th, 2017 sponsored by Borough President Melinda Katz.

Carmela Isabella, Rep. AM Miller, informed all about NYLAG’s Mobile Legal Van coming to AM Miller’s office at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd., on July 24th, 2017 from 10 am-3 pm.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, stated that the Senator is sponsoring numerous free community events listed on the flyer that’s available for everyone.

Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz, asked the board members to tell him if there are any concerns that he can give the Assembly Member to be resolved.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Treasurer Mrakovcic asked if there were any corrections/additions to April 13th, 2017 minutes. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept April 13th, 2017 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 29 in favor, 2 not present and 2 abstentions

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad stated that:

- This is his third year in the 102nd Pct. For the past 28 days the precinct is down 31% in crime.
- There are four Police Officers who cover Forest Park seven days a week trying to keep it safe. There were over 350 quality of life summonses issued in the park and over 37 arrests made for

- graffiti, smoking marijuana and reckless driving.
- Two arrests were made for stealing mail from mail boxes. The precinct is in constant contact with the mail inspector as it became a citywide problem. He suggested to physically go inside the post office and send the mail from there.
- The perpetrator who was involved in six commercial burglaries was arrested and is out on \$500,000 bail.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad answered board members' questions.

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

- Executive Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 at 7 pm at the board office. Prior to it, there will be a Budget Committee meeting at 6:30 pm.
- Board Members who are interested to take USTA tour can contact the office for additional information.
- Committee Assignment List 2017 will be emailed to all board members shortly.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes:

Attended the Queens Borough Cabinet Meeting on April 4, 2017.

There was a presentation on FDNY EMS Queens Tactical Response Team.

► Christine Mazzola, Division Chief Queens discussed EMS:

- Provides care to residents and Visitors of NYC.
- Certified First Responder FDNY Engine companies respond to high priority assignments and assist in patient care and patient removal.
- Basic Life Support ambulances provide basic medical care such as caring for patients who may have non-critical injuries, vehicle accidents or minor medical conditions.
- Advanced Life Support ambulances provide advanced medical care such as caring for patients who may suffer from cardiac arrest, stroke or heart attack.
- Neighborhoods and Demographics- Queens
- Size: 109 Square miles
- Population: 2.3 Million (July 2016 census)
- 9 Major Highways
- 8 hospitals

Queens Tactical Response Group

There are two groups of seven units and one officer that operates during the day and evening. Units overlap hours, operating primarily during the peak call volume. They are deployed within the borough as a team based on call volume and response times. Response times are updated hourly to get the most accurate information.

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

Mr. Wilson stated even though the board already voted in opposition to the 87th Street conversion, the Traffic & Transportation Committee will continue to look for alternative ways to make this area safe.

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

Sylvia Hack stated that Breyonne Golding, the Board’s liaison from the Dept. of City Planning, will be attending the May 23 Land Use Meeting. She will be discussing both the proposed Zoning Text Amendment which relates to the building of self-storage facilities in manufacturing zones, and the Parking study which she carried out re the Board’s request for a special district in Kew Gardens to deal with the construction of multifamily buildings without a requirement for on-site parking.

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

Motion # 2: To approve a CEC27 resolution asking for the D.O.E. to mandate a mass notification system at every school as part of a mandated safety plan.

Vote # 2: 32 in favor and 1 abstention

- According to Politico New York article, “less than 5% of current undergraduate students at SUNY and CUNY will be eligible for the (Excelsior) scholarship, according to rough estimates presented at a SUNY Board of Trustees meeting. Parents and students should make sure they qualify for scholarships when considering college options.
- According to a Richmond Hill Library employee, construction and closure of the library is still slated to begin in the near future. Our board will ask Queens Library officials to speak at an upcoming CB9 board meeting.

Council Member Elizabeth Crowley addressed the board and gave updates on the following:

- Fun and Fitness for 55+ Seniors Program will start this year in Forest Park.
- Free Trees and Rain Barrels will take place on Saturday, May 13th, 2017, 11 am-3 pm at The Shops at Atlas Park, 80-00 Cooper Ave.
- Together with the Woodhaven Historical & Cultural Society and the American Legion Post 118 the celebration of Co-Naming of Forest Park Memorial Drive will take place on Saturday, May 20th, 2017 at 12 pm at Forest Park Dr.
- Lower Montauk Branch Public Workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7 pm at 80-00 Cooper Ave.
- In a pilot program, the first of its kind in NYC, CM Crowley allocated \$2.2 M in capital funding to improve 21 local schools. Each public school in CD30 not only received \$100,000 in capital upgrades but also the chance to vote on how the money was spent.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

NYC Rain Lounge Corp.
89-29 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 3: To oppose new liquor license application due to numerous problems.

Vote # 3: Unanimous

b. 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

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new on premise wine, beer & cider application with 1 a.m. stip.

Vote # 4: 32 in favor and 1 opposed

c. On Premises Beer & Cider Application – New

Nomi Deli & Grocery Inc.
119-14 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 5: Not to oppose new on premise beer & cider application with 1 a.m. stip.

Vote # 5: Unanimous

d. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Spice Catering Inc.
D/b/a Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge
100-05 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 6: Not to oppose on premise liquor license application with 1 a.m. stip.

Vote # 6: 30 in favor and 3 opposed

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, May 15th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

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

Old Business – Drop – In Center at 110-32 Atlantic Avenue is now open and operating. CB9 is still waiting for an invitation to tour the facilities as promised, and asked for information as to the extent of their services up to date.

New Business – On 4/24/17, CB9 received a letter from the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services notifying us that they had received a funding request from Outreach Development Corporation, a provider of substance abuse and alcohol treatment services, for its Women’s Residence Project at 117-15 Myrtle Avenue and 117-08 Hillside Avenue. We were given 30 days to address concerns or questions. Kathy Riddle, President and CEO of Outreach met with the Health Committee on 5/3/17. She stated that the residence will start construction soon and be completed within 9 months. State funds are secured for this capital project. The residence will have the capacity to house 25 female patients, and up to 9 children under the age of 5. Outreach has been at this location for 25-30 years. They are an outpatient drug treatment facility. They service CB5 and CB9 primarily at this location. They service women, adolescents and young adults. Patients are carefully screened before being accepted into the program. They accept major insurance plans and are not dependent solely on State funds. Referrals come from churches, unions, schools and other community organizations. The Women’s Residence is not a homeless shelter. It is a temporary residence for up to 6 months. Patients are expected to move out and are responsible for finding their own housing. Outreach offers assistance with applications for Section 8 and housing. In some instances, when patients can’t afford to pay rent on their own, Outreach tries to pair them up. The women’s residence is equipped with Security and cameras. They have strict

rules. There are always 2 people on staff from midnight till 7:00 A.M. Patients are not allowed to leave the building unless they have been given a pass. Beth Covelli, Senior Director of NYC Outpatient at Outreach, will be attending our next general meeting on June 13, 2017.

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

Regina Santoro invited all to attend a celebration of the restoration of the Forest Park Pine Grove on Friday, June 2nd, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Myrtle Ave & Park Lane South.

J. R. Smith made an announcement stating that Friends of Forest Park are having a Garlic Mustard Trail Hike on Sunday, May 13th, 2017, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Buddy Memorial, Myrtle Ave & Park Lane South.

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

Richard David stated that CB9 Economic Development Committee in partnership with QEDC and the NYC Dept. of Small Business Services is having Minority and Women-Owned Business Certification Seminal on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017, 6-8 p.m. at New Haven Ministries, 130-05 101st Ave.

Mr. David asked the board members to help the committee to spread the word.

14. Old Business *no speakers*

15. New Business

Nick Comaianni raised his concern regarding the Veterans of all Wars getting health care assistance in our country.

John Carter requested an electronic copy of the presentations from the QBP's Swearing-In Ceremony.

Linda Fogal announced that Steven Esposito's surgery went well.

Chair Rampershad stressed the importance of attending all meetings and other events as QBP's office is monitoring the attendance.

16. Public Forum

Joseph Reuter, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that Boys Scout Troop 173 recently visited Rubies King Manor. He wants the boys to learn more about their community.

Mohammad Rachman, Rep. Assembly Member Weprin, made an announcement regarding Rain Barrel Giveaway Event on Sunday, June 25th, 2017 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. John's University.

Ivan Mrakovcic, invited all to Themes for Richmond Hill & Glendale Before the Automobile event that will take place at the Leonard Center 86-12 112th Street on May 13, 2017 at 1:30 PM.

Kenny Wilson, invited all to A Night at the Opera event sponsored by CM Ulrich on Monday, May 15th, 2017 at Russo's on The Bay at 7 p.m.

Maria Thomson, announced that the Small Town Memorial Day Ceremony, dedicated to heroes from Woodhaven who were killed in World War II, will take place on Thursday, May 25th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Forest Park.

Nick Comaianni made a motion to adjourn. Rabbi Pollack seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.