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MARCH 10, 2020 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, ROOM 213, 120-55 QUEENS BLVD. NY 11424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(2)(0)	Sandra Datnarain	(1)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(1)(1)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(2)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(1)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(3)(0)
Julio Batista	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(5)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(0)	Naima Sultana	(5)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(5)(1)	Sherman Kane	(1)(1)	Marie Turley	(2)(0)
Nick Comaianni	(5)(1)	Lisa Komninos	(1)(0)	Seth Welins	(1)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(4)(1)	Marian Molina	(2)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dulal Bhattacharjee	(2)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(3)(1)	Maharani Singh	(3)(2)
John Carter	(1)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(2)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(1)
Stephen Esposito	(3)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(2)	Raghibir Singh	(2)(1)
Jan Fenster	(2)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(9)(2)		

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Acting Borough President Sharon Lee
Samantha Kung, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Ben Geremia, Rep. Council Member Holden
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Pietro Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Mohamed Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member Weprin
Capt. Kivlin, NYPD/102nd Pct.
Sgt. Nelson, NYPD/102nd Pct.
PO Edwin Martinez, NYPD/102nd Pct.

A moment of silence was held for Ivan Mrakovcic, a fellow board member who has passed away. He stated that Ivan was a member since 2000 and a Chair for 5 years. He also was a Co-Founder and President of the Richmond Hill Historical Society.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

ACAT Inc.
D/b/a Zest Lounge
124-14 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

La Belvedere LLC
77-02 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

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

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

La Noriega Bar Inc.
131-09 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Flor A Garcia
D/b/a El Rinconcito De Nagua
76-20 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

d. Method of Operation Change Application

Tilt Lounge Corp.
131-15 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Acting Borough President Sharon Lee

Queens Borough President’s Office is still receiving board member applications. The deadline is March 13, 2020.

Ms. Rosero encouraged all to participate in the upcoming 2020 Census.

Stated that Borough President Lee is not endorsing any new board member candidates.

Samantha Kung, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller

The upcoming Spring Recycling Event will take place on Sunday, April 26 – 10 AM to 2 PM at Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot.

Chair Wilson stated that CB9 will also be participating at that event by sponsoring a shredding truck.

Ben Geremia, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden made the following announcements:

- MTA Queens Bus Network Redesign Workshop will take place on Monday, April 6th, 2020, 6:30 PM to 8 PM at P.S. 49, 63-0 80th St in Middle Village.
- As Chair of the NYC Council Committee on Technology, Council Member Holden welcomes any phone calls, emails or walk ins on 311, 911 or any other tech related issues.
- The office has received complaints from businesses on Eldert Lane and Jamaica Ave about students from the Franklyn K Lane campus schools. Council Member Holden will be organizing a meeting with all stakeholders, including Woodhaven BID and the local precinct to address the issue. Chair Wilson stated that Ms. Sherry Algreto, Chair of CB9 Education Committee, is also involved in organizing that meeting.
- The office is taking care of numerous graffiti related complaints. Please call 718-366-3900 or email at district30@council.nyc.gov with locations.
- Council Member's office is partnering with CUNY Citizenship Now in offering immigration services in Queens.
Please call 212-652-2071 to make an appointment. The nearest location is at the Ridgewood Older Adult Center at 59-14 70th Ave in Ridgewood.
- The City Council Queens Delegation is funding free transportation for seniors residing in Queens to their medical appointments. Seniors should call Selfhelp Clearview Senior Center at 718-224-7888 from 9 AM to 12 PM the day before the appointment.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo

Senator Addabbo is sponsoring CUNY College Information Session on Saturday, April 25 – 11 AM to 1 PM at the Metropolitan Expeditionary Learning School, 91-30 Metropolitan Ave in Forest Hills.

A Mammogram Bus will be at Maspeth Federal Savings Bank on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 9 AM to 4:30 PM. For an appointment call 718-335-1300 or 877-628-9090.

Senior Job Fair for individuals 55 years and older will be held on Friday, May 15, 2020 – 10 AM to 2 PM at Queens Community House, 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd.

Pietro Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich

NYC Department of Finance representatives will be at the office tomorrow, Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 9 AM to 5 PM to answer questions regarding property value, taxes, etc.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz

A co-naming ceremony of the North West corner of Lefferts Blvd. and Austin St after late Aaron Adler will take place on Sunday, April 5th, 2020 at 11 AM.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Sam Esposito, OPRBA President

Mr. Esposito visited La Belvedere Catering Hall, located at 77-02 101st Ave, on several occasions. In addition to vocal support, he sent a letter of support for this new liquor license application to the Community Board.

Yoshi Singh, La Belvedere Catering Hall Owner, 77-02 101st Ave

Mr. Singh is looking forward to operating a catering hall in Ozone Park.

Anup Seemangal, Owner of ACAT Inc., 124-14 101st Ave

Thanked the board members for their cooperation and for the opportunity to conduct business in Richmond Hill.

4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to February 11th, 2020 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Joe laboni made a motion to accept, Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept February 11th, 2020 meeting minutes and motions as presented

Vote # 1: 25 in favor, 1 abstention and 1 not present for the vote

5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd PCT REPORT

Capt. Kivlin, Executive Officer of 102nd Pct., introduced Community Affairs PO Shaun France, who will be replacing PO Jose Severino.

PO France stated that he can be reached by calling 718-805-3215. He also encouraged all to attend Community Council meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at Richmond Hill Public Library and follow them on Twitter @nypd102pct.

102nd Pct. is currently hiring school crossing guards. All who are interested can apply online at www.nyc.gov/nypd.

Ms. Sandra Datnarain welcomed PO France on behalf of the Community Board and 102nd Pct. Community Council.

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

Chairperson Wilson reported on the following:

- Attended Borough Board meeting where Queens Borough Budget was discussed. Will share the details when it is fully adopted.
- Thanked all for coming out tonight. Warned the attendees to be very cautious because of the Coronavirus threat and follow all sanitary precautions.

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

- Wished happy birthday to Sherry Algreto, Latchman Budhai, Jan Fenster, Sylvia Hack, J. Richard Smith and Kenichi Wilson.
- DM McClelland wished a Happy Holi and Happy Purim to all.
- He stated that Congressman Grace Meng has sent a letter of support to Landmarks Preservation Alliance regarding Lefferts Boulevard Bridge. A copy of the letter is in Board Members' packets.
- The next district service cabinet meeting is on Thursday March 19th,
- Wished good luck to all board members running for election this evening.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joan DeCamp opened nominations on the floor for Chairperson.

Andrea Crawford nominated Kenichi Wilson; Sandra Datnarain seconded it.

Vote: unanimous. Kenichi Wilson is elected Chairperson.

Chair Wilson received nominations for 1st Vice Chair. Sandra Datnarain nominated Sherry Algreto, Andrea Crawford seconded it.

Vote: unanimous. Sherry Algreto is elected 1st Vice Chair.

Chair Wilson received nominations for 2nd Vice Chair.

J. Richard Smith nominated Sandra Datnarain. Faiuze Ali seconded it.

Vote: unanimous. Sandra Datnarain is elected 2nd Vice Chair.

Chair Wilson received nominations for Treasurer.

Andrew Crawford nominated John Carter, Joan DeCamp seconded it.

Vote: unanimous. John Carter is elected Treasurer. John Carter wrote a letter of acceptance.

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

- Addressed bullying, including actions that can be taken, and resources which can be presented to families. They are available on the DOE website.
- On February 19th, Mayor de Blasio and Council Member Koslowitz held a Town Hall at Russell Sage JHS. This is one of the middle schools that will be affected by the D28 Diversity Plan. The committee will continue to receive updates. The website to get updates and info on D29 Diversity Plan is: www.D28diversityplan.com.
- At the last CEC27 meeting on February 24th, there was a brief mention of a proposal to convert P.S. 60 from K-5 to K-8 from Assembly Member Mike Miller's office.
- Received a letter from the PTA of Richmond Hill High School regarding enrollment. The school has surpassed its cap by over 50 students. Because of enrollment that was done after October, which is the cutoff date for additional funding per student, there is no funding for these extra pupils. However, the Office of Enrollment continues to enroll students. This becomes a problem as funding now must be distributed for all the students and it leaves a lower percentage of funding. Invited the PTA to meet with CB9 Education Committee to discuss this further.
- Regarding the Coronavirus, schools remain open at this point and as tis develops, the right decisions will be made for the safety of our children.
- Ended her report by saying "Ivan, we miss you."

10. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marian C. Molina, Chair

- *Guest Speaker Mr. Chae No, Queens Community Liaison & PIO ICS Coordinator, NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, gave the board the latest update and clarified some of the myths revolving COVID-19. Mr. No answered questions from Board Members throughout his presentation. He agreed to forward the PowerPoint presentation to the office so that it can be forwarded to Board Members. For up to date information visit www.nyc.gov/coronavirus.*

Breaking Ground Drop-In Center, Cara Ochsenreiter, LSW, reached out to inform Ms. Molina that she and her colleague Chris Tabellario, LSW had recently attended a PTA meeting at the High School for Construction Trades, Engineering and Architecture at the request of the principal after she notified them that their program would be going 24/7 from daytime hours. A few parents, the owner of the Dunkin Donuts and the Shopping Center, expressed their dissatisfaction with Breaking Ground, making claims about the lack of security in the surrounding areas. The conversation turned unproductive. Cara assured me that Breaking Ground remains committed to providing security and concentrated outreach to the area around their building. They also remain committed to joining in any productive conversations with the community and will continue to prove that they will be good neighbors as they grow. As of the present time, CB9 has no received any complaints from the community. Ms. Molina urged anyone with a complaint to reach out to the office that there is a record of it.

Acting Borough President Sharon Lee addressed the board. She encouraged all to participate in the following events:

- March 24th, 2020 special elections for the new Queens Borough President.
- April 28th, 2020 Presidential Primary Democratic Elections.
- June 23rd, 2020 Primary Elections.
- November 3rd, 2020 general presidential elections.

QBP Lee also stressed the importance of participation in the decennial census.

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

Sylvia Hack reported on attending the Urban Design Task Force Meeting on February 13th.

12. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Cristal Rivera, Chair, not present to give a report.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

ACAT Inc.
D/b/a Zest Lounge
124-14 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion #2: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for ACAT Inc., d/b/a Zest Lounge, 124-14 101st Ave

Vote #2: 23 in favor and 4 opposed

La Belvedere LLC
77-02 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion #3: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for La Belvedere LLC, 77-02 101st Ave

Vote #3: 26 in favor and 1 opposition

Caleta 111 Bar Inc.
111-25 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #4: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for Caleta 111 Bar Inc., 111-25 Jamaica Ave

Vote #4: 22 in favor and 2 opposed

Joe Iaboni reported on the following:

- The Board vote for Tilt Lounge Corp., 131-15 Jamaica Ave, has been postponed until the Committee's April meeting, as the attorney and his client have not met with the NYPD.
- New applications are currently being processed and will be up for a vote in April. Renewal applications were received for Flor A Garcia, d/b/a El Rinconcito De Nagua, 76-20 Jamaica Ave, and Majestic Marquise Corp., d/b/a Majestic Marquise, 88-02 101st Ave,
- Letters of No Opposition sent to the NY State Liquor Authority were for Woodhaven Manor Caterers & Banquet Hall Inc., 96-01 Jamaica Ave; Francy Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Frank's Restaurant, 80-29 Jamaica Ave and Royal India Palace Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Royal India Palace & Restaurant Inc., 118-08 Atlantic Ave. All required paperwork was received and there were no issues/complaints with the NYPD.
- A Letter of Opposition was sent for Atlantic Bamboo Garden Inc., d/b/a Atlantic Bamboo Garden, 107-04 Atlantic Ave. There was a lack of cooperation as no paperwork was received.
- Next CB9 Public Safety Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th, 2020 at 7 PM at the district office.

14. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair

Reported on LaGuardia Air Train Meeting stating that the proposed 1.5-mile-long route will connect at the No. 7 Train and the LIRR Willets Point neighborhood. The train will make four stops: two at LaGuardia Airport and an additional two stops at Willets Point LIRR and the #7 train.

Initially, the project was projected to cost \$450M in 2015, \$1.5B in 2017 and \$2B in 2020. It has gotten the green light and the Port Authority of NY and NJ will issue a contract in 2021 with the completion date in 2024.

The city of New York passed the Commercial Waste Zone Bill. NYC has 90 registered private companies. 24 people died of related deaths linked to private sanitation haulers. Private trucks rack up to 48 million miles per year. Presently there are 50 trucks/haulers per one neighborhood. With the new bill, there will be 20 pick-ups trash zones and 3 carters assigned to each zone. There will be cleaner, safer streets with less noise and less truck traffic.

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

The new alternate side parking sign for 127th St between 89th Ave & 91st Ave that the board voted in favor of, was rejected by the Department of Sanitation. They did not find it to be feasible.

The committee met with the Department of Parks & Recreation, 102nd Pct. And Forest Park Administration to discuss the off-leash dogs' issue in the park. Additional enforcement and other precautionary actions will be taken in Forest Park to resolve the problem.

The committee started the process of co-naming the area in Forest Park 102nd St to 104th St in Ivan Mrakovcic' s memory.

16. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair, *not present to give a report.*

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

18. OLD BUSINESS

Sherry Algreto relayed a special thank you to Faiuze Ali for sponsoring P.S. 97 who won the LEGO Competition.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Marian C. Molina made the following statement: "I have been a volunteer member of CB9 for 9 years, with 5 of those as the Chair of the Health and Social Services Committee. Because of personal milestones, I no longer have the time to be the Chair of this Committee. I am pursuing my Education Doctorate degree and it leaves no time for me to continue to undertake such a time demanding responsibility. Anyone interested in Chairing the Health Committee can let Kenichi Wilson know. Being a part of the Executive Board for the past 5 years gave me the opportunity to learn how a Community Board works. As the Chair of Health, I had the opportunity to participate in many events. To name a few, I ran the toy drive for several years, coordinated the thyroid cancer screening and other health events, and facilitated communication between the homeless shelters and the community. This has been a meaningful experience in my life. I consider many of you like family. I thank you for having me as your 1st Vice Chair for the past year. It has been an honor."

20. PUBLIC FORUM *no speakers*

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn. Sandra Datnarain seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:50 PM.