



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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**Kenichi Wilson, Chairperson \* James S. McClelland, District Manager \* Melinda Katz, Borough President**

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**JUNE 11, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**  
**Majestic Marquise, 88-03 101<sup>st</sup> Ave, Ozone Park, NY 11416**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> # Represents Absences as of January-December 2019 (Borough President's Attendance)

Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Jan Fenster	(0)(1)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(3)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(3)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	Maharani Singh	(0)(2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Lisa Komninos	(0)(0)	Naima Sultana	(1)(1)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(1)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)		

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Linda Fogal	(1)(2)	Matthew Singh	(2)(3)
Julio Batista	(0)(1)	Ivan Mrakovic	(1)(2)		
Nick Comaianni	(2)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(3)(6)		

**ALSO PRESENT**

James S. McClelland, District Manager  
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate  
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

**LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES**

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz  
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo  
Ian Morris, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.  
Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams  
Kevin Morris, CAU/Mayor's Office  
Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member Weprin  
Marjorie Coello, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich  
Tim Thomas, Rep. Assembly Member David Rosenthal  
P.O. Edwin Martinez, NYPD/102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.

*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**

10224 La Cabana Restaurant Bar Corp.  
102-24 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Showtime Bar & Restaurant LLC  
119-12 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

**b. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal**

Bicheiros Bar Inc.  
94-10 Jamaica Ave  
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*

82-60 Austin Street Corp.  
D/b/a Austin Steak & Ale House  
82-70 & 72 Austin St.  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

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

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

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

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

**d. On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application – Renewal**

Jamaica Fish Market Inc.  
D/b/a Jamaica Fish Market  
88-02 Van Wyck Expressway, #3A  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**e. Class Change Application**

S A A K Imperio Corp.  
D/b/a El Rey IV Billiards Steak House & Rest.  
75-16 Rockaway Blvd  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

**f. Method of Operation Change Application**

Ross Code Lounge Corp.  
117-15 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

**g. TLC For-Hire Base Station License – Renewal**

TD Maintenance Corp.  
D/b/a Four Ones Car Service  
127-01 Metropolitan Ave  
Kew Gardens, NY 11424 *No speakers*

**2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS**

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, made an announcement regarding the Queens Summer Festival taking place on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 5 PM Flushing Meadows Corona Park, as well as Pride Month Celebration, co-sponsored by Council Members Daniel Dromm and Jimmy Van Bramer, which will take place on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 5:30-8 PM at Helen Marshall Cultural Center, Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd.

Katherine Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, reported on the following:

- Council Member Adams could not attend tonight’s meeting due to her foot injury, but she wanted to thank the Community Board for its judicious use of the Enhancement Community Board Funding that was received last year.
- The new Budget, which the Council Member worked very hard on, will be finalized shortly.
- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Council Member to Saudia Mohamed who performed Community service as a challenge from her school in District 27. She assisted in promotion of Participatory Budget 2019 with CM Adams. She was introduced by Sherry Algreto, Chair of Education and Youth Committee Services CB9Q.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Addabbo, made an announcement regarding two events sponsored by the Senator, both taking place on Saturday, June 15, 2019: Free Oral Cancer Screening and Rain Barrel Giveaway, co-sponsored by Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer Amato. Registration is required.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member Weprin, made an announcement regarding two events sponsored by the Assembly Member, both taking place at Alley Pond Park:

- Sunday, June 30, 2019 - Free Compost Giveaway
- Sunday, August 4, 2019 - Rain Barrel Giveaway

Ian Morris, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., made the following announcements:

- Special event allowing the public to get rid of harmful household products safely will take place on Saturday, June 15, 2019, 10 AM to 2 PM, at Cavalry Baptist Church Parking Lot, 111-10 Guy R. Brewer Blvd. No appliances, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and tires will be accepted.
- Annual Caribbean Carnival Event will take place on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 11 PM at Far Rockaway 20<sup>th</sup> St.
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Marjorie Coello, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, stated that a Street Renaming Event in commemoration of Chief Ronald Spadafora will take place on Friday, June 14, 2019. The corner of 90th Street and Rockaway Boulevard in Ozone Park will be renamed Chief Ronald Spadafora Way. A free concert by Queens Symphony Orchestra will take place on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 PM at Russo's On The Bay.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Teddy Gonzalez, Representative for El Rey IV Billiards Steak House & Rest., addressed the board stating that the applicant is applying for a class change to go from restaurant wine liquor license to a full on premises liquor license. He stressed the fact that the main focus of this establishment is a restaurant, not a billiard hall, and asked the Board Members to approve the application.

Sam Esposito, OPRBA, stated that The Ozone Park Residents Block Association is suggesting the approval of the liquor license application for El Rey IV Billiards Steak House & Restaurant as they always have been a good neighbor. He also stated that the OPRBA is planning a Quality of Life Summit that will address quality of life issues in Ozone Park.

Robert Zeniewicz, Ozone Park Resident, voiced his concern regarding constant weekend gatherings at the Stop and Shop Parking Lot at 89<sup>th</sup> Ave and 95<sup>th</sup> Street. Over 100 vehicles were in attendance on Memorial Day weekend playing loud music and partying.

Joseph Reuter, Ozone Park Resident, stated that in his opinion, there should be more Community Boards in Queens as it is one of the biggest boroughs in the city.

Loycept Gordon, Neir's Tavern Owner, stated that as Neir's Tavern enters its 190<sup>th</sup> celebration this October, a new committee has been formed to preserve and protect the oldest tavern in Queens, which has been a fixture in the Woodhaven community since 1829. One of the committee's initiatives is called Still Here Stand Up for seniors, to try to get them engaged in different activities and give them support services.

### 4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Joe Iaboni Made a motion to accept, Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

**Motion # 1:** To accept May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.  
**Vote # 1:** 31 in favor and 1 abstention

### 5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. REPORT – P.O. Martinez made the following announcements:

- The next 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Community Council Meeting is on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 PM at the Richmond Hill Public Library.
- National Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 PM at Forest Park Victory Field.
- The 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. will be holding a Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 12 PM to 6 PM at 87-34 118<sup>th</sup> St.

Question and answer period followed.

### 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS & EXEC. REPORT – Kenichi Wilson

Chair Wilson thanked Ms. Sandra Datnarain for hosting tonight's meeting and The Hibiscus Restaurant for providing the food.

Mr. Chairperson reported on the following:

- Attended The Homeless Shelter meeting on which Ms. Molina, Chair of Health & Social Services Committee will be giving a report. This meeting will take place on a quarterly basis.

- One of the presentations at the Borough Board meeting was regarding a project that covers over 188 acres at the Sunnyside Yard, Long Island City. They are looking to cap it and cover it to create more land space for affordable living.
- CB9 had a table at the Woodhaven Street Walk event. Ms. Cristal Rivera, Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee, will be reporting on the event. CB9 is looking forward to participating in many other community events.
- Chair Wilson thanked DM McClelland for doing a great job and wished him a happy birthday.

He thanked all Board Members for their support and wished all a safe summer.

## **7. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – James S. McClelland**

DM McClelland wished happy June birthday to Inderpaul Ahluwalia; July birthday – Sherman Kane; August birthdays – Joan DeCamp, Joseph Iaboni, and Kevin O'Leary.

Recently met with the other District Managers to discuss budget consultations in September. They are in the process of formulating a line question for approximately 14 different agencies regarding budgeting, staffing, programs and services.

### Office Improvements –

- Old furniture being removed on June 18<sup>th</sup> in the evening.
- New carpet being installed on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- New office furniture being delivered on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Awaiting confirmation on the delivery of new computers.

He asked all to be patient during these improvements.

Since January the office has received over 160 complaints, concerns or questions regarding various quality of life issues and requests for assistance.

A vast majority of these cases have been resolved and we can continue to work ensure that each one is closed to the satisfaction of the constituent.

In closing, DM McClelland thanked everyone who made his first six months as DM an enjoyable experience and stated that he looks forward to the next six months.

## **8. LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs**

- BSA Cal. No.: 2019-60-BZ, 132-02 89<sup>th</sup> Ave – there will be no vote taken tonight.
- Queens Borough President Melinda Katz will be holding a Public Hearing on the Kew Gardens Jail Proposal on Thursday, June 13 at 10:30 AM at Queens Borough Hall, Room 200.
- Guest Speaker, Deputy Director, Office of Community Outreach & Notification, Jason Baral from Sillman, spoke about the project of repairs for the Queens County Criminal Courthouse building. The goal of the project is to end water infiltration in the Judge's chambers and the offices inside the courthouse. Mr. Baral reported on the repairs proposed by the company as a result of their investigation. Question and answer period followed.

## **9. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marian C. Molina, Chair**

Ms. Molina gave an update on a meeting she attended with DHS at Lantern Homeless Shelter. The NCOs from 102nd precinct were present as well as representatives from Mike Miller and Assembly Member Audrey Pheffer's offices. The following was reported on: the spill out into the street did not come from the shelter, which is very well contained. The shelter is very receptive to the community and they do a head count every night. They have already placed two people in permanent housing. They do not take walk-ins; anyone who is admitted is there for treatment and has already been through testing to ensure qualification. If you see walkers-by who look like they

may be homeless, you are to call 311 and call the office so that there is a record of it. There are no complaints from the community at this time. The shelter has 40 staff members working 3 shifts, 6 security guards on every shift, and they already have 113 clients. Ms. Molina inquired as to whether or not they have workshops to help people integrate back into the community. They provide 3 hours a day of skills-building workshops to aide in integration into the workforce.

Ms. Molina reported that she is going to organize a toy drive this year around the holidays. She is also endeavoring to start a clothing drive for Jamaica Hospital, as they have many clients that are impoverished. This will be an ongoing project.

➤ Guest Speaker, Executive Director and Founder, Nathaly Rubio-Torio from Voces Latinas, Public Health Services

Spoke about the services that Voces Latinas provides, including Women's Services and Prevention Services. Women's services provides resources for women, especially immigrant and Latina women who are at risk for living with HIV or domestic violence, including case management, prevention services, emotional support, and socialization groups to rebuild support networks. Prevention services provides HIV testing and syphilis screening, a night outreach team, and connections to PEP and PrEP which is a treatment to prevent HIV. Question and answer period followed.

Ms. Molina stated that Ms. Rubio-Torio and Voices Latinas are being honored by QBP Katz at the Helen Marshal Cultural Center on June 19th, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

**10. PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Regina Santoro, Chair**

Stated that water fountains are going to be tested for lead, which she will report on in September.

She wished all a safe and happy summer.

**11. PUBLIC SAFETY & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – Joe laboni & Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Co-Chairs**

Rabbi Pollack stated that Congresswoman Meng's office has Veteran's Affairs office hours once a month. The next office hour will be Thursday, June 27th at the Congressional Office in Flushing. Appointments are required and must be made by June 20th.

**a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New**

10224 La Cabana Restaurant Bar Corp.  
102-24 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion #2:** Not to approve New On Premises Liquor License Application for 10224 La Cabana Rest. Bar Corp.

**Vote #2:** Unanimous.

**b. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal**

Bicheiros Bar Inc.  
94-10 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion #3:** Not to approve On Premises Liquor License Renewal Application for Bicheiros Bar Inc.

**Vote #3:** Unanimous.

**c. Class Change Application**

S A A K Imperio Corp.  
D/b/a El Rey IV Billiards Steak House & Restaurant  
75-16 Rockaway Blvd  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion #4:** Not to approve Class Change Application for SAAK Imperio Corp. D/b/a El Rey IV Billiards Steak House & Restaurant.

**Vote #4:** Unanimous.

**d. Method of Operation Change Application**

Ross Code Lounge Corp.  
117-15 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

**Motion #5:** Not to oppose Method of Operation Change Application for Ross Code Lounge Corp.

**Vote #5:** 30 in favor and 2 opposed.

The next CB9 Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17th, 2019 at 7 PM at the CB9 office.

**12. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair**

Mr. Ali reported on the following:

- Wished Eid Mubarak on behalf of the Muslim community to those who celebrate.
- The Queens Bus Redesign Effort is underway. Their workshops and open houses nearby have just been concluded.
- Queens as a borough is significantly underserved when it comes to public transportation. Over the past 2 decades, the economic development in Queens has increased significantly, resulting in the need for transportation to be reevaluated.
- There are 107 bus lanes in Queens that are being utilized, which is matched with decreased ridership and overcrowding and the slow pace of our buses.
- The project will continue to reach out to citizens and community boards for input.

**13. EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Sherry Algreto, Chair:**

- “I attended Cultural Night last month at Richmond Hill High School with my then Education Committee member Faiuze Ali. Principal Neil Ganesh was very proud to announce that as of July 2019, Richmond Hill High school will now go from a Focus school to a school in Good standing. At that event Principal Ganesh was surprised with a Proclamation from the Borough President Office Presented by the Education Director Ms. Monica Gutierrez for the remarkable contributions he has made at Richmond Hill High.
- Our new team of Education Committee met on May 28<sup>th</sup> at which we had a discussion on “The Proposed Elimination of the Testing for Specialized High School”. We invited guest speakers Dr. Harold Paez (CB14 Education Chair) and Dr. Natalie Bissoon (Borough President Appointee on CEC27 and current CB10 member). We discussed the pros and cons of the testing process and the general consensus was the testing is necessary but, a certain percentage should still have access to these specialized high schools.
- We were also presented with a letter asking for our joint support for NYC Public Library asking for an additional 35 million for expansion of services offered outside of their branches, in spaces, such as schools, senior centers, homeless shelters, jails and more. They are also asking for 963 million in Capital funding over the next 10 years-a necessary investment that is critical to ensuring all of their branches are modernized and equipped to meet growing demand. This has been quoted directly of their letter.
- Richmond Hill Library Upgrade - The project was passed on to DDC who is still in the process of doing their own evaluation and no further info is available at this time until their own assessment is completed. We will be informed when there is more information available.

With that said, wishing everyone a great summer and see you all back in September.

I also want to thank James for his guidance and for always assisting and never saying no and to Kenichi Wilson that believed in me and gave me the opportunity to chair this committee.”

**14. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Cristal Rivera, Chair**

The Economic & Community Development Committee had a table at the WBID Event on 6/1/19. Information was provided about other agencies, and a flyer was created and distributed outlining what services the community board provides. The Committee is looking forward to participating in National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 7th 2019. The Committee will be hosting a round table with other community organizations that are working on development such as Chamber of Commerce, etc., to talk about concerns as well as opportunities to maximize and promote what is going on in our community.

**15. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – Joan DeCamp, Chair**

Ms. DeCamp stated that she obtained information needed to begin the Committee's work, which includes the following:

- Scanning in all paper procedures, as we do not have electronic versions of them.
- Scanning in the minutes of the board that are available in order to discern what we have voted on to make our policies and by-laws.

The committee will report on their progress by the fall.

**16. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair**

**17. OLD BUSINESS**

Sylvia Hack provided an update regarding the Kew Gardens Jail proposal, stating that the City Planning Commission will be holding their hearing on July 10th. Ms. Hack invited all to attend the Borough President's Hearing which will take place on June 13th, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Queens Borough Hall Room 200.

Maharani Singh asked for clarification regarding the city's Trees and Sidewalks Program.

**18. NEW BUSINESS**

Sandra Datnarain announced the next 102<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, June 18th at Richmond Hill Library at 7PM.

**19. Public Forum**

No speakers

Rabbi Daniel Pollack made the motion to adjourn. Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:30 PM.