



# 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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## JANUARY 11, 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)

Marla Abarca	(0)(0)	Marilyn Custodio	(1)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(0)	Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(2)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(3)(0)	Maharani Singh	(2)(0)
Dilraj Batchu	(1)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Matthew Singh	(3)(0)
Julio Batista	(1)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(0)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(2)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(0)	Sherman Kane	(4)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Kirpal Billing	(1)(0)	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)	Michael Pereira	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(0)	Sassy Ramoutar	(1)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Raquel Olivares	(6)(1)	Sursattie Singh	(1)(1)
Jan Fenster	(4)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(1)	Lilian Yagual	(5)(1)
Laraine Fletcher	(2)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(4)(1)		
Kemanad Kishore	(4)(1)	Anjali Seegobin	(2)(1)		

### ALSO PRESENT

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

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Council Member Lynn Schulman  
Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards  
Lynette Barfield, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie  
Evelyn Cruz, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez  
Jamal Wilkerson, Rep. Council Speaker Adrienne Adams  
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo  
Facia Class, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola  
Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar

Chair Wilson started the meeting with the moment of silence for the victims of the Bronx fire.

## 1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

#### b. Corporate Change

Chrome 101, Inc.  
D/b/a Chrome 101  
96-03 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Charlie Zhen, Woodhaven Resident, spoke about public transportation in Woodhaven.

Council Member Lynn Schulman introduced herself and reported on the accomplishments of her first week at the office. Office contact info is: 718-544-8800, [district29@council.nyc.gov](mailto:district29@council.nyc.gov).

Phyllis Inzerillo, Rep. Council Member Joan Ariola, introduced herself and stated that the office will maintain the same address and phone numbers: 93-06 101 Ave, Ozone Park, NY 11416; T: 718-318-6411.

## 3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

**Motion # 1:** To accept December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes and motions as presented

**Vote # 1:** Unanimous

## 4. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Report - *not present to give a report.*

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

- Asked all to be careful while using electric heaters.
- Congratulated newly elected Council Members Joan Ariola and Lynn Schulman and Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and Bob holden for their re-election.
- Community Board Membership Application is available online at [www.queensbp.org](http://www.queensbp.org). Current Board Members, who are up for re-appointment, were notified by mail by the Borough President's office.
- Congratulated DM McClelland on his three years of service on the board.

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

Wished happy birthday to Julio Batista, Stephen Esposito, Raquel Olivares, and Cristal Rivera. He also congratulated Council Member Adrienne Adams on her Council Speaker election.

Board Member Applications are available online. The deadline to apply/re-apply is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

The next District Cabinet Service meeting will take place on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10 AM.

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

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

D Rivas Restaurant, Inc.  
D/b/a La Flor De Paraiso  
80-29 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion # 2:** Not to approve new On Premises Liquor License Application for D Rivas Restaurant, Inc., D/b/a La Flor De Paraiso, 80-29 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

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

- Shared new education policies on COVID-19 testing in schools, distribution of test kits, and protocols of how they will be distributed. City announced they will double the random testing of students whether vaccinated or not. However, more than half the permission forms have not been signed and submitted to schools. We saw an upsurge in cases after schools reopened prompting parents to request remote, however, the mayor announced there will be no remote school. One teacher on NY1 stated that 160 staffers were absent from school last week due to COVID related illnesses. Many kids were absent the first week of school reopening.
- Kids from Brooklyn Tech High School planned and staged a walkout at 11:52 AM on January 11<sup>th</sup> to show protest over safety concerns for themselves and their family as they fear getting it in school and spreading to elder family members. The hope of this is to have a remote option for those who do not feel safe in school.
- After the Education report Ms. Algreto voiced her personal concern about parents not having a voice to request a remote option when the COVID cases numbers are increasing every day. She stated that it is disappointing to see parents' voices like hers not being heard or taken into consideration and just certain voices counted who are referred to as "experts".
- The next Education & Youth Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 PM.

**9. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Commended Mayor Adams's office for handling the first snow of the season.
- Street potholes can be reported via 311, CB9 district office, or by filling out the DOT pothole form.
- Queens Bus Redesign project will be revisited by DOT to make more improvements.
- MTA announced that after 58 years of service, the R32s – among the oldest subway cars to operate in the world – will officially retire from service.

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

Ms. Crawford reported on COVID-19 case and testing statistics, updates on CDC mask requirements, tests and vaccination locations, etc.

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

- The NY MTA is in negotiations with one of the nonprofit organizations regarding the preservation project of the historic character of the Lefferts Boulevard Bridge in Kew Gardens.
- The Committee will be discussing the new BSA Application that was emailed to the committee members.
- The Alternative Plan to Rebuilt Rikers Island document will be forwarded to the Members of the City Council.

- The issue with the Kew Gardens Community Center is still ongoing.

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

Ms. Rivera stated her intention to invite the local elected officials' staff members who are handling economic development to her next committee meeting to discuss the future of small businesses in the district. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

- The Ivan Mrakovcic Way and Det. Simonson Street co-naming was approved by the City Council. The ceremony will take place in April or May of this year.
- Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner along with the FDNY are investigating four fires that were intentionally set in Forest Park.
- Some trees were planted along Woodhaven Boulevard and Park Lane South.

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

Awaiting on updated CB9 Budget Summary from QBPO to decide on the amount of money that can be moved from personal service to OTPS.

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

**15. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS**

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, reported on the events sponsored by the Borough President. She stated that the deadline for Community Board Membership Applications is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Linette S. Barfield, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie, introduced herself 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).

Evelyn Cruz, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez, reported on the events sponsored by the Congress Member.

Jamal Wilkerson, Rep. Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, stated that Speaker Adams is the first African American Council Member to become Speaker of the City's legislative body, the most diverse in its history. Mr. Wilkerson made an announcement of the upcoming events sponsored by the Council Speaker.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, spoke about mobile sports betting going live for the first time in New York State for which the Senator was advocating for a long time. Mr. Giudice made an announcement regarding upcoming events sponsored by the Senator and shared his contact information: 718-738-1111, [aguidice@nysenate.gov](mailto:aguidice@nysenate.gov).

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, stated that Assembly Member Rajkumar was selected as a senior adviser on Mayor Adams transitioning team, the only one representing Queens.

**16. OLD BUSINESS**

John Carter spoke about Richmond Hill Branch Library renovation.

Kevin O'Leary thanked DM McClelland for taking care of the collapsed catch basin on Kew Gardens Road and 81<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Sylvia Hack brought up the issue of the back door of the Umbrella Hotel being unlocked allowing the access to squatters. DM McClelland stated that he is working with 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. and DOB on resolving the issue.

Latchman Budhai thanked the CB9 staff members for their professionalism and efficiency. He also suggested raises for the staff. The Chairman concurred with Mr. Budhai.

Regina Santoro stated that our local small businesses need the support of the community because their economic survival is in jeopardy. Latchman Budhai suggested reducing property taxes.

**17. NEW BUSINESS**

E.J. Sydell talked about Scoop-A-Poop Law enforcement which will help to keep our neighborhoods clean.

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

Regina Santoro made a motion to adjourn. Latchman Budhai seconded the motion.

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