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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2021-MARCH 2022

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

Marla Abarca	(1)(1)	Marilyn Custodio	(1)(0)	Regina Santoro	(2)(0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Anjali Seegobin	(3)(2)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(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)	Sursattie Singh	(1)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(3)(1)	Reaz Khan	(1)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(1)
Kirpal Billing	(2)(1)	Kemanad Kishore	(5)(2)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(0)	Michael Pereira	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(1)		
Andrea Crawford	(2)(0)	Mohamed Safie	(4)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kamal Bhuiyan	(3)(1)	Katharine Maradiaga	(1)(1)	Marie Turley	(1)(1)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Sassy Ramoutar	(2)(1)	Lilian Yagual	(7)(3)
Jan Fenster	(5)(2)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(1)		
Sherman Kane	(5)(1)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(1)		

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola

Kevin Morris, Rep. Mayor Eric Adams

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

Capt. Naor, 102nd Pct.

PO Scott Adelman, 102nd Pct.

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens DA Melinda Katz

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Portland Island Jerk Corporation
94-02 80th Street
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Gustavo Sabogar, rep. Portland Island Jerk Corp. stated that the restaurant specializes in Jamaican cuisine. He gave a brief history of the ownership of the restaurant.

NY Rose Garden, Inc.
D/b/a Tiffany’s Banquet Hall
110-27 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

b. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application -New

Kew Gardens Cinemas LLC
D/b/a Kew Gardens Cinemas
81-05 Lefferts Boulevard
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Royal India Palace & Restaurant, Inc.
D/b/a Royal India Palace & Restaurant
118-08 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Atlantic Bamboo Garden, Inc.
D/b/a Bamboo Garden Restaurant
107-04 Atlantic Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

El Rinconcito De Nagua
76-20 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Atlantic Palace LLC
D/b/a Golden Terrace Banquet Hall
120-23 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

d. Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival – October 9, 2022 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Malinda Bacchus, Full Gospel Assembly of Queens, 89-17 114th St, introduced herself and stated that the house of worship that she represents is looking forward to working with the community.

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.

Sam Esposito, President of the Ozone Park Residents Block Association, spoke about the ongoing issues at Homeless Shelter located at 102nd St and Atlantic Ave.

He invited all to OPRBA's meeting on Thursday, March 10th.

Bella Matias, Queens Resident, spoke about Homeless Shelter located at 101st Ave and 86th St and the problems it Causes for residents in the surrounding area.

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

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

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

Vote # 1: 33 in favor, 3 abstentions and 1 not present for a vote

4. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Naor reported on the major crime stats for the last four weeks, stating that there was an increase in robberies and grand larcenies. Two guns were seized in the last three weeks.

The Community Clean Up Event will take place on Babbage St between 84th and Hillside Avenues on Saturday, March 19th at 9 AM. Any donations of paint supplies and gloves will be greatly appreciated.

Question and answer period followed.

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

- Attended public safety meeting organized by Council Member Ariola. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Banks, 100th, 102nd and 106th Precincts. Among the topics that were discussed were: budget increase requests for police and shortage of police officers, lack of street parking due to excess of derelict vehicles, crime rising at train stations, etc.
- Participated in the Borough Board hearing budget testimonies.
- Stated that CB9's latest By-Laws do not indicate term limits for the officers, therefore he decided to run again.
- Made a proposition for newly elected officers to take over at the March 22nd Executive Committee meeting.

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

- Wished happy birthday to the following board members: Sherry Algreto, Latchman Budhai, Jan Fenster, Sylvia Hack, Sassy Ramoutar, J. Richard Smith, and Kenichi Wilson.
- Provided budget testimony to Queens Council Members and the Borough President. Spoke about the budget priorities and highlighted the borough-based jail, Richmond Hill Library, illegal dumping, derelict vehicles, DCAS property on 100th St and the LIRR/MTA property on Babbage St between Hillside and 84th Avenues.
- Additionally, spoke about the need to fund our city agencies so they can address the many quality of life issues impacting our district.
- Will be meeting with each of our Council Members to discuss our capital and expense priorities.
- The next district service cabinet meeting is Thursday March 17th.
- Wished good luck to all board members running for election this evening.

7. Election of Officers

Joan De Camp received nominations for Chairperson
Nominees: Sherry Algreto and Kenichi Wilson
Vote: 20 for Sherry Algreto and 16 for Kenichi Wilson
Sherry Algreto is elected Chairperson

Joan De Camp received nominations for 1st Vice Chair
Nominees: Faiuze Ali and Kenichi Wilson
Vote: 15 for Faiuze Ali and 21 for Kenichi Wilson
Kenichi Wilson is elected 1st Vice Chair

Joan De Camp received nominations for 2nd Vice Chair
Nominees: Sandra Datnarain and Joe Iaboni
Vote: 22 for Sandra Datnarain, 11 for Joe Iaboni and 4 did not vote
Sandra Datnarain is elected 2nd Vice Chair

Joan De Camp received nominations for Treasurer
Nominee: John Carter
Vote: Unanimous
John Carter is elected Treasurer

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Portland Island Jerk Corporation
94-02 80th Street
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for Portland Island Jerk Corporation,
94-02 80th St

Vote # 2: Unanimous

NY Rose Garden, Inc.
D/b/a Tiffany's Banquet Hall
110-27 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 3: Not to approve new On Premises Liquor License Application for, NY Rose Garden, Inc.,
D/b/a Tiffany's Banquet Hall, 110-27 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 3: 36 in favor and 1 opposition

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

Kew Gardens Cinemas LLC
D/b/a Kew Gardens Cinemas
81-05 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application for Kew Gardens
Cinemas LLC, d/b/a Kew Gardens Cinemas, 81-05 Lefferts Blvd.

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Rabbi Daniel Pollack stated that a letter of approval was sent to the SLA regarding On Premises Liquor License Renewal Application for Bamboo Garden Restaurant, 107-04 Atlantic Ave.

He also stated that the Umbrella Hotel, located at 124-18 Queens Blvd., has been completely vacated and is not a trouble spot anymore.

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

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

Ms. Algreto read the highlights of February 28, 2022 Education & Youth Services Committee meeting:

- Reviewed the Committee's attempts to move the Richmond Hill Branch Library renovation along. Mr. Urbinder, rep. Council Member Schulman, reported on inquiries he has made on behalf of his office and the community. A letter to elected officials on this matter, composed on behalf of the Committee, was read.
- Alexandria Sumpter-Delves presented on Community House Inter-Generational program that was endorsed by the Committee and the Board. She also provided information on the upcoming youth employment programs and opportunities.
- The Committee had a broad discussion of current and anticipated masking policies in the NYC schools.

10. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

➤ Woodhaven BID – “Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival” – October 9, 2022

Motion # 5: To send a letter of support for the Woodhaven BID October 9, 2022 Street Fair

Vote # 5: Unanimous

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

Ms. Rivera reported on Queens Link Presentation that took place at the joint committee meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd.

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

Ms. Crawford spoke about the NYC Well - New York City's free, confidential assistance support crisis intervention. The program provides information and referral services for anyone seeking mental health.

She also encouraged all to get back to their normal routine of doctor visitations and selfcare.

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

Every member of the City Council received a copy of the excellent Alternative Plan to Rebuild Rikers Island.

This plan will answer the problems that are 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.

The committee is asking all to call their Council Members and the mayor and ask them to consider this proposal which will save the city millions of dollars.

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

Stated that mayor Adams' preliminary budget proposal will cut the NYC Parks budget by \$60M. Because of this cut 3,500 essential NYC Parks jobs (including PEP officers and maintenance staff) will expire on June 30.

Ms. Santoro invited all to a rally with the Play Fair Coalition which will take place on the day of the NYC Parks

Budget Hearing on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022 at 9 AM.

She also stated that the proposed restoration budget for the repairs of the Barking Lot is \$1.72M.

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

The Queens Borough President's personnel is back from remote operations. The search for another staff member to replace Victor Ampuero will start soon.

Mr. Carter gave a brief recap regarding CB9 By-Laws history and procedures.

16. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, invited all to a virtual Queens Parent Advisory Board Meeting which will take place on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 6 PM and to a Women's HerStory Event Celebration on Wednesday, March 16th, 6-8 PM.

Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar called from Albany to congratulate Ms. Sherry Algreto on becoming the first Indo-Caribbean woman elected as Chairperson.

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, reported on the events sponsored by the Assembly Member. Office contact info: phone 718-805-9950 and email address: rajkumarj@nyassembly.gov .

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

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.

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

17. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. John Carter reminded board members to contribute to Good and Welfare Fund.

Latchman Budhai thanked Chair Wilson for always working together with the District Manager and the staff and wished for the new cabinet to follow suit.

Kenichi Wilson thanked all for their support during his Chairmanship.

18. NEW BUSINESS - no speakers

19. PUBLIC FORUM - no speakers

J. Richard Smith made a motion to adjourn. Rabbi Pollack seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:51 PM.