

JUNE 13, 2017 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MAJESTIC MARQUISE 88-03 101st AVE OZONE PARK NY 11416

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2017-MARCH 2018

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

Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(1)	Matthew Singh	(0)(2)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(2)(3)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)(2)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
Nick Comaianni	(0)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)(3)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(2)(5)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Jan Fenster	(3)(4)	Regina Santoro	(2)(3)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(2)	Laraine Fletcher	(1)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(1)(2)
Richard David	(2)(2)	Raj Rampershad	(1)(1)	Maria Thomson	(1)(1)

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Gomes, District Manager
 Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant
 Leela Venketachalam, Community Service Aide

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Carmen Ramirez, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
 Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
 Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz
 Amanda Nasner, DHS
 Eric Ulrich, Council Member
 Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Crawley
 Mariana Lano, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
 Kevin Jean Baptiste, Rep. Senator Sanders

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

Arber Alban Corp.
D/b/a La Rondine Pizza
120-38 Queens Blvd
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Leo Koka, Restaurant Owner, stated the reason for not signing the 1 a.m. stipulation close on the CB9 Questionnaire Form for beer and wine license for La Rondine Pizza located at 120-38 Queens Blvd.

b. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

101-12 Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Villa Russo
118-16 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

Don Kew Inc.
D/b/a The Hangar Bar & Grill
119-11 / 119-13 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Raul Santillan, Kew Gardens Resident, made a complaint regarding noise coming from Hangar 11 Bar located at 119-11 Metropolitan Ave.

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

Mehak Corp.
D/b/a Mehak Restaurant
83-06 Austin St.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

d. Alteration Application

Nikka Lounge Inc.
D/b/a Zen
117-15 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

e. Notices/Complaints Received by Board

Asweeb Holdings LLC
D/b/a JJ's Blue Mist Lounge
119-12 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

Envy Café Inc.
D/b/a Trap House
94-02 80th Street
(78-16 Atlantic Ave)
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Aurora Castellanos, Ozone Park urged community leaders to help in closing Envy Café, d/b/a Trap House, located at 78-16 Atlantic Ave. She stated that fighting, urinating, illegal parking, sexual activity, littering and trespassing problems occur on a regular basis.

Jackie Meissner, Ozone Park Resident, voiced her concerns regarding Cafe Envy, d/b/a The Trap House located at 78-16 Atlantic Ave.

Alexandra Delves, Ozone Park Resident, spoke about Cafe Envy, d/b/a The Trap House located at 78-16 Atlantic Ave owned by Michael J. Laboy. She stated that it has brought crime, destruction of property, quality of life and safety concerns for the Ozone Park community.

f. TLC For-Hire Base Station License Application – Renewal

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

1st Vice Chair Smith recognized Legislative representatives.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. CM Koslowitz, wished all a good summer.

Carmen Ramirez, Rep. Assembly Member Miller, informed all about NYLAG's Mobile Legal Van coming to Assembly Member's office at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd., on July 24th, 2017 from 10 am-3 pm.

Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Simanowitz, gave the following announcements:

- Unclaimed Funds Event on July 11 at the HANAC College Point Senior Center; 13-28 123rd St. College point NY 11356. From 10:00 am -12:00 pm.
- Unclaimed Funds Event on July 12 at the Queens Library Pomonok Branch on July 12th 158-21 Jewel Ave. Flushing NY 11365 from 10:30 am-1:00 pm.

Events will be coordinated with representatives from Assembly Member Simanowitz and the NYC Comptroller's office.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Crawley, stated that the Homeowner Resource Fair, co-sponsored by Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, will take place on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the American Legion Post 118.

Amanda Nasner, DHS, introduced herself stating that she recently joined the Department of Homeless Services.

Council Member Eric Ulrich addressed the board and reported on the following:

- Pine Grove in Forest Park: 200 hundred trees that were damaged during hurricane Irene were replaced. These trees are living memorials to those who sacrificed their lives in World War I. This event commemorated centennial of nation's participation in World War I.
- Beautification of Woodhaven Boulevard between Jamaica Ave and Park Lane South: The Botanical Gardens did a wonderful job by replacing missing trees and planting florals.
- The Council Member supports the Richmond Hill Historical Society's proposal to establish several historic districts in Richmond Hill.
- Reusable Bag Giveaway will take place on Thursday, June 15, 2017, 2-4 p.m. in C-Town supermarket, 107-66 Cross Bay Blvd.

Question and answer period followed.

Kevin Jean Baptiste, Rep. Senator Sanders, invited all to Community Development Day that will take place on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Rockaway Caribbean Carnival 2017 that will take place on Saturday, August 19th at 11 a.m.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Hines, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that cars are constantly parking on a sidewalk in front of 87-46 Van Wyck Expressway Service Road.

Kevin Burns, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that Richmond Hill Library is in need of an upgrade and complete renovation.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

1st Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections/additions to May 9th, 2017 minutes. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept May 9th, 2017 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 29 in favor and 1 abstention

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

PO Jose Severino reported on the following:

- The next 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 20th, 2017 at the Richmond Hill Library, 7-9 p.m.
- "Night Out Against Crime" event will take place on Tuesday, August 1st, 2017 at Victory Field on Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Ave.

- PO Severino stated that numerous arrests were made and numerous criminal summonses were issued for the last two years for Trap House, 78-16 Atlantic Ave.

PO Severino answered board members questions.

5. Chairperson’s Remarks & Exec. Report – Raj Rampershad *not present*

6. District Manager’s Report – Lisa Gomes: “On May 31, 2017 Council Woman Elizabeth Crowley Hosted Forest Park Memorial Drive Co-Naming Ceremony. Council Member Crowley continues to commemorate the lives of those who fought for our freedom and paid the ultimate sacrifice, by officially co-naming Forest Park Drive to “Forest Park Memorial Drive.” The road now has a name that serves as a reminder that it contains several memorials to those who gave their lives in service to our country.

Council Woman Crowley sponsored legislation in the City Council to bring about this co-naming, which was greatly supported by American Legion Post 118, Vietnam Veterans Local Chapter 32, the Queens Historical Society and the Woodhaven Cultural and Historical Society.

Our very own J.R. Smith was recognized for his service to our country.”

District Manager Gomes read the statement submitted by Maria Thomson: “Congresswoman Nidia Velasquez, GWDC and Woodhaven BID are sponsoring Homeowner Resource Fair on Saturday, June 17th, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall 118, 89-02 91st St. The event will discuss mortgage modification programs, reverse mortgage, first time buyers down payment assistance, foreclosure prevention rehab programs, preventing deed fraud, property taxes and more.

Wednesday June 21st Make Music NY will take place at Forest Parkway Plaza at the corner of Forest Parkway and Jamaica Ave.”

7. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina

- **Guest Speaker**, Senior Director of NYC Outpatient for Outreach Corporation, Women’s Residence for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. Community Board members are welcomed to visit the Outreach Center. Please contact Kathy Riddle, President and CEO for an appointment.
- The Health Department announced on June 1st that fentanyl is being increasingly found in cocaine-involved overdose deaths. Fentanyl, an opioid 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine, is being mixed in illicit drugs – often without the buyer’s knowledge. The presence of fentanyl in any illicit drug, including cocaine, increases the risk of overdose. We are sharing this important information so that you might alert your clients and patients. Individuals who do not regularly use opioids but encounter fentanyl mixed into cocaine are at particularly high risk for overdose. For more information please contact NYC.gov or call 311.
- **New Rules in Effect:** Pet dogs are now allowed in some outdoor dining areas with restrictions. Read the [Dining with Dogs law](#). New York State law requires that all dog owners license their dogs, and the New York City Health Code requires that dog owners attach the license tag to their dog’s collars while in public. Dog owners may be fined for violation of these laws. A dog license costs \$8.50 per year for spayed or neutered dogs or \$34 per year for non-spayed or neutered dogs. Dog licenses may be purchased or renewed for one to five years. All dog license fees are non-refundable. You can apply for a New York City dog license or renew an existing license [online](#). You can also download the [application and instructions](#) or call **311** to request to have a paper copy mailed to you.
- This summer please support Queens Museums and the Botanical Gardens.

8. **Land Use & Zoning Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs:** Land Use Committee met with Breyonne Golding of DCP. Ms. Golding presented NYC Dept. of City Planning’s Self Storage Text Amendment which requires a special permit for new self-storage facilities within NYC’s most active industrial areas. There are only two Self-storage facilities in CB9. Ms. Golding also presented the current status of request for a special district in Kew Gardens in order to alleviate parking problems.

Sylvia Hack stated that Kew Gardens is faced with a potential loss of the Lefferts Blvd Bridge over the LIRR-home to the mom and pop stores that serve the shopping needs to its residents and give the town its character. Save Kew Gardens Coalition started a petition and now has over 3,000 signatures.

Guest Speaker – Patty Kleinberg, Queens Botanical Gardens presented its activities in connection with the beautification of Woodhaven Blvd:

- Pruned about three dozen trees
- Improved the soils in the tree pits
- Tried some alternative plantings
- Will have Street Tree Care event on Friday, June 16th, 2017 on a 101st Ave & 94th St. from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are welcomed.

9. **Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenny Wilson, Chair**

- Martin Colberg joined Transportation Committee as a non-board member.
- The number of graffiti complaints have decreased due to Council Member Eric Ulrich’s Graffiti Removal Program.

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

- Informed board members that the Education Committee is supporting a CEC27 request to Chancellor Farina to add additional Gifted and Talented programs.
- Offered additional information about the proposed Richmond Hill Library renovations.

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

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

Arber Alban Corp.
D/b/a La Rondine Pizza
120-38 Queens Blvd
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion # 2: Not to oppose on premise wine, beer & cider license application with 1 a.m. stip.
Vote # 2: Unanimous

- b. **Notices Received by Board**

Nikka Lounge Inc.
D/b/a Zen
117-15 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 3: Not to approve any change in hours of operation and not to oppose addition of live music

Vote # 3: Unanimous

Envy Café Inc.
D/b/a Traphouse
94-02 80th Street
(78-16 Atlantic Ave)
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 4: Send a letter to the SLA to immediately revoke liquor license from this establishment

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Motion # 5: To accept the revised CB9 TLC Questioner Form

Vote # 5: Unanimous

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

Nick Comaianni made a suggestion to write a letter to the Mayor's office requesting Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting to obtain a permit allowing parking during film shooting on Park premises, not on the street.

Jim Coccovillo requested that the office staff obtains bio swales installation schedule from DEP.

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

Mathew Singh thanked board members for letting the Economic Development Committee to have the Minority and Women-Owned Business Certification Seminar as it had a good turnout.

14. Budget & Finance Committee Report-Ivan Mrakovic, Chair

- **Office Budget**

Motion # 6: 3% raise for staff

Vote # 6: Unanimous

15. Old Business *No speakers*

16. New Business

Latchman Budhai reminded all regarding next 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting taking place on Tuesday, June 20th, 2017, 7-9 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Branch Library.

Rabbi Pollack informed the Board that Jan Fenster's mother passed away and he gave Shiva information.

17. Public Forum *No speakers*

Jim Coccovillo made a motion to adjourn. Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 10:15 p.m.