



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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

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## FEBRUARY 8, 2022 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TELECONFERENCE VIRTUAL MEETING

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2021-MARCH 2022

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(4)(1)	Maharani Singh	(2)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Matthew Singh	(3)(0)
Dilraj Batchu	(1)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(0)
Julio Batista	(1)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(0)	Sherman Kane	(4)(0)	Sursattie Singh	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Reaz Khan	(1)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(0)	Katharine Maradiaga	(0)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(0)	Sassy Ramoutar	(1)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Marilyn Custodio	(1)(0)	Mohamed Safie	(4)(1)		
Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(2)(0)		

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Marla Abarca	(1)(1)	Kemanad Kishore	(5)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(3)(1)	Michael Pereira	(1)(1)	Lilian Yagual	(6)(2)
Kirpal Billing	(2)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(1)		
Stephen Esposito	(4)(1)	Anjali Seegobin	(3)(2)		

### ALSO PRESENT

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

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Melinda Katz, Queens District Attorney  
Council Member Joann Ariola  
Senator Joe Addabbo  
Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens DA Melinda Katz  
Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards  
Lynette Barfield, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie  
James Mongeluzo, Rep. City Comptroller Brad Lander  
Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar  
Kevin McAleer, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman

## 1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

#### a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

El Puerto Mexicano II Corp.  
84-28 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

#### b. TLC For-Hire Base Station License - Renewal

Globe Car Service, Inc.  
112-06 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ram Hardowar, President of the Federation of Hindu Mandirs, spoke about creating a Memorial by planting trees in Smokey Oval Park in memory of those who passed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stephen Williams, Accessible Dispatch Program, spoke about the TLC program which connects the community to wheelchair accessible taxis throughout all boroughs, 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz addressed the board and discussed how the changing of laws during the last 2 years due to COVID-19 presented challenges to the DA's office. However, the office was able to operate and prosecute cases on a daily basis.

Council Member Joan Ariola, reported on the following issues: discretionary funding; snow removal; pigeon feces complaints along Jamaica Ave, etc. The contact information for Council Member is: 718-738-1083, [jariola@council.nyc.gov](mailto:jariola@council.nyc.gov).

## 3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

**Motion # 1:** To accept January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes and motions as presented

**Vote # 1:** Unanimous

## 4. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Report

PO Salamone reported on the major crime stats for the last four weeks:

- Robberies are up 12%.
- Grand larceny cases are up 12%. The majority of cases were due to unattended vehicles.

102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Officers will be at P.S. 99 on Friday to address the parking situation during dismissal time.

The next 102 Community Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Question and answer period followed.

**5. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS & EXEC. REPORT – Kenichi Wilson**

- Reminded all that the deadline to apply/re-apply for board membership is February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- A letter regarding borough-based jails was sent to NYC Council Members.
- As Mr. Wilson's Chairmanship term is expiring at the end of March 2022, he asked the board members who are interested in the position to contact him.

**6. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – James S. McClelland**

Wished happy birthday to Faiuze Ali, Kirpal Billing, Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Sursattie Singh and Happy Wedding Anniversary to Irina and her lucky husband.

Reminded all that Community Board applications are due Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Emails were sent to Board members who are up for re-appointment. If you have a question about whether you need to re-apply, please contact the office.

Queens Budget Hearings are tentatively scheduled for the end of the month. DM McClelland emphasized the need for our elected officials to fight for funding for critical services.

Over the next few weeks, the DM will meet with each of our council members to discuss our Capital and Expense Budget priorities.

On Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, FDNY issued a violation due to the faulty fire alarm system. Another meeting is being arranged to discuss.

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

**a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New**

El Puerto Mexicano II Corp.  
84-28 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion # 2:** Not to approve new On Premises Liquor License Application for El Puerto Mexicano II Corp.,  
84-28 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

Rabbi Daniel Pollack reported on TLC License Renewal Application for Globe Car Services, Inc., 112-06 101<sup>st</sup> Ave. There was no opposition.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

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

- Education meeting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - District 27 office presented average attendance numbers, safety protocols in schools, overview and data about schools' instructions and programs to enhance learning.
- Alexandria Sumpter-Delves reported on Intergenerational Program and its success and thanked CB9 for their support of program.
- Chair reported on attending the Chancellor Townhall, where stats of 65% attendance when school reopened increased to 88% attendance now.
- John Carter and Seth Welins presented on frustration of delay and lack of communication with Richmond Hill Library renovation. A letter will be sent to the agencies to request investigation and to push the project forward.
- The next Education & Your Services Committee meeting will take place on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 PM.

## 9. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

- Mr. Wilson spoke about outdoor dining extension program.
- Stated that starting Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, subway/bus riders who use the tap and go payment method will get a free ride after using the card twelve times.

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

- Ms. Crawford stated that COVID-19 hospitalization rates are down 85% in NYC.
- Governor Hochul will be announcing mask mandate expiration tomorrow.
- Hospital visitations are being eased up.
- People are encouraged to get back to their normal routine of doctor visitations and selfcare.

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

Everybody on the board was invited to the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting when the Department of Design and Construction came to us, because they are required by the Public Design Commission to come to the board. They showed us their plans for two temporary small buildings where they can bring someone who is going to the court. The existing jail is scheduled to be demolished starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost for constructing these two temporary small buildings is \$35M.

A copy of the excellent Alternative Plan to Rebuilt Rikers Island was forwarded to the Members of the City Council. This plan will answer the problems that we see arising at Rikers and offer a real mental health facility, training and so many other things that are not possible in a 24-33 stories tower which is a dangerous place to put people in.

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

*not present to give a report.*

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

- The Ivan Mrakovcic Way co-naming ceremony will take place in April.
- Forest Park area by Park Lane South was flooded after a car plowed into a hydrant. The dog park part of that area had become unusable. A Discretionary Funding Form will be filled out and submitted for this area of the park.

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

According to the recent copy of the budget summary, financial obligations to Victor and his family were fulfilled. The search for another staff member to replace Victor will be initiated after the QBP Personnel Office is back from remote operations.

Mr. Carter thanked those board members who contributed to Good and Welfare Fund.

## 15. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Senator Joe Addabbo addressed the board and spoke about the beginning of the Budget negotiations in Albany. Senator made an announcement regarding the district lines changes after the recent redistricting and the upcoming events sponsored by him and shared office's contact information: 718-738-1111, [agjudice@nysenate.gov](mailto:agjudice@nysenate.gov).

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, reminded all that the deadline for Community Board Membership Applications is February 16<sup>th</sup>. She invited all to a virtual Black History Month Celebration on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM – [www.queensbp.org/rsvp](http://www.queensbp.org/rsvp) .

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, stated that the Assembly Member is in currently in Albany for Budget negotiations. She also stated that their district lines did not change much after the redistricting. The office is working with the President of Queens Library Denise Walcott regarding the Richmond Hill Branch renovation.

Kevin McAleer, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman, reported on the events sponsored by the Council Member.

Linette S. Barfield, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie, stated that the Senator had a bill signed into law: Bill S 7799 that relates to the effectiveness of provisions relating to providing an online absentee ballot tracking system and made announcements of the events sponsored by the Senator. Office contact info: phone 718-765-6359 and email [info@leroycomrie.org](mailto:info@leroycomrie.org) .

16. **OLD BUSINESS** - *no speakers*

17. **NEW BUSINESS** - *no speakers*

18. **PUBLIC FORUM** - *no speakers*

Julio Batista made a motion to adjourn. John Carter seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:26 PM.