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OCTOBER 13, 2020 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TELECONFERENCE VIRTUAL MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2020-MARCH 2021

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Andrea Crawford	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(2)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(1)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(2)
Dilraj Batchu	(1)(1)	Jan Fenster	(1)(1)	Raghbir Singh	(1)(2)
Julio Batista	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)(0)	Sursattie Singh	(0)(0)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(2)(2)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(1)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)		
Marilyn Custodio	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(0)(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Nick Comaianni	(5)(5)	Kemanad Kishore	(1)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(4)
Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Lisa Komninos	(2)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(3)(5)
Laraine Fletcher	(1)(1)	Raquel Olivares	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(4)(3)

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Amparito Rosero, Rep. Acting Borough President Sharon Lee
Daniel Kurzyna, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden
James Mongeluzo, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer
Joy Resor, Department of City Planning
Capt. Antonio Fidacaro, 102nd Pct.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

9712 Restaurant Corp.
97-12 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

b. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

8522 Jamaica Avenue Corp.
D/b/a Pop's Restaurant
85-22 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

c. Method of Operation Change Application

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

2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams spoke regarding the following:

- Council Member will be attending Council Education Committee this Friday to discuss the digital divide and the lack of devices for students in addition to an attempt to save Learning to Work Program which is in danger of budget cuts.
- CM Adams has begun a much-needed food distribution of 570 fresh produce bags every week in conjunction with several CBOs. If you have a CBO able to pick up 30 lb. boxes of food, we will consider enrolling them.
- The Co-Naming of Punjabi Avenue will take place this Saturday at 101st Ave and Lefferts Blvd. at 11AM.
- Council Member's Managed Care Virtual Training will take place October 15th. This is a seminar given by Community Service Society to assist all, insured and uninsured, to better understand billing, Medicare, Medicaid, how to get insured, etc.
- The Center for the Women of NY is offering a Parenting School Children Workshop during the pandemic. It will take place on Thursday, October 15, 10 AM to 11 AM.
- Council Member Adams also met with Parks Department Commissioner Dockett this week to discuss all our parks, including Maurice Fitzgerald and Phil Rizzuto. \$4M more is needed for Maurice Fitzgerald and Phil Rizzuto needs community input and millions of dollars. CM Adams has funded the NY Horticultural Society to replant the Phil Rizzuto circle and improve the look of the seating area.
- We are shocked to hear of the Supreme Court decision to stop the Census, but CM Adams deeply appreciates the work done by local individuals, such as Felicia Singh, Civic Leaders and CB9.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Acting Borough President Sharon Lee

- Individuals who did not fill out their Census 2020 Form have until October 30th to do so.
- Absentee Ballots can be still be obtained until October 27th. It's very important to get and return them early.
- The Borough President's Coat Drive will run from now until November 13th, 2020. Only new coats will be accepted. The drop box is located at Queens Borough Hall.
- Virtual Job Fair will be held on October 28th, 2-3:30 PM. The flyers can be obtained at www.queensbp.org.

Daniel Kurzyna, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden

- “We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Our office is still working remotely, with appointments available for in person meetings. Feel free to give our office a call at 718 366-3900, or email us at District30@council.nyc.gov. If you need any assistance, we are here to help. The staff has been working hard during this pandemic, ensuring that constituents still get the services they need during these troubling times.
- Council Member Holden met with parents on the myriad of issues that have come out of the DOE's school reopening plan. The DOE's constant information dumps have created confusion for parents, teachers, administrators and our children, and Councilman Holden wants to hear from everyone on what they think of the plan. The City Council will be having a hearing on this topic on Friday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. regarding this.
- Our office has been organizing and hosting clean-up events throughout the district to help fill in the gaps that the city's budget has created, especially for sanitation. We had three events on Saturday, October 3rd within the district, and are planning more in the coming weeks. If interested, you can call or email our office, or follow the Council Member on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more info.
- Today, October 13, Council Member Holden, as Chair of the Technology Committee in The City Council, together with Council Member Moya of the subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises, had a hearing on broadband access in the city. We heard from city agencies, advocates, and cable providers on how the city can be a leader in technology, and how we can continue creating greater access to broadband.
- Together with the NYC Office of Administrative Trial and Hearings, our office will be hosting an OATH resource event. The details of this are to be announced, but the event should be taking place on Thursday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Maspeth Queens Public Library, on Grand Ave. More details to come.
- The Council Member thanks all of you for your continued volunteerism, and appreciates the work you do, day in and day out, for the communities you serve. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office for any assistance you may require. “

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers

4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to September 8th, 2020 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Rabbi Daniel Pollack made a motion to adopt the minutes, Joe Iaboni seconded it.

Motion # 1: To accept September 8th, 2020 meeting minutes and motions as presented

Vote # 1: Unanimous

5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd PCT REPORT

Capt. Fidacaro gave an update on crime stats stating that there is a 15% increase for the whole Command.

There has been an increase in robberies, felony assaults and misdemeanor on 101st Ave. Arrests have been made.

Due to an increase in cases of electric power tool robberies, the 102nd Pct. is asking Kew Gardens residents to enter serial numbers of their power tools into 102nd Pct. website so that they can be traced easily.

The Precinct is getting numerous complaints regarding fake license plates on vehicles. Eight arrests have been made; in one of those arrests a loaded firearm was found in the car.

Capt. Fidacaro answered board members' questions.

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

- Advised all to get tested for COVID-19, especially Kew Gardens residents.
- The next Exec Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

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

Wished happy birthday to Linda Fogal. Jarnail Singh, Matthew Singh and Mohinder Singh.

A meeting regarding Umbrella Hotel, located at 124-18 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens recently took place with the Mayor’s Office, Elected Officials and community stakeholders. It was unproductive, insulting and unacceptable. There was an article in today’s paper regarding child sex trafficking. We hope that the Mayor will now move quickly and expeditiously to form this multi-agency CRASH Unit.

The office has sent an email to the board members regarding Capital and Expense Budget Request suggestions. A tentative list was emailed in the morning. This year has been challenging with the remote budget consultations which will conclude on October 21st with DOE. The DM would like to move forward and work with Committee Chairs to get additional requests, especially schools, who have been working tirelessly to teach students remotely and in class. If the Board agrees, DM McClelland would like to present a finalized Capital and Expense Budget Requests to the Executive Committee for ratification or, if decided by the Board, DM would ask for an extension and present the Capital and Expense Budget requests to a full Board vote on November 10th.

The office has received over two hundred fifty complaints, concerns and questions regarding various quality of life issues since January 2020. Most cases have been resolved and we continue to work to ensure that each one is closed to the satisfaction of the constituent.

As always, the office remains at your disposal, looking forward to when we can resume in-person meetings.

Rabbi Pollack made a motion to ratify the budget priority list and allow any changes to be voted on by the Executive Committee. Latchman Budhai seconded the motion.

Motion # 2: To ratify the budget priority list and allow any changes to be voted on by the Executive Committee
Vote # 2: Unanimous

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

➤ *Rockaway Women for Progress – Josette Grippo and Jean Belford*

“Bussing protocols and Education updates are posted on CB9 Facebook page. Our Education team met via Zoom on October 29th and invited a few parents to speak about how this pandemic has affected their choice of how they are schooling their kids this 2020-2021 school year.

I am requesting questions to be emailed to the Board by the Board Members pertaining to education due to time constraints.

Ms. Grippo and Ms. Belford from The Rockaway Women for Progress will be presenting on Equity, Inclusion and Antiracist Curricula.”

Josette Grippo and Jean Belford spoke about the Rockaway Women For Progress organization stating that it is an all women organization that was formed in the late 2016, with the mission of upholding a democracy and protecting human rights.

They asked for support in the need for Educational Reform in the Curriculum most focused on equity, inclusion and anti-racist curriculum for the schools.

9. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Andrea Crawford, Chair

- With the Flu Season approaching, all are advised to get inoculated against the flu.
- 11415 and 11418, Kew Gardens and Richmond Hill zip codes, are in yellow and some in orange zones. The yellow zone is on watch, the orange zone requires that there be no indoor dining and certain things are

restricted, and in red zones, all non-essential businesses must close, and lock down measures are instated. There are many testing sites in Kew Gardens and Ozone Park. The best way to get an accurate accounting of the positivity rate is to get tested.

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

A BSA Application for a variance at 93-08 95th Ave was received and reviewed by the Committee. The Committee will recommend granting the extension of the variance they are asking for as there are no existing problems. A copy of their application will be forwarded to the board members and the vote will take place in November.

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

Not present to give a report.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

9712 Restaurant Corp.
97-12 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion #3: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for 9712 Restaurant Corp., 97-12 101st Ave
Vote #3: Unanimous

b. Method of Operation Change Application

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

Mr. Raymond Martin, Associate Director for Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Community Affairs, stated that he met with the owner of the restaurant and 102nd Pct. Captain regarding this. There was no opposition from the 102nd Pct.

Motion #4: Not to oppose Method of Operation Change Application for Tilt Lounge Corp, 131-15 Jamaica Ave
Vote # 4: Unanimous

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7 PM via Zoom.

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

Mr. Ali had an opportunity to join the virtual public hearing on the LaGuardia Air Train Environmental Impact Study. Most of the comments were in favor of this project. The comment period was extended to October 20th for those who wish to mail/email their comments and suggestions.

Van Wyck Project: work has commenced on both ends of the Expressway. Drivers should take into consideration that after the rush hour, the service lanes are reduced to one until 1 AM, which causes traffic to back up.

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

First drive-in movie theatre was a big success at the Oakridge. More events are scheduled in the future.

Fall season tree planting is scheduled to start in the next two weeks.

Ms. Santoro suggested co-naming a corner of 114th St and 85th Ave Ivan Mrakovcic Way after our late former Board Member.

15. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair

Spoke to DM regarding budget consultations, we will know more about the economic outlook.
Reviewed personal services, made a proposal to the Chair.

16. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Wilson stated that at the last Recycling Event, Community Board 9 co-sponsored a shredding machine with Assembly Member Miller and Senator Addabbo where over 275 people were served.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Kevin O'Leary voiced his concern regarding the cleanliness of the city and asked the board to contact the Department of Sanitation and get sweepers on the street.

18. PUBLIC FORUM *No speakers*

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

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:10 PM.