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DECEMBER 12, 2017 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
THE NEW TRUMP PAVILION 89-40 135TH STREET, RICHMOND HILL, NY 11418

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)	Mohamed Safie	(2)(5)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(3)	Regina Santoro	(3)(4)
D. Bhattacharjee	(1)(2)	Laraine Fletcher	(1)(1)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(4)(5)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Raghbir Singh	(3)(4)
Latchman Budhai	(2)(3)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(2)	Maria Thomson	(2)(2)
Jim Coccovillo	(2)(2)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
Nick Comaianni	(1)(2)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(3)(5)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)(3)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(3)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Raj Rampershad	(1)(1)		
Richard David	(3)(3)	Cristal Rivera	(1)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(2)(2)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(4)
Jan Fenster	(4)(5)	Maharani Singh	(3)(3)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
Marian C. Molina	(3)(2)	Matthew Singh	(3)(5)		

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
Carl Moore, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Christine Stoll, Rep. Council Member Elizabeth Crawley
Samantha King, Constituent Representative
Kevin Tschirhart, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Captain Courtney Nilan, 102nd Pct.
PO Severino, Community Affairs, 102nd Pct.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Tim Thomas, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal
Felix Omozusi, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.

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

Tilt Lounge Corp.
131-15 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Philicia Chandipersaud, Tilt Lounge Corp. owner, stated that she will do everything possible to avoid problems that have occurred during the previous ownership.

Gen Harris, Tilt Lounge Corp. representative, gave an overview of the establishment and stated their security plans.

10506 Restaurant & Bar Corp.
D/b/a Studio 105
105-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

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

Star Brother's & Sisters Restaurant & Bar Corp.
92-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

New Metro Sushi Café Inc.
D/b/a Metro Sushi Café
118-21 Metropolitan Ave *No speakers*

Nebu Hookah Lounge Inc.
86-72 80th St.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Julieth Avila and Junior Espinal of Nebu Hookah Lounge Inc. stated that they are working on preparing all necessary paperwork in order to get their license approved.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Catherine Lopez, Citizens Committee for NYC, stated that grants are available for volunteer led groups, specifically those whose purpose is to improve the community. One of the grants is a Neighborhood Grant-an award of up to \$3,000. Applications are due January 22, 2018.

Teddy Gonzalez, Business owner, asked the board to reconsider their decision to deny transfer application for S A A K Imperio Corp., d/b/a El Rey IV Billiard & Lounge, 75-16 Rockaway Blvd.

Katie Adams, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that in her opinion, the playground at P.S.90 should not be open when the school is not in session due to noise problems. She also complained about loud music coming from Section 8 housing near her house.

Chairperson Rampershad recognized legislative representatives and members of the press.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, wished all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, announced the following:

- Board Member new and renewal applications are due January 12, 2018.
- The Borough President is accepting internship applications from high school and college students.
- HEAP mobile office will be at Queens Borough Hall until March, 2018 on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Thanked CB9 Staff and Board Members and wished all Happy Holidays.

Senator Joe Addabbo addressed the board and thanked the Board Members for making the Community Board 9 area a better place to live. Senator Addabbo wished all Happy Holidays.

Felix Omozusi, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., made an announcement regarding the Community Clergy Breakfast taking place on Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 896 Central Ave. He also stated that he will be covering Far Rockaway from now on and wished all Happy Holidays.

Council Member Elizabeth Crawley addressed the board and stated the following:

Coming up:

- Site visit at Forest Park Co-ops with DOT on Thursday, to evaluate residents' request for new parking.
- Mayor's Town Hall – they have to RSVP via email to queenstownhall@cityhall.nyc.gov, or by calling (212) 788-4282. Space is limited.

Wins in Woodhaven:

- Landmarked the Forest Park Carousel.
- Renovated Mary Whalen Playground, which hadn't been updated since the 1970s.
- Renovated the Woodhaven branch of the Queens Library, and also worked with QBPL to create the library's first Universal Pre-K program.
- Funded a new picnic area, renovated seats and installed decorative fencing at the Bandshell in Forest Park.

- Funded Woodhaven BID, Greater Woodhaven Development Corporation, and the Woodhaven Historical Society every year.
- Pushed the MTA to restore the elevated J train in 2009.

Bruce Eiber, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, stated that Karen was re-elected for another term so, if assigned, he will be attending CB9 meeting for four more years. Mr. Eiber wished all a happy holiday season.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, stated that she is a budget director for the newly elected Council Member Adams. The new address for the office is to be announced, but phone number will stay the same.

Ms. Mooney said that the Discretionally Applications will be available on City Council website on January 2nd, 2018.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

First Vice Chair Smith read corrections/additions to November 14th, 2018 minutes submitted by Maria Thomson:

- Page 10, Maria Thomson asked when the Ad Hoc Committee's work will be concluded. Chair Rampershad responded that it will be concluded by the end of his term, which is in March, 2018.
- Maria abstained on vote # 13; it should read 29 in favor and 1 abstention.

Motion # 1: To accept November 14th 2017 minutes as amended.

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Captain Courtney Nilan addressed the board stating that she was a lieutenant in 102nd Pct. two years ago, was promoted to Captain of 102nd Pct. two weeks ago and worked as an Executive Officer at 101st Pct. in Far Rockaway prior to that. Captain Nilan stated that she is very accessible and will be happy to attend every meeting she is invited to. She also reported on the following:

- There is a 22% decrease in all major crimes year to date in 102nd Pct.
- The two year decrease is 35%; for the month of December the 102nd Pct. is down 25% in all major crimes.
- Complaints regarding packages being stolen increase during the holiday season. Constituents are being advised to take an extra precaution and arrange delivery to a central location or neighbor's house.
- Captain Nilan is looking forward to working with the community and wishing all a happy and safe holiday season.

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

- The next Executive Committee meeting will take on Wednesday, December 27th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the district office.
- Thanked Council Member Eric Ulrich and John DeCristoforo of Boys and Girls Club for their participation in this year's Toy Drive. The toys will be delivered to the Children's Ward at Jamaica Hospital next week.

- Asked the board members to review 2018 Meeting Dates Locations list that is included in their packages.
- Thanked the staff for doing a good job and wished all happy and healthy holidays.

6. District Manager’s Report – Lisa Gomes:

The Office has received & processed 31 complaints in November 2017.

On December 5, 2017 I attended the Queens Borough Presidents Cabinet meeting:

- ▶ The NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs gave a presentation regarding Predatory Lending Practices and Protections for short term loans. They stated that consumers should look out for: discrimination, i.e. negotiating deals in 1 language and signing in English. Carlos A. Ortiz, Director of Community Affairs, can do a presentation for Community Boards re: predatory loan agreement. (212-436-0345). Interest Rates can be 16% which is a very predatory loan agreement. 25 % or above interest rate is illegal in NYS.
- ▶ Fire Safety Prevention Units go out every day for Fire Safety inspections. Fire Presentations are given to schools and Senior Centers. Important to have working Smoke Alarms. Electric is main course of fires in home this time of the year. The Red Cross will install Alarms with a 10 year battery in senior citizens’ homes.

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

Chair Rampershad stated that Queens Library is going to give an update on Woodhaven Library Branch renovation at our January meeting.

John Carter stated that Mr. Welins has reached out to Community Education Council District 27 trying to re-establish contact with them following up on the relationship with Carol Pies which was very helpful and informative.

8. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report – J.R. Smith & Regina Santoro, Co-Chairs
No report

Andrea Crawford made a request for Parks Department to clean the walkway on Metropolitan Avenue between Forest Park Drive and Union Turnpike.

Joan DeCamp stated that the Myrtle Ave sidewalks should be cleared of snow all the way to Park Lane South.

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

Sylvia Hack stated that the committee met with staff of the Queens Department of City Planning on December 11 to discuss the community board’s resolution of one and a half years ago stating the need for a special district in a section of Kew Gardens. It took DCP 1 ½ years to reject the resolution.

The DCP report, *Kew Gardens Parking Analysis* ends with the statement “in conclusion, we believe the zoning regulations work as intended...” Of course, the Board passed its original resolution because of the parking nightmare that exists in a particular section of the community, as DOB has simply waived all on-site parking requirements on lots of 10,000 ft.² or less - even as more and more 8 story apartment buildings replace one-family houses on

these very lots. The one solution proposed by BP is a rezoning from 7A to 6A - a solution that would take most likely two years to conclude.

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

Andrea Crawford encouraged all to get their flu shots. Sylvia Hack added that shingles shots are also available in many places. People over fifty years old are advised to get them.

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

- DOT contractors are scheduled to install approximately 112 new poles on Jamaica Avenue this spring.
- DOT will present capital safety improvements on Atlantic Avenue between Logan St and Rockaway Blvd. at our January 9th, 2018 meeting.
- The municipal parking lot construction behind the Queens Borough Hall will be completed soon.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

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Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new on premise liquor license application with 1 a.m. stip. for Tilt Lounge Corp., 131-15 Jamaica Ave.

Vote # 2: 33 in favor and 1 opposed

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

Star Brother's & Sisters Restaurant & Bar Corp.
92-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 3: To oppose new on premise wine, beer & cider license application for Star Brother's & Sisters Restaurant & Bar Corp., 92-10 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: Unanimous

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

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

The Committee is planning on having another MWB Work Shop for women and minority owned businesses in spring. Twenty new businesses participated at the last one and two of those have been certified by now.

Two upcoming projects that will have an impact on our communities are: the \$10B re-development of JFK Airport and the corresponding expansion that is being planned for Van Wyck Expressway to improve traffic flow.

14. Ad Hoc Committee Report – John Carter, Chair

John Carter stated that the committee is trying to establish a framework for budget/financial reports.

15. Old Business

Latchman Budhai suggested not to have the board meeting at the Kew Gardens Community Center in February.

16. New Business

Maria Thomson stated that Woodhaven Business Improvement District is the only district in south/west Queens, besides three in Jamaica, that has sponsored their tree lighting on Forest Parkway on December 1st and Welcome Santa to Woodhaven Event on December 2nd, 2017. On Saturday, December 16th, 2017 Santa and his friends will be taking free pictures on Forest Parkway, off Jamaica Ave.

Latchman Budhai announced there will not be the 102nd Community Council meeting for the month of December. The next meeting will take place in January and will be attended by the newly assigned Captain Courtney Nilan of 102nd Pct.

17. Public Forum

Ismael Negrillo, Woodhaven Resident, stated that traffic safety measures need to be taken On 85th Street between 89th and 91st Ave.

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn, Kenny Wilson seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.