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Sherry Algreto, Chairperson * James S. McClelland, District Manager * Donovan Richards Jr., Borough President

DECEMBER 13, 2022 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
HELEN MARSHALL CULTURAL CENTER 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD KEW GARDENS NY 11424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Carmela Isabella	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Marilyn Custodio	(2)(2)	Reaz Khan	(2)(2)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Sandra Datnarain	(2)(3)	Kevin O’Leary	(0)(0)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(2)(3)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(3)(4)	Jan Fenster	(2)(4)	Jarnail Singh	(0)(1)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(1)(1)	Raghibir Singh	(2)(3)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Marla Abarca	(2)(3)	Sassy Ramoutar	(3)(4)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(2)
Latchman Budhai	(3)(3)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(3)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delv	(2)(2)
Andrea Crawford	(4)(4)	Bernard Robert	(4)(4)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(2)(2)
Daniel Coffaro Hill	(1)(1)	Regina Santoro	(2)(2)	Marie Turley	(4)(5)
Sherman Kane	(7)(10)	Anjali Seegobin	(5)(7)	Seth Welins	(3)(3)
Kemanad Kishore	(7)(9)	Matthew Singh	(4)(4)	Kenichi Wilson	(1)(1)
Katharine Maradiaga	(3)(4)	Mohinder Singh	(1)(1)	Lilian Yagual	(6)(9)

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Leela Venketachalam, Community Assistant

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Maricela Cano, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Members Nidia Velasquez
Council Member Lynn Schulman
Seth Urbinder, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman
Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, 102nd Pct.
PO Scott Adelman, 102nd Pct.
William Bao, Rep. Assembly Members Khaleel Anderson
Javad Hunter, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks
Nathaniel Hezekiah III, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz
Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
Mufazzal Hossain, Rep. Assembly Members Weprin

1. PUBLIC HEARING *no speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM *no speakers*

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to November 10th, 2022 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept November 10th, 2022, meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. GREETINGS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Maricela Cano, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, reported on the following:

- Invited the board members to all events sponsored by Borough President Richards.
- Board Member Application will be posted on www.queensbp.org on January 3rd, 2023 and can be submitted online only. Deadline is February 16th.
- The office will be checking board members' attendance of regular and committee meetings before re-appointing them for the new term.

Council Member Lynn Schulman spoke about the many events that took place in her district and thanked all who were involved in the process.

CM Schulman stated that as a Chair of the Health Committee at City Council, she will have a joint hearing with the Consumer and Workers' Rights Committee regarding illegal smoke shops.

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

Chair Algreto wished all Happy Holidays and reported on the following:

- Borough Board meeting: Senior Scam issue was presented by Queens DA Katz.
- Wished happy birthday to her husband.

DM McClelland wished happy birthday to Kamal Bhuiyan, Dulal Bhattacharjee, John Carter, Daniel Chu, and Lilian Yagual.

He talked about the district's newest problem: smoke shops opening everywhere. The community board has not received one application from twenty locations in CB9. DM McClelland is working with the Sheriff's office and the 102nd Pct. to come up with a solution.

Mr. McClelland wished everyone happy, healthy and joys holidays.

6. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, the 102nd Pct. Commanding Officer, reported on the following:

- Crime stats are down 2% for the last 28 days.
- Commercial robbery cases are still on the rise.
- A shooting incident occurred at the intersection of 133rd Street & Metropolitan Ave which was over a dispute between two individuals at a traffic collision.

Question and answer period followed.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – Rabbi D. Pollack & Maharani Singh, Co-Chairs

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

Extacy Lounge LLC
77-01 Jamaica Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 2: To oppose new On-Premises Liquor License Application for Extacy Lounge LLC, 77-01 Jamaica Ave, Woodhaven, NY 11421 due to incomplete paperwork

Vote # 2: Unanimous

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19th, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

8. EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Alexandria Sumpter-Delves & Seth Welins, Co-Chairs *were not present to give a report*

Chair Algreto stated that she signed a letter addressed to Governor Hochul that would ask to sign a bill that she personally requested. The bill would allow to prioritize the needs of students with disabilities and bring fair and equitable financial compensation for special needs educators at a private institution. But before this letter had come to a vote, the Governor vetoed the bill.

9. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marla Abarca, Chair *was not present to give a report*

Chair Algreto congratulated Ms. Abarca on the birth of her baby boy.

10. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthew Singh & Kirpal Billing, Co-Chairs

Chair Algreto stated that Schmidt’s Chocolate, a nearly 100-year-old candy shop located at 94-15 Jamaica Avenue in Woodhaven, was recognized as part of the state’s Historic Business Preservation Registry. Ms. Algreto attended the ceremony and presented the Certificate of Recognition from CB9.

Mr. Billing stated that his fellow board member, Mr. Faiuze Ali, has initiated a questionnaire that will help small business owners to identify post-Covid problems. This questionnaire will be circulated withing two weeks.

Mr. Billing asked all to support their local vendors during this holiday season.

11. LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT – Sylvia Hack & Andrea Crawford, Co-Chairs

Ms. Hack stated that a special meeting with NYC Comptroller Landen regarding borough-based jails is scheduled for this month.

She also stated that the committee will be discussing a re-zoning request for 190 83rd Ave at their next committee meeting in January.

12. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair, reported on the following:

- Explained the Carshare Program details stating that a letter is prepared by the committee regarding proposed areas in CB9 and reasons for opposition.

Motion #3: To send a letter regarding Carshare Program sites in CB9 to NYC DOT Commissioner Rodriguez and Queens DOT Commissioner Garcia

Vote #3: Unanimous

- As of December 6th, 2022 the Kew Gardens Interchange Project was finally completed after 12 years and a total cost of \$739M.

- Spoke about various issues with public school buses and ways to improve this form of transportation.

13. PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – J. Richard Smith, Chair

Not present to give a report.

14. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair, no report

15. BY-LAW COMMITTEE REPORT – REAZ KHAN, CHAIR, no report

16. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, stated that due to recent redistricting, the senator's boundaries in CB9 will expand as of January 1st, 2023. The office will have a new address: 84-16 Jamaica Ave, Woodhaven, NY 11421, but the phone number will be the same: 718-738-1111. Wished all Happy Holidays on behalf of the Senator.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams, stated that due to the redistricting, CB9 will no longer be within Council District 28. Wished happy holidays to all.

William Bao, Rep. Assembly Members Khaleel Anderson, stated that due to the redistricting, AM Anderson will be covering some areas in CB9.

Nathaniel Hezekiah III, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks, stated that the Congress Member will be covering More of CB9 areas due to the redistricting.

Rabbi Daniel Pollack made an announcement regarding Congress Member Meng not servicing CB9 starting January 1st.

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, reported on the events sponsored by the Assembly Member and wished all a happy holiday season.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, reported on the latest Buy Back Gun event, sponsored by DA Katz, where sixty-two guns were collected. The total number of operable guns collected is 400 since DA Katz took office. Ms. Akhtar made an announcement regarding other programs that are available at Queens DA's office and shared her contact info.

Mufazzal Hossain, Rep. Assembly Members Weprin, reported on the events sponsored by the Assembly Member and wished all a happy holiday season.

17. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Algreto made an announcement regarding Ms. Sursattie Singh resigning from the board due to her relocation.

Joan DeCamp encouraged all to fill out NYC Department of Youth & Community Development 2022 Community Needs Assessment Survey.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Carmela Isabella made an announcement regarding Woodhaven Historical Society having a Night for Caroling Event on Friday night.

Sandra Datnarain invited all to 102nd Pct. Community Council Meetings that will take place on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at the Richmond Hill Block Association.

19. PUBLIC FORUM no speakers

Rabbi Pollack made a motion to adjourn, Daniel Chu seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 8:48 PM.