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MAY 11, 2021 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TELECONFERENCE VIRTUAL MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2021-MARCH 2022

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2021 (Borough President's Attendance)

Marla Abarca	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(0)(0)	Mohamed Safie	(2)(2)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(0)(1)	Anjali Seegobin	(0)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(0)(1)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(2)	Matthew Singh	(1)(2)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(0)	Sherman Kane	(1)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Reaz Khan	(1)(1)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(0)	Kemanad Kishore	(0)(2)	Sursattie Singh	(0)(1)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Katharine Maradiaga	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(1)	Michael Pereira	(0)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(0)(0)
Marilyn Custodio	(0)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Sassy Ramoutar	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(2)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(1)(2)	Nick Comaianni	(2)(5)	Raquel Olivares	(1)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(1)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(1)(2)	Lilian Yagual	(1)(1)

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Ben Geremia, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden
Muhammad Rahman, DA Melinda Katz
James Mongeluzo, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer
Jenifer Rajkumar, Assembly Member
Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Q102 Pool Hall and Lounge Inc.
102-14 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

b. On Premises Liquor License Application - Renewal

KDR Restaurant Inc.
D/b/a Kaieteur Restaurant & Sports Bar
81-12 Lefferts Blvd.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) – Subway Station Elevators *No speakers*

2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

- Borough President's Virtual Job Fair will take place on Thursday, May 20th, 2-3:30 PM. RSVP at www.queensbp.org/rsvp by May 19th.
- ID NYC Pop-Up Enrollment site will be at Queens Borough Hall, Room 213 until June 30th. Appointments are required. Call 311 or www1.nyc.gov.

Ben Geremia, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden, thanked the board members for their voluntarism. He stated that the office has been dealing with social media inquiries of several quality of life issues, i.e. increased drag racing, speeding and reckless driving. They have also received complaints regarding illegal car meetups, including portions of the 102nd Pct., where individuals drink and play loud music at all hours of the night.

The Council Member is working together with the Woodhaven Community leaders to co-name the corner of Jamaica Ave & 78th Street "Union Course Way" to commemorate 200th anniversary of the historic track.

CM Holden will be hosting several events including: Pet Adoption, Children's Concert, Food Giveaways, Vaccine Clinics, Thyroid Scanning, Mammograms, Self Defense Classes and Community Clean Ups.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. DA Melinda Katz, stated that the DA is hosting the Vietnam Memorial Day Event will take place at Queens Vietnam War Memorial Park in Elmhurst on May 27th at 11 AM.

James Mongeluzo, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer reported of the following:

- Comptroller Stinger's Investigation on City's Loss of \$1.86M in failed effort to purchase ventilators during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Analysis of the case where 50% of M/WBE's were forced to lay off or furlough employees during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Mr. Mongeluzo can be reached at 646-689-6509 or jmongel@comptroller.nyc.gov.

Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar

- Food Distribution Events take place every Thursday at the office at 5 PM.
- Everyone who gets vaccinated, will get 4 hours' time off from work for each vaccine.
- Pushing for the passage of the antibody cocktail treatment bill which can save lives by decreasing the risk of complications or death by 70%.

- Introduced a bill to make Diwali a School Holiday in NYC at a state level.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz, complimented the board on acting swiftly on Barry Lewis, Ivan Mrakovcic and the late Detective Simonsen's Street Co-Naming as the city did cut off submissions on April 30th.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, stated that the office is still handling cases with any Department of Labor unemployment cases and setting up vaccine appointments for constituents. Office contact number is 718-738-1111.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Loycent Gordon, Neir's Tavern, spoke about the Union Course Racetrack co-naming and gave a brief background in support of that.

Sally Kisson, Q102 Pool Hall & Lounge Inc., made a presentation regarding the Pool Hall that is located at 102-14 Jamaica Ave and stated her reasons as to why it is important to bring this type of entertainment to the community.

Marek Gregor, Ozone Park Resident, voiced his concerns regarding quality of life issues in the area.

Matthew Walker, Council for Airport Opportunity NY & NJ, spoke about recruitment events at the airports.

4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to April 13th, 2021 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion # 1: To accept April 13th, 2021 meeting minutes and motions as presented

Vote # 1: Unanimous

5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report, Capt. Diakonikolas reported on the following:

- There is an increase in crime being led by stolen vehicles and grand larceny for last 28 days.
- There is been an uptick in phone scams: people receiving phone calls from so called creditors asking to wire money or their electricity will be shut off.
- 102nd Community Council meetings are being held monthly.

Question and answer period followed.

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

- Reminded all board members to submit their Committee Choice Preference Forms so that committees can be formed before the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Made an announcement regarding the passing of former District Manager Mary Ann Carey stating that she became CB9 DM on March 5th, 1984 and retired on October 1st, 2014. The funeral arrangements can be obtained by contacting the board office. A moment of silence was held in honor of her memory.
- Chair Wilson encouraged all to come out and volunteer on May 22nd Queens Symphony Orchestra's Return to Music concert at the Band Shell parking lot.

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

Expressed his condolences to the Carey family during their time of loss. Mary Ann Carey was a well-respected Staple of the community and a long-time district manager.

Wished happy birthday to Zoila Bofill, Reaz Khan, Regina Santoro and Seth Welins.

Queens District Managers are preparing their statements for budget consultations this Fall.

By the requirement of the Queens Borough President, all board members will be provided with the latest copy of EEO Policy by email. A signed acknowledgement of receipt is needed.

The District Cabinet Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 20th via Zoom. The Exec Committee will be briefed after that meeting.

Thanked the 102nd Pct. officers for getting rid of derelict vehicles from the street.

The office received approximately 200 constituent cases including trees and illegal dumping which has been prolific in our area, especially along the LIRR.

Wished all a Happy Eid-UI-Fitr.

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

“Today is the last day for Community Education Elections. For parents of children in public schools you have until midnight to log on to the My Schools Account and vote for parent candidate of your choice.

Summer Rising Grades K-8

Summer Rising is New York City’s free school-based summer program for any child in grades K–8. Summer Rising will integrate the strengths of DOE academics with the Department of Youth & Community Development’s (DYCD) school-based enrichment programming. Complete the NYC School Survey online at NYCSchoolSurvey.org. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, June 11. Principals will have another year to spend money that the city returned to their budgets, reversing a controversial policy requiring they spend it all this school year.

New York City schools are slated to get \$1.3B more than last year under the state’s budget which is expected to pass Wednesday, providing a massive financial boost as students and educators rebound from more than a year of disrupted learning. In all, New York City schools are expected to get \$11.86 billion from the state plus \$6.9 billion from the federal government.

State aid for education in the 2021-2022 school year could ultimately increase beyond the Governor’s proposal. Since the Governor’s Executive Budget was released much has changed, most notably the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) earlier this month, which will provide roughly \$12.5 billion in new fiscal relief to the state as well as about \$9 billion targeted for K-12 education.

NYS will receive more than \$58 million in funds to support homeless students under the American Rescue Plan.

We have received a request for a letter of support for special education schools in CB9 requesting for our advocacy in asking for fair student funding to be allocated in special needs support especially during this pandemic. It has impacted kids with Individualized Education plans in such a negative way. In September, schools will need much more support services to be provided. Our Education team is sending out a letter of support for this initiative. We also wish to thank Councilmember Holden who has always been a strong advocate of children with special needs, whose office immediately released a letter of support as well upon our request.

Wishing the Muslim community a good Eid-UI-Fitr. Our next meeting will be held on May 24th at 6pm.”

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

Ms. Crawford gave an update on CDC’s COVID-19 vaccination regulations and stats according to zip codes.

10. LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT – Sylvia Hack, Chair

Ms. Hack spoke about the proposed Zoning for Accessibility text amendment stating that it will enable the city to seek an easement on private property for the purpose of installing elevators in the subway system.

➤ **Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) – Subway Station Elevators**

Motion # 2: To approve the proposed ZFA text amendment

Vote # 2: Unanimous

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

- QEDC held an Information Session for Richmond Hill businesses and their Avenue NYC Grant. They are still doing outreach trying to engage more business on 101st Ave and Liberty Ave.
- There is grant money available for banquet halls.
- The next Economic & Community Development Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 25th.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Q102 Pool Hall and Lounge Inc.
102-14 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 3: Not to approve new on premises Liquor License Application for Q102 Pool Hall and Lounge Inc.,
102-14 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: 29 in favor, 15 opposed and 1 not present for a vote

The office has received three renewal applications which are currently being processed.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 6:30 PM, however, if there are no new applications and there are renewal applications without adverse recording, they will be renewed automatically.

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

- U.S. Department of Transportation will allow New York State to proceed with the federally required Environmental Assessment and public outreach for the nation's first congestion pricing program in NYC. It will reduce traffic, enhance public transportation, and improve air quality since there will be less vehicles on the road. The congestion pricing proposal in New York City would manage Midtown traffic congestion using tolls. Tentative start date for this program is late 2021, early 2023.
- The city will re-open the subway system on May 17th. Sanitization and mask will still be required.
- Mayor's initiative to reduce speed limit to 45 mph on certain boulevards and thruways will help to reduce pedestrian fatalities which has increased 58%. Queens locations are Woodhaven Blvd, Crossbay Blvd, Astoria Blvd. and Conduit Ave partially.
- The Expansion of LaGuardia Airport Project has been moving full speed ahead.
- Mr. Ali wished Ed Mubarak to those who celebrates and stated that he is stepping down from Traffic & Transportation Committee Chairman position as of tonight.

➤ **Co-Naming of the corner of Jamaica Ave & 78th St “Union Course Way”**

Motion # 4: To support a co-naming of the corner of Jamaica Ave & 78th St “Union Course Way”
to honor the 200th Anniversary of this historic track

Vote # 4: Unanimous

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

- Students from P.S. 66 with the Richmond Hill Historical Society planted two new trees by the Buddy Monument on Arbor Day Planting.

- There will be a Yoga Clinic at the Overlook, Youth Skating Clinics will open in Skateboard Park.
- There will be potential Movie Nights (date TBD) as well as Silent Disco events at Victory Field.
- There will be music performances at the Band Shell.
- The Parks and Sanitation Departments both are looking for volunteers to help in cleaning up the Picnic Areas in Forest Park.
- This year's tree planting in CB9 will start in the end of May.

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

- Money was moved from PS (Personal Services) to OTPS (Other Than Personal Services).
- The office intends to buy data processing equipment for community outreach and various cleaning supplies to comply with COVID regulations.

16. OLD BUSINESS

No speakers.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Sherry Algreto stated that she attended a COVID Remembrance Ceremony at the Band Shell.

Kemanad Kishore asked the Board to address the issue of business owners encroaching on the city sidewalks on Liberty Ave.

18. PUBLIC FORUM *No speakers*

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn. J.R. Smith seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:43 PM.