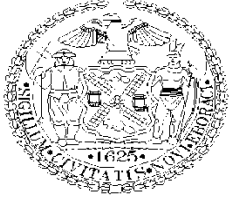


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## DECEMBER 10, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, 90-28 Van Wyck Expway, Richmond Hill NY 11418

### 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)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(2)(2)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(2)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(1)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)
Julio Batista	(0)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(2)(2)	Regina Santoro	(2)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(1)(4)	Linda Fogal	(1)(2)	Jarnail Singh	(3)(4)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(2)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	Maharani Singh	(1)(3)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(1)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(1)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(4)(5)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(2)(3)
Andrea Crawford	(3)(3)	Lisa Komninos	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Marian Molina	(1)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Latchman Budhai	(4)(5)	Mohamed Safie	(7)(10)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(3)
Ivan Mrakovcic	(5)(6)	Matthew Singh	(5)(6)	Naima Sultana	(5)(5)

### ALSO PRESENT

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate  
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz  
Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz  
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo  
Joy Resor, Department of City Planning  
Andrew Taranto, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie  
Alexa Arecchi, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi  
Samantha King, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller  
Peter Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich  
Deputy Inspector Courtney B. Nilan, PO Severino, NC Officers, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.

Mr. Bruce J. Flanz, President and CEO of Jamaica Hospital, wished all a happy holiday season and stated the following:

- Jamaica Hospital plays an important role in the community by continuing to be designated by the American College of Surgeons as a Level I Trauma Center.
- This year we became a thrombectomy capable Stroke Center.
- We were recognized by the Institute on Health Care Improvement.
- Jamaica Hospital's Emergency Department is the only one in Queens that is being designated as a Geriatric Center of Excellence.
- This year we also started our Endobronchial Ultra Sound Program.
- Jamaica Hospital is one of 12 hospitals in New York Stated to be selected in Planetree Initiative.
- This year at our Dinner Dance Fundraiser we had the privilege of honoring first responders in our community.

Chair Wilson thanked Mr. Flanz and Mr. Fred Beekman for hosting CB9 December meetings every year.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

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

La Hueca Guayaca Corp.  
88-09 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

Yerba Buena Juice Bar & Super Food Inc.  
111-25 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**c. On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application – New**

KKA Express LLC  
D/b/a L&Y Deli & Grocery  
95-14 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

New Metro Sushi Café Inc.  
D/b/a Metro Sushi Cafe  
118-21 Metropolitan Ave  
Kew Gardens Hill, NY 11415 *No speakers*

Nebu Hookah Lounge Inc.  
86-72 80<sup>th</sup> St  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Richi Rich Palace NY Inc.  
D/b/a Richi Rich Palace  
110-17-19 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**e. Method of Operation Change Application**

Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge Inc. Mazi Nightclub Inc.  
100-05 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

## 2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, thanked all board members for their service and extended best holiday wishes from Borough President Katz.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, extended warm wishes from the Council Member to the Board Members and the staff for happy holidays and a joyous New Year.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo wished all a happy healthy holiday season.

Joy Resor, Department of City Planning, stated that she is the new Queens Planner and wished all happy holidays.

Andrew Taranto, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie, wished all happy holidays from the Senator and his staff.

Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi, gave an update on Home Stability Support Program (HSS):

- The HSS is a new rent supplement that will be a bridge between the current shelter allowance and 85% of the fair market rent to help people so they don't fall into homelessness.
- This is their fourth year of trying to get funded and they now have the support of 126 Assembly Members, 36 State Senators, over 150 advocacy groups and Community Boards city wide.
- Hoping for it to pass Legislative start up session in January. Currently, it made it out of Senate Finance Committee and got held up in the Assembly.

Samantha King, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, made the following announcements:

- The office is collecting donations of personal items and toiletries.
- Assembly Member's Newsletter Winter edition is available.
- Happy Holiday Season to all.

Peter Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, no report, happy holidays.

## 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Sam Esposito & Mike Scala of OPRBA, acknowledged the following board members for their support:

Sherry Algreto  
Sandra Datnarain  
Linda Fogal  
Daniel Grieve  
Joe Iaboni  
Kenichi Wilson  
James McClelland

Mr. Esposito thanked the 102 Pct. for working closely with the Ozone Park Residents Block Association.

Josephine Rivas, Woodhaven Resident, addressed the following issues:

- No homeowners were notified regarding the new homeless shelter
- Garbage maintenance
- Illegal garages
- The need for more centers for the elderly in the community

Vijay Ramjahan, President District 28 CEC, invited all to attend a meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2020 regarding the Diversity Plan Process. Meeting location TBD.

Mr. Ramjahan stated that he is also President and founder of the Madrassi Association. One of the missions of the organization is to collaborate with volunteers, go out to the streets and offer food and toiletries to the homeless. They also go to Homeless Shelters and provide food and care packages.

Loycent Gordon, Neir's Tavern, thanked all who attended Neir's 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, stating that this establishment is included in United States Congressional Record as one of the most historic places in the United States.

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

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Rabbi Daniel Pollack made a motion to accept, Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

**Motion # 1:** To accept November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

**Vote # 1:** Unanimous

#### **5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> PCT REPORT**

Deputy Inspector Cortney Nilan addressed the board and stated the following:

- Thanked all for their support throughout the year.
- The Precinct is down 11% in major crimes year to date, which is the highest decrease in Queens South.
- There was a spike in robberies for the months of October and November, most of them taking place in Sector B (Jamaica Ave in Woodhaven). Four perpetrators were arrested for many these robberies.
- The amount of 911 calls regarding stolen packages has increased.

Question and answer period followed.

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

Chairperson Wilson reported on the following:

- Woodhaven Manor was added to the 2020 CB9 Meeting Locations List. The location pattern is set to have every other meeting at Queens Borough Hall, Room 213.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at the district office.
- Attended several Tree Lighting Ceremonies and Santa Parades throughout CB9 area.
- For the period of nine months of being a Chairperson, Mr. Wilson has attended nearly one hundred and seventy events, meetings and hearings. He thanked the board for giving him this opportunity to chair the board.
- Happy Holidays to all.

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

Chair Wilson, on behalf of DM McClelland, thanked Marian Molina, the Chair of Health and Social Services Committee for helping to organize the Thyroid Cancer Screening event last month as it helped to detect a nodule in Mr. McClelland, which he will have surgery on by the end of this week. Chair Wilson asked all to keep James in their thoughts.

#### **8. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marian C. Molina, Chair, reported on the following:**

- Wished James McClelland and Ivan Mrakovcic, a speedy and full recovery.
- She reached out to Alexa Arcchi, Chief of Staff from Senator Andrew Hevesi's office, regarding the Home Stability Support Program. Ms. Arcchi gave us an update and supplied us information on the Program.
- Breaking Ground, at 100-32 Atlantic Avenue, will soon be operating on a 24-hour basis pending budget approval from DHS.
- The ovarian cancer organization TEAL (Tell Every Amazing Lady.org) offered flyers with information on the symptoms of ovarian cancer and what you can do. Flyers were distributed to all Board members and to the public. Flyers produced in multi-language will be coming soon.
- Thanked those who donated to our toy drive and adult collection for their generosity. Over 200 toys were collected and dropped off at Jamaica Hospital.

- Happy Holidays to all.

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

“At our Education meeting, we discussed bullying. I obtained the DOE handbook on bullying which we will be discussing further into the new year.

Last Thursday I attended the CEC28 meeting where the Diversity Plan is going to be implemented. There was a huge crowd of parents, all of whom were very upset and were there to voice their concerns. The room in the building was over capacity and several had to be kept out of the room, but the meeting went on with the CEC28 President promising to do as many meetings as the parents want. WXY is the agency the DOE has hired to implement this plan and they have several upcoming workshops that will be done in the new year to allow parents to give their input.

As we head into 2020, we will be very active in the discretionary fund process for the schools that have asked for our assistance in this matter.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday and a bright new year. Life is so unpredictable, so let’s love each other and show more compassion as we head into this year.”

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

Sylvia Hack stated that a four-page document will be distributed to all board members with lists of crimes for which judges in New York State cannot set bail and must release the defendant on nonmonetary conditions, regardless of criminal record, ties to the community or previous bench warrants on other cases.

**11. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Cristal Rivera, Chair, reported on the following:**

- Attended the US Census 2020 meeting on how to engage small business owners and Business Improvement Districts in participating at the 2020 Census.
- Census Strategy Meeting with Queens Faith Leaders will take place on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6 PM at Room 200, Queens Borough Hall.
- Encouraged all board members and the public to participate in US Census 2020.

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

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

La Hueca Guayaca Corp.  
88-09 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion # 2:** Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for La Hueca Guayaca Corp.,  
88-09 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

**b. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application - New**

Yerba Buena Juice Bar & Super Food Inc.  
111-25 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 3:** Not to approve new On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Application with 1 AM Stipulation for Yerba Buena Juice Bar & Super Food Inc., 111-25 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 3:** 31 in favor and 2 opposed

**c. On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application – New**

KKA Express LLC  
D/b/a L & Y Deli & Grocery  
95-14 Atlantic Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion # 4:** Not to oppose new On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application with 1 AM Stipulation for KKA Express, d/b/a L & Y Deli & Grocery, 95-14 Atlantic Ave

**Vote # 4:** Unanimous

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

Nebu Hookah Lounge Inc.  
86-72 80<sup>th</sup> Street  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Julieth Aula, representative for Nebu Hookah Lounge Inc., stated that they have scheduled a meeting with PO Martinez to discuss community complaints.

**Motion # 5:** Not to approve Liquor License Renewal Application due to adverse information received from 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. for Nebu Hookah Lounge Inc., 86-72 80<sup>th</sup> Street

**Vote # 5:** 30 in favor and 3 opposed

**e. Method of Operation Change Application**

Heat Caribbean & Kitchen Lounge Inc.  
100-05 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 6:** Not to approve Method of Operation Change Application for Heat Caribbean & Kitchen Lounge Inc., 100-05 Atlantic Ave, due to lack of cooperation.

**Vote # 6:** Unanimous

Rabbi Daniel Pollack reported on the following:

- All-Day Permit requests to serve on New Year's Eve to New Year's Day till 4 AM or 8 AM received from Don Kew Inc., d/b/a Hangar 11 Bar & Grill (119-11/13 Metropolitan Ave), Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge Inc. (100-05 Atlantic Ave), and Mingle #1, d/b/a Mingle's (130-18 101<sup>st</sup> Ave) were unanimously opposed by the Executive Committee based on NYPD's recommendation.
- A new application for Peter's Grill & Bar Corp. (75-11 Rockaway Blvd) and Method of Operation Change application for FQ Bar & Grill LLC, d/b/a Nutty Sports Bar & Grill (105-06 Jamaica Ave) will be up for a vote in January. A Renewal Application for Village Diner Corp., d/b/a Village Diner (81-74 Lefferts Blvd) is being processed.
- A Letter of No Opposition for Richi Rich Palace NY Inc. (110-17/19 Atlantic Ave) was sent to the SLA.
- Next CB9 Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 PM at the district office.

**13. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair stated the following:**

- The MTA released the results of a study that was conducted a year ago on the feasibility of revamping an old subway station that comes out of Howard Beach and runs parallel to 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Streets in Ozone Park. The MTA is experiencing a budget deficit; therefore, this multimillion-dollar project is currently stagnant.
- Most south and northbound lanes of the Van Wyck Expressway of the Kew Gardens Interchange Project are fully re-opened.
- OMNY is the MTA's new fare payment system. It allows you to use your own contactless card or smart device to make fare payments. OMNY will combine fare payments and mobile ticketing across subways, buses, and commuter rail.

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

- New Alternate Side Street Cleaning Sign Installation on 127<sup>th</sup> St between 89<sup>th</sup> & 91<sup>st</sup> Avenues

**Motion # 7:** To send a letter of recommendation to the Department of Sanitation for new alternate side street cleaning sign installation on 127 St between 89<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> Avenues

**Vote # 7:** Unanimous

16 new signs No Pets Without A Leash were installed in Forest Park, but police enforcement is also needed.

**15. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair, no report, happy holidays.**

**16. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – Joan DeCamp, Chair, no report, happy holidays.**

**17. OLD BUSINESS - no speakers**

**18. NEW BUSINESS**

Sandra Datnarain made an announcement that there will be no 102<sup>nd</sup> Community Council meeting for the month of December. The meetings will resume in January.

Rabbi Daniel Pollack stated that Vet Hour is coming up in January 2020 to Congress Member Meng's office. 2020 Calendars are available to take home.

Marian Molina thanked all for their donations to the Toy Drive and Collection for the Adult Unit Ambulatory Services at Jamaica Hospital.

**19. PUBLIC FORUM**

Dilraj Batchu, Vice President of Sudhama Mandir Inc., requested two speed humps to be installed on 115<sup>th</sup> St between 101<sup>st</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenues.

Yunior Espinal, Nebu Hookah Lounge Owner, asked for the Board's help in obtaining his wine and beer license.

Maharani Singh made a motion to adjourn. Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:15 P.M.