

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALLAZZO 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD.**

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	(1)(1)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(2)(5)
Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Jan Fenster	(3)(4)	Regina Santoro	(2)(3)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(1)(1)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Maria Thomson	(1)(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
Nick Comaianni	(0)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(2)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)(3)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(2)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Richard David	(2)(2)	Raj Rampershad	(1)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kamal Bhuiyan	(3)(4)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(2)	Raghbir Singh	(3)(4)
Joseph Iaboni*	(1)(2)	Matthew Singh	(1)(3)		
Ivan Mrakovic	(1)(3)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(3)		

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Gomes, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Marcella Cano, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Mohamad Rachman, 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

Ready 2 Jam Bar & Lounge Inc.
125-15 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Raj Sohna Punjab Inc.
116-20 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

S A A K Imperio Corp.
75-16 Rockaway Blvd
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

9019, LLC
D/b/a Caridad Restaurant
90-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

CW Group Inc.
D/b/a Crazy Willy's Restaurant
117-10 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

8260 Austin Street Corp.
D/b/a Austin Steak and Ale House
82-70 & 72 Austin Street
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

Michael Brennan
79-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

111 Atlas Restaurant Corp. D/b/a Atlantic Diner
111-16 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal (Cont'd)

Neirs Tavern Inc.
87-48 78th St.
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Caribbean Cabana Restaurant & Lounge Ltd.
D/b/a Kaieteur Cabana Restaurant & Lounge
116-02-04-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

KDR Restaurant Inc.
D/b/a Kaieteur Restaurant & Sports Bar
87-12 Lefferts Blvd
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

The Ranch Rest & Bar of Guyana Inc.
134-01 Jamaica Ave (134th & 135th Streets)
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Golden Palace Catering Hall Inc.
123-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Mazi Nightclub Inc.
D/b/a Mazi Nightclub
130-35 91st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
Sharon Fredna introduced herself and Mr. Lou Migliaccio and stated that they want to endorse community service and development.

Delicioso Restaurant & Bar Inc.
D/b/a Pollos Dona Maria
93-03 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

Tajadas Bakery Restaurant Inc.
97-05 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Armando's Pollo Rico Restaurant Inc.
110-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Best Seafood & BBQ Chicken Corp.
98-01 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

e. **Corporate Change**

La Cabana Restaurant De Rosa Corp.
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

f. **Alteration**

Vikeira Partners LLC
D/b/a Karnival Belize
117-03 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

g. **Class Change**

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

h. **TLC For-Hire Base Station License – Relocation**

NYC Star Limousine & Car Service Corp.
94-02 86th St.
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.

Carmella Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, reported on the following:

- The Assembly Member will introduce a bill mirrored after a NYC Council bill sponsored by Council Member Eric Ulrich. This bill informs paying guests that a lodging establishment has entered into a contract with a municipality or state entity to house homeless families or individuals. Paying customers are not aware and are not informed that an establishment is in contract with the state municipality to house homeless individuals.
- AM Miller is introducing legislation that will provide a standalone document to be presented to a potential employee. This form would disclose to a prospective employee the terms of compensation as it relates to their commissioned only position.
- American-Italian Cancer Foundation Mammography Van will be at the office of AM Miller on Sunday, October 29th, 2017 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM.
- AM Miller & Senator Addabbo Bi-Annual Recycling Event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2017 from 10 AM to 2 PN at Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot.
- Veterans Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Oak Ridge at

Forest Park.

Maricela Cano, Rep. Comptroller Scott M. Stringer, invited all to a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration that will Take place on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017, 6:30 PM to 8:30 pm at Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz, expressed his condolences on passing of Assembly Member Mike Simanowitz.

Muhamad Rachman, Rep. Assembly Member Weprin, stated that AM Weprin will host Cherub Improv Group Event to celebrate Senior Appreciation Month on Thursday, September 28th, 2017, 11 AM to 12 PM at Holliswood Senior Center 86-52 Francis Lewis Blvd. Limited space is available, call (718) 454-3027 to RSVP.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Laura Duclos and Graciano Clause, Press/NYC News Service, stated that they are grad students from the School of Journalism and are assigned to cover CB9 areas until the end of the year. Their contact numbers are: (325) 864-4115 and (347) 622-2121.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

1st Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections/additions to June 13th, 2017 minutes. There were none.

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

Vote # 1: 32 in favor, 2 abstentions and 1 not present

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad reported on the following:

- Thanked all who participated in the Night Out Against Crime 2017 event.
- For the past two years there is 40% reduction in crime in 102nd Pct.
- 102nd Pct. is named number one in 2017 in crime reduction citywide.
- The next 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017, 7-9 PM at the Richmond Hill Branch Library.
- Blood Drive Event will take place on Friday, September 22nd, 2017 from 12-6 PM at the Precinct.

Deputy Inspector Urprasad answered Board Members' questions.

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

- The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7 PM at the board office, room 310-A.
- Congratulated the following Board Members who were awarded by QBP Katz: Naidoo Veerapen and Sherman Kane for ten years of service; Regina Santoro, Latchman Budhai and Regina Santoro for fifteen years of service.
- Thanked the board for arranging much needed painting of the board office and re-arranging of CB9 website.

- There are 1,840 locations set aside for Bioswales installations; 192 are currently in construction, 428 are in the design phase and 1220 are in the preliminary phase. A full report about Bioswales in CB9 will be emailed to all board members.
- The Power Point Presentation will be given to the board by Queens Library re: closing of Woodhaven and Richmond Hill Branches.
- The full list of items ordered by the office will be available by the next Executive Committee meeting.
- A meeting with David Moy, Supervisor of Field Operations Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting, will be arranged by the next Exec Meeting.
- The CB9 Veteran's Committee consists of Nick Comaianni, Joe Iaboni, Raj Rampershad and J. Richard Smith.
- The Ad Hoc Committee is intact and will be working in CB9 Policies and Procedures.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes

- The Office has received & processed 58 complaints in August, 56 complaints in July 24 complaints in June 2017.
- During the summer we had the office Painted (which was desperately needed). In addition we purchased three new cabinets as we needed them for more storage of files.
- Attended the Annual Night Out against Crime at Forest Parks Victory Field located at Woodhaven Blvd. & Forest Park Dr. There were many CB9 Board Members, including our chairman Raj Rampershad, J. Richard Smith, Latchman Budhai, as well as other board Members. There were lots of families and children who got to taste food from all over the world. In addition Mister Softy gave out free ice cream.

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

Breaking Ground Community Outreach Center at 100-32 Atlantic Avenue:

There have been no physical changes to the property since our last walkthrough in June. The construction of the bed quarters and showers has not started and they have no starting date for this project as of yet. The Center is operating from 8am - 8pm. I saw that there were at least 8 staff members in the reception area and others upstairs in the 311 center. There was one customer being serviced.

I was told that they don't get too many customers from the neighborhood. Most of them are bused in from other areas of Queens and Brooklyn. On a busy day, they get approximately 13 customers. I mentioned to them that a community member complained to me that (1) they saw a homeless man hanging out in front of their building and they said that if anyone sees this, they should call 311 or their Center so that it can be taken care of, (2) one of their trucks was parked on the sidewalk. They said that it was because there was work being done in their garage and that they would do their best not to have this happen again.

The Center liaison told me that the owner next door frequently blocks access to their driveway creating a delay for their staff to get in. They have spoken to him several times about this but the blocking continues. I gave them the number to 102 Community Affairs should they need assistance.

West Nile Prevention Pesticide Spraying:

Truck pesticide spraying will take place in Queens tonight, Wednesday, September 13, 2017, from 9:00 pm - 6 am, weather permitting.

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

Sylvia Hack stated that the Land Use Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the board office. The following topics will be discussed:

- Self-Storage Facilities Text Amendment
- BSA Cal. Number 540-53-BZ, 87-11 111th St
- BSA Ca. Number 283-99-BZ, 89-01 Rockaway Blvd

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

- The implementation of the Woodhaven SBS plans are expected to be completed by the end of fall 2017. A key goal of NYC Transit and NYC DOT is to make buses travel faster and more reliably through the City's dense corridors, and SBS is now a recognized means to successfully do so.
- While CB9 has approved conversions of 94th Ave between 100th & 106th Streets, 95th Ave between 109th & 100th Streets and 97th Ave between 97th & 109th Streets DOT does not have a scheduled date for implementation at this time. One-way conversions are done when school is not in session. However, there are multiple corridors that have to be converted requiring significant markings, signage and signal work.
- Two new city benches were approved to be installed at the following locations: 126-98 & 97-04 Atlantic Ave.
- A new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Park Lane South & 115th St.
- NYS DOT will have a presentation regarding Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvements to JFK Project at the Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 at 6 PM.

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

- Richmond Hill Library meeting (Aug. 18, 2017)-The RH library is still scheduled for renovation work after January 2018. The library is scheduled to be closed for 18 months. Library officials intend to install a fairly large temporary structure next to the building. Library officials will offer a power point presentation about the renovation to the full board in October.
- Gifted and Talented Program in District 27-The D.O.E responded to our May resolution requesting additional Gifted and Talented programs in our district. In an E-mail message, D.O.E. officials answered many of our questions about the program and said that in December, they will review our request for additional G and T programs.
- Pre-K For All will have a pilot program in 2 districts in the Bronx this year.
- All students in NYC public schools will receive free lunch. All students currently receive free breakfast.
- The D.O. E. will be adding more school services for the growing homeless student population.
- Charter schools are seeking permission from NYS to hire teachers under alternative certification requirements. These alternate teaching certificates would allow charter schools to hire teachers with fewer academic credentials and less classroom teaching experience than public school teachers.
- Excelsior Scholarship – SUNY and CUNY scholarships are now being offered to 23,000 students whose income is less than \$100K. There are a number of other stipulations that must be fulfilled before a student becomes eligible for this scholarship program.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Ready 2 Jam Bar & Lounge Inc.
125-15 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new liquor license application for Ready 2 Jam Bar & Lounge,
125-15 Jamaica Ave
Vote # 2: Unanimous

Raj Sohna Punjab Inc.
116-20 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new liquor license application with 1 a.m. stip. for Raj Sohna
Punjab Inc., 116-20 Atlantic Ave
Vote # 3: 29 in favor, 5 opposed and 1 not present

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

9019, LLC
D/b/a Caridad Restaurant
90-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new wine, beer and cider license application with 1 a.m. stip. for
9019 LLC, d/b/a Caridad Restaurant, 90-19 Jamaica Ave
Vote # 4: 33 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 not present

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Mazi Nightclub Inc.
D/b/a Mazi Nightclub
130-35 91st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 5: Not to oppose liquor license renewal application for Mazi Night Club Inc., d/b/a Mazi
Night Club, 130-35 91st Ave
Vote # 5: 30 in favor, 4 opposed and 1 not present

c. Class Change

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

Motion # 6: Not to oppose liquor license application for El Rey IV Billiard & Lounge, Inc.
75-16 Rockaway Blvd.

Vote # 6: 11 in favor, 20 opposed, 1 abstained and 3 not present

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, September 18th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the board office.

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

- Parks Department will give the Committee an update on Mary Whalen Playground.
- Tree planting will be resuming in CB9.
- Chair Rampershad reached out to the QBP Katz regarding the triangle on Metropolitan, Jamaica Ave & Van Wyck Expressway Service Road and asked to arrange the switch of ownership from DOT to the Parks Department so they can maintain it on a regular basis.

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

14. Ad Hoc Committee Report – John Carter, Chair

The Ad Hoc Committee will be working on CB9 Policies and Procedures.

15. Old Business *no speakers*

16. New Business

Latchman Budhai reminded all that the next 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 from 7-9 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Branch Library.

Stephen Esposito invited all to a Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival 2017 on Sunday, October 1st, 2017 from 12 – 6 p.m. on Jamaica Ave between Woodhaven Blvd & 80th St. There will be the Malaysian Lion Dancers, Country Western Band, Mary Lamont and great music by many musical groups.

Maria Thomson invited all to the Memorial Mass for the victims of 9/11 attack and Candidates Night sponsored by GWDC on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Woodhaven Manor.

Rabbi Pollack spoke about the late Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz and stated that the last thing he was working on was the fate of the Lefferts Blvd bridge over LIRR.
Rabbi Pollack wished all a happy and healthy new year.

Regina Santoro announced 100th Anniversary of Holly Child Jesus School will take place on Saturday, September 16th, 2017. 750 people will attend the re-union.

Sherman Kane spoke about the problem with the realtor solicitations stating that non solicitation order should be re-instated on a state level.

Mr. Kane stated that new trees should be planted on Woodhaven Blvd. median between Park Lane South and Myrtle Ave.

Andrea Crawford suggested forming an Ad Hoc committee regarding the bridge over Lefferts Blvd. as resolving of this issue will affect not just CB9 but the whole Kew Gardens. Chair Rampershad stated that it will be discussed at the next Exec. Committee meeting.

Jan Fenster expressed her condolences to the Simanowitz family on the loss of the Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz and volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Bridge over Lefferts Blvd. Ms. Fenster suggested to work with Queens DA to coordinate CB9's efforts with the Tennis Stadium.

Sylvia Hack stated that there is a Committee called Save Kew Gardens Coalition which meets regularly.

17. Public Forum *No speakers*

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn. Regina Santoro seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 10:30 p.m.