

City of New York



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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Kenichi Wilson, Chairperson \* James S. McClelland, District Manager \* Sharon Lee, Acting Borough President

## JANUARY 14, 2020 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, Rm. 213, 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD, KEW GARDENS NY 11424

### 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)(0)	Jan Fenster	(1)(0)	Regina Santoro	(2)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(2)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(3)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(1)(0)	Matthew Singh	(5)(0)
Julio Batista	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(0)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(1)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Ragbhir Singh	(1)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Naima Sultana	(5)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Lisa Komninos	(1)(0)	Marie Turley	(2)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(3)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(0)	Seth Welins	(1)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(0)		
Stephen Esposito	(1)(0)	Mohamed Safie	(7)(0)		

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Latchman Budhai	(5)(1)	Ivan Mrakovic	(6)(1)	Maharani Singh	(2)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(5)(1)	Marian Molina	(2)(1)		

### ALSO PRESENT

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate  
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Sharon Lee  
Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams  
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo  
Joy Resor, Department of City Planning  
Peter Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich  
Samantha King, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller  
Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal  
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congresswoman Nidia Velazquez  
Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders Jr.  
PO Edwin Martinez and Jose Severino, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.

**"SUPPORT A DRUG FREE COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9"**  
**Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, & Kew Gardens**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

***Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Licenses, Letters of Intent Received***

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

Peter's Grill & Bar Corp.  
75-11 Rockaway Blvd.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421                      *No speakers*

C Bar Lounge & Restaurant Inc.  
120-31 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415                      *No speakers*

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

Caleta 111 Bar Inc.  
111-25 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418                      *No speakers*

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

El Gran Canario II Restaurant Inc.  
111-17 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418                      *No speakers*

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

Richmond Hill Deli Corp.  
D/b/a Richmond Hill Deli Restaurant  
123-07 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418                      *No speakers*

**e. Method of Operation Change Application**

FQ Bar & Grill LLC  
D/b/a Nutty Sports Bar & Grill  
105-06 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418                      *No speakers*

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

**f. Alteration Application**

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

**g. Greater Woodhaven Street Festival – October 11, 2020                      *No speakers***

## 2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

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

- Voter Registration Forms are available in the back.
- Queens Connect is offering a Culinary Arts Workforce Development Program for ages 18-24 who are out of school and out of work. Info session will start on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 PM at Queens Community House, 70-34 Austin Street.
- Free Fire Alarm Distribution & Picture with a Firefighter event will take place on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2-3:30 PM at the District Office, 165-90 Baisley Blvd.
- NYLAG Mobil Legal Help Center will provide free civil legal services to New Yorkers who cannot afford attorneys on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 10 AM-3 PM. Call the office at 718-206-2068 for an appointment.
- Mental Health First Aid Training will take place on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9am to 5pm at the Yogashakti Yoga Studio, 114-41 Lefferts Blvd.
- The office staff has been re-trained to help constituents with property tax questions and concerns.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo

Stated that with Legislative sessions starting in Albany, Senator will be splitting his time here in the district and up in Albany. He is asking his constituents to call the office with any questions, concerns, or comments on policy matters for this legislative session.

The MTA is heading up to Albany to meet with Queens Delegation regarding the new bus route proposal. The Senator is asking to call his office at (718) 738-1111 with any suggestions, questions or concerns.

Joy Resor, Department of City Planning, stated that the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice recently released a Borough Based Jail Commitment Tracker to track the points of agreement for the Borough Based Jails Project.

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

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Sharon Lee, stated that the deadline to submit notarized Board Member Renewal Applications is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Samantha King, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, made an announcement regarding the Assembly Member's Valentines For Veterans Drive. They will be collecting new bottoms and tops, new clothing items for men and women, unused travel size toiletries, etc.

Daniel Blech, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal, stated that their office is hosting a DOB Outreach Resource Event where residents will be able to come in and ask any DOB related questions, i.e., violations, procedures, etc. on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6-8PM at the Kew Gardens Hills Library.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velazquez, reported on the following:

- Town Hall Meeting has been re-scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8 PM at the American Legion Hall Post 118, 89-02 91<sup>st</sup> St.
- 15,000 responses to constituent letters, calls and messages for the year 2019.
- 91 outreach events authored and organized.
- Out of 52 measures authored by Congress Member Velazquez, 45 were bills on issues ranging from healthcare to transportation to gun violence to immigration. 4 Amendments and 4 House Resolutions. A copy of the full report is available upon request.

Shnuti Murti, 2020 Census, stated that the Census Bureau is ramping up recruitment efforts throughout the Borough of Queens. The goal is to hire locally predominantly for non-response follow up following Census date April 1<sup>st</sup>. The pay is \$28 per hour for both full and part time positions.

Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders Jr., stated the following:

- Invited all to a Leadership Dinner on Human Trafficking Awareness that will take place at Springfield Gardens Church of the Nazarene, 145-01 Farmers Blvd. on Thursday, January 23, 2020 6-9 PM.
- MOK Event will take place at MS 53 in Far Rockaway on Monday, January 20, 2020, 10 AM- 3 PM.
- If you need information on Citizen's Grand, contact Ms. George at 718-523-3069.

### **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Sunil Rangula, Owner of Heat Caribbean Bar & Restaurant, stated that he is looking to extend their hours of operation to maximize profit. He presented a petition from residents of the block who agreed to this extension.

Dominic Mossa, Kew Gardens Resident, voiced his concern regarding the fate of the stores on Lefferts Blvd. Bridge after their lease expires in March 2020.

Vujah Ramjotan, President of CEC #28, spoke about Diversity Plan and answered board members questions.

Jennifer Rajkumar, Woodhaven Resident, Jennifer Rajkumar introduced herself to the board members and stated that she wants to be more involved in her community.

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

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Andrea Crawford made a motion to accept, Kamal Bhuiyan seconded the motion.

**Motion # 1:** To accept December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

**Vote # 1:** Unanimous

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

Capt. Kivlin introduced himself as the new 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Executive Officer and stated that he is looking forward to working with the community.

PO Edwin Martinez addressed the board and stated the following:

- The next 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM at the Richmond Hill public library.
- PO Martinez urged all to follow them on social media as important information gets posted there.
- During tax season mailbox fishing incidents increase. Constituents are urged to mail their documents directly from the post office.
- Another ongoing scam is United States military draft. PO Martinez asked the board members to spread the word that there is no military draft in the United States.

Question and answer period followed.

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

Chairperson Wilson reported on the following:

- Neir's Tavern got its five-year lease thanks to the Mayor's and Legislatives' help. Social media was instrumental in resolving the issue.
- There are fifteen board members who need to submit renewal applications for their board membership.
- Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 there will be no free plastic bags to carry your purchases in stores.
- The Board is concerned regarding the Lefferts Blvd. Bridge situation, therefore the Chair asked Land Use Committee co-chairs to follow up on this issue as the lease expires in March of this year.

**7. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – James S. McClelland** reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his surgery and recovery. Special thanks to Marian for coordinating the thyroid screening. He thanked the Chair for his support.
- DM McClelland stated that January 7<sup>th</sup> was his one-year anniversary as District Manager. It's been an honor to serve the board and its members. He feels truly blessed not only to work with dedicated civic individuals but with all the board members who he considers friends.
- Community Board applications are due by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to deliver the notarized applications to Vicky Morales.
- On Jan 29<sup>th</sup> he will be providing testimony to Council Members and BP's office regarding our Budget requests which were submitted to OMB in November.
- Still waiting for DHS to provide a date for the next CAB meeting at the shelter.
- The BP's office is coordinating Queens Day of Service with all the Community Boards. It will begin the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- He wished Happy Birthday to Stephen Esposito and to Ivan who remains in our prayers.
- The next district service cabinet meeting for all city agencies is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the district office.

**8. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marian C. Molina, Chair**, not present to give a report.

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

- Recognized and thanked her committee members for performing an excellent job.
- Spoke about discretionary funding in schools.
- Attended CEC #27 Town Hall with Chancellor Carranza. One of the questions the Chancellor answered was regarding installation of air conditioners in classrooms.
- The next Education & Youth Services Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:15 PM at the district office.

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

Sylvia Hack stated that:

- The city is planning to host a Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd at 6:30 PM. Ms. Hack encouraged all board members to attend this meeting.
- Good things are going on in terms of Lefferts Boulevard Bridge.

**11. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Cristal Rivera, Chair**, invited all to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Greenpoint Manufacturing & Design Center that will be opening in Ozone Park (101-01 95<sup>th</sup> Ave) on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. As per QEDC, this space has been built for industrial use and they are hoping to have 24 tenants and create 80 jobs. They are working with the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation to make sure residents in our district are accessing the jobs. As of now, they have 4 businesses that have signed leases: 3 of which are woodworking and one design studio. The leasing information will be distributed at the next meeting.

Rabbi Daniel Pollack added that the new Small Business Development Center opened at Queens College, 64-14 Kissena Blvd.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Peter's Grill & Bar Corp.  
75-11 Rockaway Blvd.  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion #2:** Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application with the 1 AM Stipulation for Peter's Grill & Bar Corp., 75-11 Rockaway Blvd.

**Vote #2:** Unanimous

b. Method of Operation Change Application

FQ Bar & Grill LLC  
D/b/a Nutty Sports Bar & Grill  
105-06 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion #3:** Not to oppose Method of Operation Change Application for FQ Bar & Grill LLC, d/b/a Nutty Sports Bar & Grill, 105-06 Jamaica Ave

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

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

**Motion #4:** Not to oppose Method of Operation Change Application for Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge Inc, 100-05 Atlantic Ave

**Vote #4:** 32 in favor and 2 opposed

Rabbi Daniel Pollack reported on the following:

- New applications were recently received for C Bar Lounge & Rest. Inc. (120-31 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave), Caleta 111 Bar Inc. (111-25 Jamaica Ave), Cali Café Corp. (94-28 Van Wyck Expway), Tony's Pizza 2020 Corp. (109-18 Jamaica Ave) which will be up for a vote in February. Renewal applications received for El Gran Canario II Rest. Inc. (111-17 Jamaica Ave) and Richmond Hill Deli Corp., d/b/a Richmond Hill Deli Rest. (123-07 Jamaica Ave) are currently being processed. An alteration application was also received for KDR Rest. Inc., d/b/a Kaieteur Rest. & Sports Bar (87-12 Lefferts Blvd.)
- A Letter of No Opposition was recently prepared for Arber Alban Corp., d/b/a La Rondine Pizza & Rest. (120-38 Queens Blvd.) All required paperwork was received and there are no issues on file with the NYPD.
- Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 falls on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the office will be closed; therefore, the next CB9 Public Safety Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 7 PM at the district office.

Acting Queens Borough President Sharon Lee addressed the Board and stated that she looks forward to working with the board for the next ten weeks. On the day of Special Election on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 an interim Borough President will be elected.

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

➤ **Greater Woodhaven Development Corp. – “Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival” – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Motion # 5:** To send a Letter of Support for the GWDC October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Street Festival

**Vote # 5:** 32 in favor and 2 abstentions

- Public Hearing on Proposed Queens Bus Redesign Project will take place on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd., 6-8 PM  
The MTA is experiencing a budget deficit; therefore, this multimillion-dollar project is currently stagnant.
- The Crossbay Bridge tolls will be eliminated for Queens Borough Residents effective April 2020.
- Attended Build the Block meeting with 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. where various issues were discussed.

**14. PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Regina Santoro, Chair, no report.**

**15. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair, stated that there were no unusual expenditures last month.**

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

**17. OLD BUSINESS** *no speakers*

**18. NEW BUSINESS**

Jan Fenster stated that all are advised to write the date in full, i.e., 1/14/2020 not 1/12/20 in order to keep everything clear and unfraudulent.

Rabbi Daniel Pollack stated that there is an additional amount of \$40M that was added to the federal budget for the Homeland Security grant in leu of recent antisemitic violence. Congress Member Meng will be organizing a workshop for houses of worship. Date and place are to be determined.

Stephen Esposito thanked the board members for supporting the GWDC 2020 Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair.

Faiuze Ali congratulated the Sikh Community on Co-naming of 101<sup>st</sup> Ave from 111<sup>th</sup> to 123<sup>rd</sup> Streets in honor of Sikh Community.

**19. PUBLIC FORUM** *no speakers*

Stephen Esposito made a motion to adjourn. Joe laboni seconded the motion.

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