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Kenichi Wilson, Chairperson \* James S. McClelland, District Manager \* Donovan Richards Jr., Borough President

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## MARCH 9, 2021 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TELECONFERENCE VIRTUAL MEETING

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2020-MARCH 2021

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(3)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(3)(1)	Maharani Singh	(2)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(2)(1)	Jan Fenster	(1)(0)	Matthew Singh	(6)(1)
Dilraj Batchu	(1)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(1)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(4)(0)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(3)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Sursattie Singh	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(2)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(0)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Lisa Komninos	(4)(1)	Marie Turley	(2)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(0)(0)	Raquel Olivares	(3)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Marilyn Custodio	(1)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(0)		
Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(0)(0)		

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Linda Fogal	(1)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(10)(3)	Kemanad Kishore	(4)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(4)(1)

### ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jenifer Rajkumar, Assembly Member

Joseph Addabbo, State Senator

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo

Donovan Richards, Queens Borough President

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Stacey Pheffer-Amato, Assembly Member

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz

Bob Holden, Council Member

Greg Slade, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar

Ty Hankerson, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams

Muhammad Rahman, DA Melinda Katz

James Mongeluzo, Rep. Comptroller Scott Stringer

Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders Jr.

Sam Smouha, QEDC

## 1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

El Pollo Inka NY Inc.  
D/b/a El Pollo Inka  
89-20 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11418 *No speakers*

#### b. On Premises Beer & Cider License Application - New

Johnny Deli & Grocery Inc.  
132-07 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

#### c. Class Change Application

Vanessa Bar & Lounge Corp.  
110-12 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

## 2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Senator Joe Addabbo wished Chair Wilson a happy birthday. He spoke about budget, vaccination and the supply in local sites as well as other issues.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, stated that the Senator is sponsoring a Department of Consumer and Worker Protection Free Tax Prep Webinar tomorrow at 7 PM as well as a Small Business Resource Webinar that will take place on Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 PM. Please call the office at 718-738-1111 with any questions about either of these events.

Council Member Bob Holden wished Chair Wilson a happy birthday and spoke about new bills that were introduced to the Council.

Stacey Pheffer-Amato, Assembly Member, wished a happy birthday to Chair Wilson and spoke about budget, vaccination and the supply.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Koslowitz, stated that Council Member Koslowitz has not taken a position on Intro 2186 and gave the reasons why.

Greg Slade, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, gave updates on events, legislations, and the accomplishments.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Richards, stated that QBP Richards will host a virtual Small Business Town Hall on Thursday March 11, 10 AM to 12 PM. Live stream on [queensbp.org](https://queensbp.org). She wished a happy birthday to Chair Wilson.

Ty Hankerson, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, stated the following:

- Homebound New Yorkers can register for their Johnson & Johnson vaccination at <https://forms.cityofnewyork.us/homebound>.
- Council Member is hosting a Rent Freeze Info Event with the Department of Finance on Tuesday, March 16 at 3 PM. To register, email or call Mr. Hankerson at 646-596-0518, [thankerson@council.nyc.gov](mailto:thankerson@council.nyc.gov).

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. DA Melinda Katz, stated that there will be a Scan Awareness and Fraud Protection webinar tomorrow at 6 PM. Register at [www.queensda.org](http://www.queensda.org).

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

- NYC Comptroller Stringer's FY22 Preliminary Budget Presentation is posted at <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/comptrollers-fy-2022-preliminary-budget-presentation> .
- Comptroller Stringer also released Budget Analysis Report, The Annual Audit Report, an Annual Contracts Report, Quarterly Cash Report, and the City Cash Balance Projection.

Sam Smouha, QEDC

"The NYC Department of Small Business Services recently published Richmond Hill's Commercial District Needs Assessment, which focuses on economic activity on Liberty Avenue and 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue between Van Wyck Expressway and Woodhaven Boulevard. The report can be downloaded at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/sbs/downloads/pdf/neighborhoods.avenyc-cdna-richmondhill.pdf>. I am the program manager at Queens Economic Development Corporation, a local nonprofit, working in partnership with SBS on the Avenue NYC program in Richmond Hill. I would encourage any local business owners interested in the program, or in need of assistance to contact me: [ssmouha@queensny.org](mailto:ssmouha@queensny.org)."

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Matthew Walker, Council for Airport Opportunity, spoke about career opportunities and job openings at the airports. More information and details at [www.caonynj.com](http://www.caonynj.com) or call Mr. Walker at 347-562-2075.

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

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Andrea Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Joe laboni seconded the motion.

**Motion # 1:** To accept February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and motions as presented

**Vote # 1:** Unanimous

### 5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> PCT REPORT *no one was present to give a report*

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

- Stated that a Memorial Ceremony for the remembrance of the first death from COVID-19 will be held by Mayor de Blasio on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanked all front-line workers for what they did during that year and took a moment of silence for all victims of the pandemic.
- Thanked Maple Grove Cemetery for recognizing his mother, who was the first Japanese professional ice skater in America, under Women's' History Month.
- CB9 was recognized in a local newspaper for its participation in food giveaway for those in need every Friday since May 2020. 55,000 meals have been given away to date.
- Stated that the DSNY has figured out a new schedule to service litter baskets more efficiently. All the missing litter baskets will be restored eventually.
- Thanked all for the birthday wishes.

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

DM McClelland wished happy birthday to Sherry Algreto, Jan Fenster, Latchman Budhai, Silvia Hack, J.R. Smith and Kenichi Wilson.

## 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

DM McClelland opened nominations on the floor for Chairperson.

Andrea Crawford nominated Kenichi Wilson; Joe Iaboni seconded it.

Kamal Bhuiyan nominated Faiuze Ali; no one seconded it. Mr. Bhuiyan withdrew his nomination.

Vote: unanimous. Kenichi Wilson is elected Chairperson.

DM McClelland received nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Seth Welins nominated Sherry Algreto; Sandra Datnarain seconded it.

Vote: unanimous. Sherry Algreto is elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair.

DM McClelland received nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

J. Richard Smith nominated Sandra Datnarain. Raghbir Singh seconded it.

Vote: unanimous. Sandra Datnarain is elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

DM McClelland received nominations for Treasurer.

Sylvia Hack nominated John Carter; Rabbi Daniel Pollack seconded it.

Vote: unanimous. John Carter is elected Treasurer.

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

- “On Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, New York City high school students will begin returning to their campuses. Athletes will rejoin their teams in mid-April for a sports season that has been extended through the summer.
- NYC School Chancellor Richard Carranza has resigned; the new NYC School Chancellor is Ms. Meisha Porter.
- We hosted Queens Community House at our meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Hunter gave a virtual PowerPoint Presentation regarding programs modification. We also discussed college access with the principal and the assistant principal of Richmond Hill High School, budget issues and projected per pupil expenditures for the coming school year.
- March 16 will mark one year since NYC went virtually into a shift of remote learning.
- Mayor de Blasio has stated that the City will commit \$157 million in capital dollars to the project targeting more than 30 high-need neighborhoods across all five boroughs that were hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic and lack enough broadband infrastructure.
- Update on Richmond Hill Library renovation: meeting to be held later in March.
- A resolution was sent to the full board on support of Inclusion the Diwali Festival of Lights in NYC Public school holidays.
- Our next Education & Youth Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 22 at 6:30 pm.
- Thank you to women for their service as March is a Women’s History Month.”

### ➤ Resolution in support of making Diwali an official Public-School Holiday

**Motion # 2:** To accept CB9 Resolution in support of making Diwali an official Public-School Holiday

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

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

Ms. Crawford talked about Johnson & Johnson single dose vaccine and stressed that anything above 50% in a vaccine is effective. She also reviewed the new CDC’s social distancing guidelines and Governor’s vaccine eligibility guidelines.

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

- Resolution in Opposition to Intro 2186 – A Local Law to amend the New York City Charter in relation to requiring a comprehensive long-term plan

**Motion # 3:** To accept CB9 Resolution in Opposition to Intro 2186 – A Local Law to amend the New York City Charter in relation to requiring a comprehensive long-term plan

**Vote # 3:** Unanimous

The committee will be meeting with the Department of City Planning regarding their presentation on Garage Construction at Borough Based Jail.

CB9 Land Use & Housing Committee is starting a street co-naming process in memory of Barry Lewis, acclaimed Queens architectural historian.

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

*Not present to give a report.*

**13. PUBLIC SAFETY & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Co-Chair**

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

El Pollo Inka NY Inc.  
D/b/a El Pollo Inka  
89-20 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

**Motion # 4:** To approve new on premises Wine, Beer & Cider license application for El Pollo Inka NY Inc., d/b/a El Pollo Inka, 89-20 101<sup>st</sup> Ave with the 1 AM Stipulation

**Vote # 4:** Unanimous

**b. On Premises Beer & Cider Application - New**

Johnny Deli & Grocery Inc.  
132-07 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion #5:** To approve new on premises Beer & Cider license application for Johnny Deli & Grocery Inc., 132-07 Jamaica Ave with the 1AM Stimulation

**Vote #5:** Unanimous

**c. Class Change Application**

Vanessa Bar & Lounge Corp.  
110-12 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion #6:** Not to approve class change application for Vanessa Bar & Lounge Corp., 110-12 Jamaica Ave due to adverse information received from the NYPD

**Vote #6:** Unanimous

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

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

- NYCAR – roundtable for JFK and LaGuardia Airports held a meeting about noise control and mitigation.
- OMNI – the cashless fare charger has been installed in all NYC subway stations and buses for riders to make fare payments. Using the account dashboard, you can: view your trips and changes, manage your payments methods, ask questions to OMNY customer service representatives, and more. Metro cards will be phased out by the year 2023.

➤ **Greater Woodhaven Development Corp. – “Woodhaven Fall Street Fair” – October 10, 2021**

**Motion # 7:** To send a letter of support for the GWDC October 10, 2021 Street Festival

**Vote # 7:** 35 in favor and 2 abstentions

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

Chair Wilson reported on Snow Sculpture Competition Event that took place in Forest Park on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**16. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair**

Reported that the budget is essentially the same, no news regarding staff raises. He will speak to the DM regarding some evidence of other city agencies providing raises for their staff.

**17. OLD BUSINESS**            *No speakers*

**18. NEW BUSINESS**        *No speakers*

**19. PUBLIC FORUM**        *No speakers*

J.R. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Sherman Kane seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:27 PM.