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APRIL 12, 2022 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO, 101-12 LEFFERTS BOULEVARD, RICHMOND HILL NY 11419

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2022 (Borough President's Attendance)

Marla Abarca	(0)(1)	Sandra Datnarain	(0)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Bernard Robert	(0)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(0)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(0)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(0)(0)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Matthew Singh	(0)(0)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Daniel Coffaro Hill	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(0)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Sursattie Singh	(0)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Carmela Isabella	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(1)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(0)	Reaz Khan	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Katharine Maradiaga	(0)(1)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(0)(0)	Michael Pereira	(0)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Marilyn Custodio	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Kemanad Kishore	(1)(3) *	Anjali Seegobin	(1)(3)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1)(2)	Sassy Ramoutar	(1)(2)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(2)
Jan Fenster	(1)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(2)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
Sherman Kane	(1)(2)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)	Lilian Yagual	(1)(4)

***Absent for two (2) or more votes**

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
 Council Member Joan Ariola
 Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola
 Ido Shargal, Rep. Mayor Eric Adams
 Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
 PO Scott Adelman, 102nd Pct.
 Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens DA Melinda Katz
 Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
 Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams
 Evelyn Cruz, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez
 Wanda Manley, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
 Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
 Seth Urbinder, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Duran Restaurant NY Corp.
96-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

La Cabana De Marina, Inc.
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

b. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Bicheiros Café, Inc.
105-05 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Rancho Tequila, Inc.
105-13 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

La Hueca Guyaca Corp.
88-09 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

c. Temporary Retail Permits

Embajada Restaurant, Inc.
84-21 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

D. Rivas Restaurant, inc.
D/b/a La Flor Del Paraiso
80-29 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

El Pollo Inka NY, Inc.
D/b/a El Pollo Inka
89-20 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

d. Method of Operation Change

Kiss Entertainment, Inc.
130-35 91st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

e. Corporate Change

Peruvian Kitchen Incorporated
D/b/a Don Pollo
83-02 95th Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Wendy Ramirez, Queens Resident, stated that she is seeking information on harassment incidents.

Kirpal Billing, CB9 member, made an announcement regarding the passing of fellow Board Member Raghbir Singh's younger brother.

Philip Intatano, Ozone Park Resident, expressed his good feelings about attending a board meeting for the first time.

Evelyn Jaipaul, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that she is happy to be a part of this community.

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to March 8th, 2022 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept March 8th, 2022 meeting minutes and motions as presented

Vote # 1: 37 in favor and 1 not present for a vote

4. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

PO Adelman reported on the major crime stats for the last four weeks, stating that there was an increase in robberies and grand larcenies.

The Wanted for Assault flyers and the maps of Queens 102nd Precinct Sectors with PO's contact info were distributed.

Question and answer period followed.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS & EXEC. REPORT—Sherry Algreto/District Manager's Report-James McClelland

- DM McClelland wished Andrea Crawford a happy birthday.
- The office, in partnership with Council Member Ariola, coordinated a multi-agency site visit of 100th and 101st Street between 103rd and 101st Ave. NYPD, Sanitation Dept., DOT and DCAS were in attendance. The area has been plagued by illegal dumping, poor lighting, hanging pigeon netting, and derelict vehicles. The interdisciplinary team hopes to resolve many of the ongoing issues. Thanked Maharani Singh for being vigilant and alerting the office of those issues.
- The board participated in two successful community clean-up events. One hosted by 102nd Community Council (location cleaned: Babbage and Bessemer Street under the MTA/LIRR trestle) and one by the Woodhaven BID (Jamaica Avenue between Woodhaven Blvd. and Forest Parkway). Special thanks to the organizers: 102nd Community Council and the Woodhaven BID, and all the volunteers, especially the John Adams High School ROTC.
- CB9 in conjunction with the Kew Gardens/Forest Hills Community are holding a rally at the intersection of Park Lane South and Union Turnpike. Thanked Seth Welins for his help in organizing this rally. The rally is a response to the

Department of Transportation denial of the community's request to change the timing of the traffic lights or implement a Leading Pedestrian Interval at the location. The intervals give pedestrians a crossing "green light" several seconds before parallel traffic gets the go-ahead. The idea is that the extra time makes those walking more visible to turning drivers.

- Organized a Row Tow operation with the Sanitation Department and NYPD to remove derelict vehicles.
- Visited his grammar school alma mater with Chair Algreto and was invited to be a keynote speaker at the graduation.

Chair Algreto reported on the items that were discussed at the last Borough Board meeting.

6. Reports from Legislative Officials

Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar addressed the board and wished all happy holidays.

Assembly Member presented a citation to Chairperson Algreto from the State Assembly as a first Indo Caribbean Woman to chair the board.

AM Rajkumar made an announcement of giving robust State funding to Cityline Ozone Park Civilian Patrol and One Stop Richmond Hill groups.

Council Member Joan Ariola welcomed the newly elected Chair Sherry Algreto and the newly appointed board members: Daniel Hill, Carmela Isabella, and Bernard Robert.

CM Ariola gave a brief report of the achievements of her first one hundred days in the office stating the three things she will always be fighting for are: quality of life, public safety, and education.

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

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

Duran Restaurant NY Corp.
96-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 2: Not to approve new On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application for Duran Restaurant NY Corp., 96-10 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 2: 37 in favor and 1 not present for a vote

La Cabana De Marina, Inc.
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application for, La Cabana De Marina, Inc, 102-24 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: 37 in favor and 1 not present for a vote

Rabbi Daniel Pollack reported on all the renewal application, method of operation and corporate change license application letters that were sent out by the office staff members.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18th, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

8. EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Alexandria Sumpter-Delves, Acting Chair

- The Specialized High School Admission test results are now posted for everyone to view.

- CEC 28 held a legislative breakfast on April 5th in which Chancellor Banks and QBP Richards participated and saluted many district schools' principals. A request was made by District 28 School Superintendent regarding the need for more Nest and Horizon programs. Those programs focus on school children with disabilities and provide equal opportunity for education.
- The Committee will continue to address the Richmond Hill Branch Library renovation issue until it is resolved.
- The Summer Youth Employment Applications are available until April 22, 2022. The deadline to submit is April 29.

9. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Kenichi Wilson, Acting Chair

- Shared his thoughts regarding removing derelict vehicles from the streets.
- An online form to fill out suggestions for Queens Bus Redesign will be available to the public until May 16th.
- Plans were finalized by the MTA and the DOT to install a new elevator at the Woodhaven Boulevard and Jamaica Ave J train subway station.
- The following streets are scheduled for milling and resurfacing:
 - Jamaica Ave between Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Parkway
 - Jamaica Ave between 130th Street and Lefferts Boulevard
 - Myrtle Ave between Hillside and Jamaica Ave
 - 101st Ave between 127th Street and Lefferts Boulevard
- A new All Way Stop was approved for 116th Street and Curzon Road by DOT.

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

Ms. Crawford spoke about the importance of face covering in crowded areas and areas with poor ventilation. She also stressed that masks provide protection from other respiratory conditions and seasonal allergies.

Provided stats on COVID-19 cases and CDC recommendations.

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

On February 23, 2022, CB 9 sent a letter to Sasha Ginsberg who is charged with statistics relating to the Department of Corrections, (DOC). The letter requested statistics regarding the incarcerated. Every board member has a copy in their folders. The information we requested is digitized which means DOC must have ready access to the data requested. Nearly two months have passed since our request, and still no reply, despite our efforts to follow up.

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

Ms. Rivera stated that QueensLink is seeking support for their project from CB9 and that she wants to regroup with the broader membership to have a more thorough discussion before making a recommendation. She asked all to join the Committee on Wednesday, May 4th for their next meeting.

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

Not present to give a report.

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

Presented an overview of the budgets for Queens Community Boards. Indicated the main monthly expenses for our Board. Gave projected surpluses for personal and OTPS items as of the budget summary of February 7th. Made an appeal for contributions to the Good and Welfare fund.

15. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Ido Shargal, Rep. Mayor Eric Adams CAU, introduced himself, stating that he will be a link between the Community Board and the Mayor's office.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams, reported on the events sponsored by the Speaker and shared her contact information.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, congratulated newly elected Chairperson Sherry Algreto and thanked Chair Kenichi Wilson for his services. Ms. Akhtar invited all to the events sponsored by the DA.

Evelyn Cruz, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, reported on some of the projects that the Congress Member is working on.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Addabbo, reported on the events sponsored by the Senator.

Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola, reported on the events sponsored by the Council Member.

Wanda Manley, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie, reported on the events sponsored by the Senator.

Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi, informed the board of the events and programs sponsored by the Assembly Member.

16. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Algreto thanked former Chair Wilson for his leadership throughout this pandemic.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Andrea Crawford mentioned that the Hampton Court/Kent Manor, located at 117-01 Park Lane South, has been listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places and nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Joan DeCamp wanted to re-address the issue of current conditions at Rikers Island.

Reaz Khan raised the issue of a lack of transition in committees' chairmanship procedures and the need to add those clarifications to CB9 By-Laws. Chair Algreto agreed and stated that CB9 By-Laws will be revisited.

18. PUBLIC FORUM

Bella Matias, Woodhaven Resident, spoke about community safety and an increase of hate crime incidents.

Julia Kotowski, Queens Resident, spoke about poor lighting in Forest Park's Victory Field.

Pablo Rubio, Richmond Hill Resident, asked the board to address the issue of misuse of permits issued by the Forest Parks Permit Office.

Maharani Singh made a motion to adjourn. Alexandria Sumpter-Delves seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:31 PM.