

OCTOBER 10, 2017 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
ROYAL INDIAN PALACE 118-06 ATLANTIC AVE

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)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(3)	Regina Santoro	(2)(3)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(3)(4)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(2)
D. Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(3)(4)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(1)(3)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(3)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(2)	Ragbir Singh	(3)(4)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(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)
Richard David	(2)(2)	Raj Rampershad	(1)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(2)(5)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrea Crawford	(2)(3)	Ivan Mrakovic	(2)(4)	Cristal Rivera	(1)(1)
Maria Thomson	(2)(2)				

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
 Carmela Isabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
 Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo
 Anthony Lemma, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
 Harpreet S. Toor, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
 Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Woman Velazquez
 Christine Stoll, Rep. Council Member Crawley
 Karen Koslowitz, Council Member

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Felix Omorisi, Rep. State 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 Liquor License Application – New

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

Rose Lounge NYC Ltd.
D/b/a Rose'
89-25 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *the business owner wishes to do the best for the community*

Satnam Singh Rajput
D/b/a Punjabi Diner Inc.
116-01 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

Kukin Bar & Grill Corp.
106-01 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

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

Village Diner Corp.
D/b/a Village Diner
81-74 Lefferts Blvd
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

9603 Bar & Grill Corp.
D/b/a The Quiet Man Bar
96-03 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

Yayo Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a El Viejo Yayo
97-12 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

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

Raj & Singh Corporation
D/b/a Sohna Punjab
117-10 Atlantic Ave
S. Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

e. **Alteration**

Antojitos De San Cecilio Inc.
90-04 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

f. **On Premises New Liquor License Application – Reconsideration**

NYC Rain Lounge Corp.
89-29 130th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *Mr. Katsorhis, applicant's attorney, stated that his client will do everything possible to make this nightclub a respectable establishment.*

g. **N170425 (A) ZRY – Proposed Resolution for Self-Service Storage Facility Text Amendment** *no speakers*

Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives.

Council Member Karen Koslowitz spoke about homeless shelter in Kew Gardens stating that it is unacceptable to have a homeless shelter for single men in the same vicinity of public school. She stated that she is going to try and turn this around as fast as she can.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, no report.

Anthony Lemma, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, no report.

Carmella Izabella, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, announced two upcoming events sponsored by the Assembly Member: Free Health Event on October 26, 2017 at 83-40 Woodhaven Blvd. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and No-Cost Mammogram at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. on Sunday, October 29th, 2017, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, distributed flyers:

- Volunteer for Park Cleanup Program.
- Parent Advisory Board Meeting & High School Fair will take place on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at Queens Borough Hall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Intern for the Queens Borough President program is available for college and high school students who have interest in public service.

Ms. Rosero presented citations from QBP Katz to Sherman Kane for ten years of service and Regina Santoro for fifteen years of service.

Christine Stoll, Rep. Council Member Crawley, announced the E-Waste Recycling event will take place on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 by the Maspeth Federal Savings Bank, 56-18 69th St.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Velazquez, introduced himself and stated that Congress Member Velazquez has been a strong advocate on legislation regarding small businesses, affordable housing, economic development, education, environmental justice, health care, and crime prevention.

Felix Omorisi, Rep. State Senator Sanders, made an announcement regarding the Community Clergy Breakfast taking place on Friday, October 13, 2017, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. at Calvary Assembly of God, 102-07 Rockaway Blvd. The attendance can be confirmed by calling (718) 523-3069.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Capocasale, Woodhaven Resident, spoke against the Woodhaven SBS project and presented pictures of accidents that occurred due to changes that already took place.

Laura Duclos and Graciano Clause, Press/NYC News Service, re-introduced themselves stating that they will be covering Kew Gardens, Woodhaven and Richmond Hill this semester. They would like to talk to anybody regarding community issues. Their contact numbers are: (325) 864-4115 and (347) 622-2121.

Alexandria Delves, Ozone Park Resident, asked for an update on the Traphouse Pub problems that she reported previously. She stated that the home owners are receiving summonses from Sanitation Enforcement for trash left by the Trap House patrons.

Aurora Castellanos, Ozone Park Resident, talked about the Trap House Pub, located on Atlantic Ave between 78th and 80th Streets. She stated that it continues to be a big problem for the community due to loitering, garbage, loud noise, drug/alcohol activity, night walkers, blocked driveways, and cursing outside all night.

Ms. Castellanos invited all to join her on a Cancer Awareness Walk in Flushing Meadows Corona Park on Sunday, October 15th, 2017.

Joseph Reuter, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that members of the Boy Scout Troop 173 participated in renovation of two rooms in St. Mary Gate of Heaven school and many other projects. Mr. Reuter encouraged the Board to contact them if their help is needed in the upcoming projects.

Johnathan Kester, Kew Gardens Resident, voiced his opposition to the Homeless Shelter that was opened in Comfort Inn Hotel on 82nd Ave in Kew Gardens.

Anthony Johnson, Queens Resident, stated that:

- The much needed All-Way Stop sign that he requested last year for an intersection at 123rd St & 85th Ave was not installed.
- Due to a lack of communication, the 121st St train station stop renovation project completion day is unknown.

Junior LaBarbera, Rose Lounge, stated that he is the head of the security for Rose Lounge NYC located at 89-25 130th St and will do everything in his power to avoid any kind of problems.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

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

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

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. Monthly Update Report 102 PCT *not present to give a report*

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

- Exec committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 24th, 2017 at 7 pm at the board office.
- Chair Rampershad stated that he was notified after the fact regarding opening a homeless center at the Comfort Inn Hotel on 82nd Ave. He had sent an email to the Department of Homeless Services asking about Community Board's role in the decision making process.
- CB9 budget will be discussed at the next Exec Committee meeting.
- Queens Library will be presenting at the November 14th board meeting.

6. District Manager's Report – Lisa Gomes

- FY 2019 Capital & Expense Budget- District Manager Gomes asked the board members to review it and submit any changes, additions or suggestions to the board office.
- Attended the Borough President's budget consultations with other city agencies.
- FDNY Communication Building, located at Woodhaven Blvd. & Park Lane South will be re-located in the Bronx.

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

- The Education committee is trying to set up a meeting with representatives of a proposed new charter school that hopes to locate within our district.
- A new report shows that 10% of all NYC public school students were homeless at some point during the 2016-17 school year. This figure represents a 6% increase over the

previous year. The DOE hired 43 new social workers for schools that have a large population of homeless students. Many homeless students miss many weeks of school and need support during this very stressful time in their lives.

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

- *DSNY Organic Expansion Presentation, Andrew Hoyles, Senior Manager, Organic Outreach*

Mr. Hoyles stated that the Organics Collection Program allows the Department of Sanitation to collect food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste from residents in select areas and turn it into compost or renewable energy.

Participation is voluntary. There are no fines for not participating in the organics collection program.

DSNY is in the process of delivering free brown bins and will start collection organics the week of October 29th on the recycling day.

Question and answer period followed.

Joan DeCamp stated that item #9 in the FY2019 Capital Budget should be changed to Resurface Tennis Courts at Park Lane South & 90th St.

John Carter suggested removing item #3 on the Expense Budget which stated: Return Mounted Unit to 102nd Pct.

Regina Santoro stated that street cleaning should be added on some areas of 101st Ave and Myrtle Ave.

Kamal Bhuiyan suggested installing security cameras at the intersection of Jamaica Ave & 104th St where many people are being robbed.

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

- *N170425 (A) ZRY – Proposed Resolution for Self-Service Storage Facility Text Amendment*

Sylvia Hack presented draft resolution re self-storage zoning text amendment that states that Queens Community Board 9 opposes the amended self-storage text amendment (A text) put forth by the NYC Department of City Planning in August.

Motion # 2: To oppose N170425 (A) ZRY-Proposed Resolution for Self-Storage Facility Text Amendment

Vote # 2: 35 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained and 1 not present

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

- The Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene Healthy Homes Program is celebrating National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week from 10/22-10/28. They're offering workshops for parents

and children about the health effects of lead poisoning, potential sources of lead exposure and things families can do to prevent lead poisoning on 10/23, 10/24, 10/25 at NYC Dept. of Health, 125 Worth St. 3rd Fl., Room 315, New York, NY 10013.

- America Works of NY is hosting National Disability Employment Awareness Month about their ticket to work program on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017, from 2 - 4:30 PM, at 88-11, 16th St., 9th Flo, Jamaica, NY 11432. RSVP at acisse@americaworks.com or at 347-746-3611.
- The NY Rangers are hosting their annual Ranger Town 5K at Flushing Meadows Corona Park, on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, at 10 AM.
- The office of State Assembly Mike Miller is offering Mammogram screening on Oct. 29th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and a Free Health Event on Oct. 26, 2017, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, offering flu shots, blood pressure screening and blood oxygen screening.
- I want to acknowledge the Puerto Rican Community of CB9 and their relatives who were affected by devastating Hurricane Maria on the island. The City of New York together with FDNY and NYPD have set up relief centers for those who would like to donate. Thank you to those who have already donated.

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

- Item #2 on FY2019 Capital Budget Requests should be changed into *Additional tree plantings on Woodhaven Blvd. from Myrtle Ave to 103rd Ave.*
- NYS DOT and the Federal Highway Administration met with the Transportation & Traffic Committee on September 26th, 2017 to give a presentation on Van Wyck Expressway Capacity & Access Improvements to JFK Airport Project.
- NYC DOT and NYC Cultural Affairs presented Conceptual Design Along Woodhaven Blvd' Project.
- Woodhaven Blvd. SBS Project completion date is the second week of November. DOT and MTA representative will be invited to the November 14th meeting.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

S A A K Imperio Corp.
75-16 Rockaway Blvd
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Withdrew their Liquor License Application

Rose Lounge NYC Ltd.
D/b/a Rose'
89-25 130th St
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new liquor license application for Rose Lounge NYC Ltd, d/b/a Rose', 89-25 130th St

Vote # 3: 37 in favor and 1 opposed

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

Village Diner Corp.
D/b/a Village Diner
81-74 Lefferts Blvd
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new wine, beer & cider license application with 1 a.m. stip. for Village Diner Corp., d/b/a Village Diner

Vote # 4: Unanimous

c. Alteration – Extension of Hours

Antojitos De San Cecilio Inc.
90-04 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 5: Not to allow extension of hours for Antojitos De San Cecilio Inc., 90-04 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 5: Unanimous

d. On Premises New Liquor License Application – Reconsideration

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

Motion # 6: To reconsider the opposing vote that was taken in May, 2017 for NYC Rain Lounge Corp., 89-29 130th St.

Vote # 6: 37 in favor and 1 abstention

Motion # 7: Not to oppose new liquor license application for NYC Rain Lounge Corp., 89-29 130th St.

Vote # 7: 32 in favor and 6 opposed

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, October 16th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the district office.

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

Richard David spoke in opposition to Self-Storage Facility Text Amendment.

13. Ad Hoc Committee Report – John Carter, Chair *No report*

14. Old Business *No speakers*

15. New Business

Latchman Budhai requested that all the garbage receptacles inside the parks are covered with lids. Mr. Budhai made an announcement regarding the next 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting taking place on Tuesday, October 17th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Branch Library.

16. Public Forum *No speakers*

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

Meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.