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JUNE 14, 2022 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TELECONFERENCE VIRTUAL MEETING

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)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Anjali Seegobin	(2)(4)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(1)(2)	Jarnail Singh	(0)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(1)(1)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Daniel Coffaro Hill	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(0)
Julio Batista	(2)(2)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Carmela Isabella	(0)(0)	Sursattie Singh	(0)(1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Reaz Khan	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(1)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(1)(1)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(0)	Sassy Ramoutar	(2)(3)	Marie Turley	(2)(3)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Bernard Robert	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(2)	Lilian Yagual	(2)(5)
Marilyn Custodio	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandra Datnarain	(1)(2)	Sherman Kane	(3)(6)	Katharine Maradiaga	(1)(2)
Jan Fenster	(2)(4)	Kemanad Kishore	(3)(5)	Michael Pereira	(2)(3)

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Joe Addabbo
 Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
 Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
 Council Member Lynn Schulman
 Amparito Rosero, Rep. QPB Donovan Richards
 Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams
 Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
 Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, 102nd Pct.
 Alexa Arecchi, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
 Linda Fogal, Rep. council Member Joann Ariola
 Ean Fullerton, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
 Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens DA Melinda Katz
 Evelyn Cruz, Rep. Congress Member Nydia Velazquez
 Jahad Hoyte, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin

Chair Algreto started by observing a moment of silence for the Robb Elementary School shooting in Texas, two drowning victims in Queens and fallen Police Officers.

She also recognized LGBTQ Pride Month, a Flag Day, Juneteenth, and graduating students. Chair Algreto congratulated Mr. Raghbir Singh on his daughter's wedding.

Chair Algreto was pleased to announce that a pay raise for office staff and the District Manager was approved by OMB effective Monday June 13th,2022.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

SK Starlite Beer & Lounge
D/b/a Inner Circle Bar & Lounge
134-01 Liberty Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

Lesbian Dynasty
119-54 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

La Cocinita Tex-Mex Corp.
112-10 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

b. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider Application – New

Anandsar Inc.
D/b/a Ateaz Organic Coffee & Tea
116-29 Metropolitan Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application- Renewal

88-18 Tropical Restaurant Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

Peter's Grill & Bar Corp.
75-11 Rockaway Blvd.
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

d. TLC For-Hire Base Station License - Renewal

TD Maintenance Corp.
D/b/a Four Ones Car Service
127-01 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto stated that the latest draft had corrections submitted by John Carter. She asked if there were any other corrections/additions to May 10th, 2022 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Joe Iaboni made a motion to accept minutes and motions as amended. Latchman Budhai seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept May 10th, 2022, meeting minutes and motions as amended

Vote # 1: 38 in favor, 1 opposition and 5 abstentions

4. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, the new Commanding Officer of the 102nd Pct., pledged to address derelict vehicles and quality of life issues.

He stated that the 102nd Pct. is experiencing an increase in robberies, felony assaults and grand larceny auto thefts which he is looking to correct.

Question and answer period followed.

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

- DM McClelland wished happy birthday to Inderpaul Ahluwalia, Sherman Kane, Anjali Seegobin, Marla Abarca, Joan Decamp, Joe Iaboni, Katharine Maradiaga, Kevin O'Leary and Alexandria Sumpter-Delves.
- Queens DMs continue to meet to discuss budget consultations scheduled for September. They are in the process of formulating a list of questions for city agencies regarding budgeting, staffing, programs, and services.
- Stated that since January the office has received over 150 complaints, concerns, or questions regarding various quality of life issues and assistance requests. The vast majority of these cases have been resolved and the office will continue to work to ensure that each one is closed to the satisfaction of the constituent.
- DM McClelland wished everyone a happy and healthy summer.

Chair Algreto reported on the items that were discussed at the last Queens Borough Board meeting where she spoke about the Smoke Free Housing Resolution that was passed.

At that meeting the new Patrol Borough of Queens South Commanding Officer Deputy Chief Kevin E. Williams was introduced.

6. GREETINGS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Council Member Lynn Schulman spoke about the recent budget passed the night prior by the City Council. She spoke of a new initiative under which every council member will get \$100,000 to dedicate to public safety programs in their district.

Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi stated that in his role as chair of the Children and Families Committee, he is trying to invest in preventing as much childhood trauma as possible and then mitigating the effects for those children who have been traumatized. This year in the budget, they were able to secure \$7 billion for expanded childcare, which will bring 400,000 kids into care.

Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar reported on the bills that were recently passed, highlighting her bill to create the first Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission in New York.

Senator Joe Addabbo focused on the recent package of gun bills signed by Gov. Hochul.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

SK Starlite Beer & Lounge
D/b/a Inner Circle Bar & Lounge
134-01 Liberty Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

The applicant withdrew his application.

Lesbian Dynasty
119-54 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Tabled for reconsideration due to a proximity to a school.

La Cocinita Tex-Mex Corp.
112-10 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new On-premises Liquor License Application for La Cocinita Tex-Mex Corp.,
112-10 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 2: 43 in favor and 1 abstention

Rabbi Daniel Pollack reported on all the renewal applications stating that letters were sent out by office staff.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15th, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

8. EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Alexandria Sumpter-Delves & Seth Welins, Co-Chairs

Ms. Sumpter-Delves invited all to their next Education and Youth Services Committee meeting which will take place on Monday, August 22nd at 6 PM via Zoom.

She commented on the Mayor's Executive Budget and impacts on education stating that in all five boroughs they are looking at a \$250M cut. Her understanding right now is that much of that money has been reallocated to community schools and some of the not-for-profits that will be running enrichment programs, which people know more widely as Summer Rising. She said that they would like to see much of those funds reallocated during the school year. However, this decision was made based on the significant drop in enrollment within the last 2-3 years from public education sectors.

9. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair

- Interboro Express - New Proposed MTA Line: fourteen miles long freight corridor from Bay Ridge Brooklyn to Jackson Height Queens will be connecting with 17 subway stations. The existing freight corridor will be utilized with independent tracks. Heavy rail, light rail or buses are considered as well as combination. Neither current cost factor nor Environmental Impact Statement are available yet. Funding sources likely to be federal, state and city. Government projects have the endorsement of the governor and the mayor.
- Woodhaven Blvd. Station Upgrade- J Subway Line - installation of elevators to comply with American with Disability Act (ADA) Station; upgrade commences 1/22 to 9 /24. E, J and Z subway lines - track fixation repairs. Track repairs from Jamaica Center to 121st Street will be out of operation for a 10-week timetable. Buses will be provided to connect riders from Jamaica Center to 121st Street subway station. Work commences July through September 2022.

10. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marla Abarca, Chair

Ms. Abarca stated that Ms. Carolyn Dixon was not able to make it to this meeting due to a Vigil she had to attend with all CMS crisis management system community-based organizations. These organizations defuse high risk situations from escalating in more violence or a fatality. They work on prevention by being credible messengers that

once were part of the problem and were helped as participants to change their mindsets so that what they contribute back to their communities is a better outcome than their past.

She mentioned that Mrs. Dixon was an assistant and then became an employee and hospital responder for life camp for many years. Then she evolved and is currently the founder and CEO of Where Do We Go From Here organization where she found her purpose in helping those with the same pain and grief as she still struggles with, a pain she says she would never wish not even on her worst enemy.

Ms. Abarca also asked all to be on the lookout on the news, vigil parades and shooting responses from all crisis management system sites this summer because they are trying hard to prevent gun violence or any violence from occurring this summer. She indicated that summer is when violence rises to the top and that everyone should get involved in defusing situations by getting involved with the community and hospital-based organizations to make a difference.

The Health and Social Services Committee will be meeting every first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 7th.

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

Sylvia Hack and her Co-Chair Andrea Crawford will be composing a letter to Sasha Ginsburg, Director of Borough-Based Jails, with an inquiry regarding unanswered questions about jail statistics.

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

Mr. Mathew Singh reported on various issues, including:

- The following items that businesses in the community would appreciate:
Economic empowerment via pooling of resources together in one place for information distribution; whether it be bringing in SBA to go over what resources are currently available or forthcoming. The EIDL loans have been closed out.
- The Nonprofit Helpdesk that conducts free online workshops for small and emerging nonprofits that will focus on key skills, operating areas, and best practices to help them work smarter.
- Introducing businesses to organizations like “TechSoup” for training on digital engagement and communications and tech tools.
- Discussing the FY23 budget that just passed and how to participate in future grants with the city and state.
- Discussion market strategies and business plans that feed their fund-raising goals, or
- An introduction to Mayor’s Office of Contract Services, also known as MOCS.
- We would like to have an evening with local businesses, vendors and city and state officials: Q & A that leads to existing, new, and upcoming resources that can help assist both not-for-profits and for-profit business and minority and women owned business enterprise, classes, and workshops. This can also be an opportunity for networking and business exposure with vendors and agencies that are willing to help connect resources to the business community.
- Over the summer Mr. Singh plans to seek commitments from both the community, businesses, and city officials for a round table forum. Will confirm dates, location, and a business agenda, etc. We can use Eventbrite for registration to gauge attendance, etc.

That’s the plan for the fall and will keep everyone posted.

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

Stated that there were two items discussed at his committee meeting: permits for a group that has been trying to use the baseball field and park benches around the Overlook. Both items were referred to the office for the District Manager to resolve both situations.

As per committee members’ request, the committee meeting time will be changed to a later hour.

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

Mr. Carter presented an update on the current office expenditures and gave projected surpluses for personal and OTPS items as of the OMB's budget summary of June 8th.

15. BY-LAW COMMITTEE REPORT – REAZ KHAN, CHAIR

Mr. Khan stated that the committee will be reviewing and revising current CB9 By-Laws. Any input and suggestions are welcomed and appreciated.

16. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Amparito Rosero, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, made an announcement regarding QBP's Job Fair that will be held at Queens Aviation on June 30th, 10 AM – 2 PM at Queens Borough Hall. RSVP at www.queensbp.org.

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

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

Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola, stated that the Council Member was able to restore funding for NYPD. CM Ariola will be funding the renovation of Equity Park located in Woodhaven. She was also able to secure extra funding for basket pick-ups for the Sanitation Department.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz gave stats on confiscated firearms and invited all to the events sponsored by the DA.

Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi shared her contact information.

Ean Fullerton, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie, reported on the events that the Senator will be hosting during the summer.

Evelyn Cruz, Rep. Congress Member Nydia Velazquez presented the bipartisan Ocean Shipping Reform Act that will give the Federal Maritime Commission new tools so that it will start doing its job and start policing the market and making sure that American consumers are not being overcharged and American products are not being left on the dock.

17. OLD BUSINESS

Regina Santoro thanked all who came and showed their support for the co-naming of the corner of 85th Ave & 114th St to Ivan Mrakovcic Way.

Chair Algreto thanked all who attended the street co-naming event in memory of fellow board member Ivan Mrakovcic. She stated that Ivan's memory and his time on the board will always live on.

18. NEW BUSINESS *No speakers*

19. PUBLIC FORUM

Maroua Righi, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board shared her information stating that she represents a government agency that investigates complaints about police misconduct. She also provided a link of their board meeting schedule.

David Tanis, an attorney to the Resorts World Casino, introduced himself stating that he is looking forward to working with the community.

Stephen Esposito made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alexandria Sumpter-Delves.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:09 PM.