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MAY 10, 2022 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
HELEN MARSHAL CULTURAL CENTER, 120-1 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)

Marla Abarca	(0)(1)	Sandra Datnarain	(0)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(2)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(0)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Daniel Coffaro Hill	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(0)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Carmela Isabella	(0)(0)	Sursattie Singh	(0)(1)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(1)	Reaz Khan	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Katharine Maradiaga	(0)(1)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)		
Marilyn Custodio	(0)(0)	Bernard Robert	(0)(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(2)(2)	Sherman Kane	(2)(3)	Matthew Singh	(1)(1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Kemanad Kishore	(2)(4)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(1)(1)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(1)	Michael Pereira	(1)(2)	Marie Turley	(2)(3)
Stephen Esposito	(1)(2)	Sassy Ramoutar	(2)(3)	Lilian Yagual	(2)(5)
Jan Fenster	(1)(3)	Anjali Seegobin	(2)(4)		
Sylvia Hack	(1)(1)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)		

***Absent for two (2) or more votes**

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Ean Fullerton, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
 Michael Carlier, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
 Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens DA Melinda Katz
 Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams
 Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
 Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola
 Capt. Eynat Naor, 102nd Pct.
 PO Scott Adelman, 102nd Pct.
 Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
 Ian Chan, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. Temporary Retail Permits

Caridad Restaurant
90-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

Jamaica Fish Market
88-02 Van Wyck Expressway
#3A
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ron Peters, Kew Gardens Resident, stated that there are free land line phones available for veterans. Applications are available upon request.

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to April 12th, 2022, meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept April 12th, 2022 meeting minutes and motions as presented

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Naor announced that the precinct's commanding officer, Deputy Inspector Antonio Fidacaro, is moving on and that interviews for a successor, as well as community input, will get underway.

She reported on the major crime stats for the last 30 days, stating that there was a spike in felony assaults, 75% of which were attributed to domestic violence incidents. Capt. Naor made everyone aware that a Safe Horizon domestic violence advocate, Cindy Caldas, is available at the Precinct from 8 AM to 4 PM for those who seek help.

Naor said that summer plans are in the works including rapid response to 311 complaints. She took questions about recent crimes including an alleged robbery of a Sikh man in Richmond Hill.

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

- DM McClelland wished happy birthday to Zoila Bofill, Reaz Khan, Regina Santoro, and Seth Welins.
- On April 14th a community rally was held at the intersection of Union Turnpike and Park Lane South. The purpose of the rally was to get DOT to reconsider their refusal to extend pedestrian crossing time. Happy to announce that DOT incorporated a Leading Pedestrian Interval at the intersection which allows pedestrians to cross while all motor vehicles are stopped.
- On April 21st the District Manger met with Kirpal Billing to walk the area around his business and observe some quality-of-life issues including trash accumulation in rain gardens, derelict vehicles, and the Atlantic Avenue median repair. DEP sent a crew the next day to clean the rain gardens. He met with NYPD on April

28th, and they were able to remove vehicles from the street. Thanked PO Adelman for his assistance. Organizing another road tow operation in the beginning of June. Kirpal also discussed the possibility of placing metered parking in business corridors to help with parking and the possibility of applying APS regulations in some areas.

- Met with Woodhaven BID, local merchants, NYPD, Sanitation and DSS regarding problems with the Eldert Lane Shelter over the Brooklyn Border. No one from the shelter attended the meeting.

Chair Algreto reported on the items that were discussed at the last Borough Board meeting. She thanked all veterans for their service.

6. **REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS**

None present

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

- Explained “Good and Welfare” fund for new members from 2021 and 2022.
- Pointed out that he found a budget summary had been placed in the member packet.

8. **STAFF RAISES BROUGHT FORWARD BY CHAIR**

Chair Algreto requested Ms. Joan DeCamp to read a motion regarding the raises for CB9 employees. Mr. Kenichi Wilson made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. John Carter.

Motion # 2: To go into executive session for the staff raises

Vote# 2: 11 in favor and 22 opposed

The motion failed.

Rabbi Pollack made a motion to table staff raises back to Budget & Finance Committee meeting and to bring it back for a vote at the board’s June meeting.

Motion # 3: To table staff raises

Vote # 3: 17 in favor and 17 opposed

The motion failed.

Motion # 4: To combine all three votes into one for merit increase for CB9 employees

Vote # 4: 33 in favor and 1 opposed

The motion passed.

Motion # 5: To approve merit increase for CB9 employees

Vote # 5: 31 in favor and 3 abstentions

The motion passed.

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

a. **Temporary Retail Permit**

Caridad Restaurant
90-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 6: Not to oppose Temporary Retail Permit Application for Caridad Restaurant, 90-19 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 6: Unanimous

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

Rabbi Pollack announced a new addition to his family – the birth of his grandson.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16th, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

10. 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, May 23rd at 6 PM via Zoom.

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

- Mr. Ali spoke about The SLEEP (Stop Loud Excessive Exhaust Pollution) Act which will raise fines from \$150 to \$1,000 for any illegal modifications of mufflers and exhaust systems that allow cars and motorcycles to become noisier. The law applies not only to vehicle owners who seek the modifications, but to the repair shops that make them or sell relevant parts.
- Gave a brief update on Queens Bus Network Redesign project stating that Community Board 9 is slated for its bus redesign workshop on Monday, May 16.

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

➤ ***LiveOnNY Mission – Raida Hossain, Community & Government Affairs Liaison***

The LiveOnNY mission is to save lives, provide comfort, and strengthen legacies through organ, eye, and tissue donation. Ms. Hossain stated the following:

- They work with local hospitals and transplant centers to deliver the gift of life.
- They care for the families of the organ donors who selflessly give the gift of life.
- They educate the community about the power of donation.
- They advocate on behalf of those who are waiting for transplants.
- Ms. Hossain shared with the board the fact that the month of April was National Donate Life Month. The organization reached out to the communities about organ donations and their importance.
- Only 45% of New Yorkers are registered organ donors.
- Low registration rates have led to an organ shortage.
- Due to the shortage, those who need transplants wait longer.
- On average a New Yorker on the transplant waiting list dies each day.

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

Not present to give a report.

DM McClelland stated that on May 4th he sent a follow-up email to Sasha Ginzberg, Executive Director of Borough-Based Jail System but this time cc'd all our elected officials which finally elicited the following response:

“I apologize for the delay in my response. I have been working with our data team to understand what information is possible to provide. Our address data is self-reported, so as a result it is unreliable, and we are not able to provide zip code-level analyses. I am working on providing you with answers to the other borough-specific questions for which more reliable data exists and will circle back shortly once the information has been verified. Thank you for your patience.”

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

Mr. Billing thanked DM McClelland for arranging the removal of derelict cars on 94th Ave between Lefferts Boulevard. He also thanked him for submitting a request to DOT to install new parking meters on that block. Mr. Billing had pointed out that the Committee made a commitment to help small businesses.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

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

Michael Carlier, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi, reported on the events sponsored by the Assembly Member. He also gave an update on the outcome of the rally that was organized by DM McClelland at the intersection of Union Turnpike and Park Lane stating that the DOT will be exploring safety treatment at this location.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, invited all to the Memorial Day observance Ceremony Zoom Event on Thursday, May 26 and other events sponsored by the DA.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams, reported on the events sponsored by the Speaker and shared her contact information. She also stated that masks, test kits, and hand sanitizers are available at the district office.

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, reported on the events sponsored by the Assembly Member. Stated that AM Rajkumar is in direct communication with Mayor Adams on trying to resolve the issue of a recent hate crime incident in Richmond Hill.

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

Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola, reported on the events sponsored by the Council Member. She also stated that the Council Member will be introducing her bill, requiring that the mayor create an "Office of Marine Debris Disposal and Vessel Surrendering" with its own director and staff dedicated to helping keep the city's 520 miles of shorelines clean.

Ian Chan, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman, reported on the events sponsored by the Council Member.

18. OLD BUSINESS

Regina Santoro invited all to a street co-naming event on Monday, May 23rd at 11 AM. The corner of 114th St & 85th Ave will be co-named as Ivan Mrakovcic Way.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Kenichi Wilson invited all to upcoming free concerts sponsored by his company:

- Quintets of America at All Saints Episcopal Church, 85-45 86th St on Tuesday, May 24th.
- Queens Symphony String Group at Maple Grove Cemetery on Saturday, May 28th at 3 PM.
- Full Orchestra at Forest Park on Sunday, May 29th at 3 PM.

Cristal Rivera spoke about Queens Rising initiative - a multi-disciplinary arts celebration created to highlight the borough's culture and creative diversity.

20. PUBLIC FORUM *No Speakers*

Joan DeCamp made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alexandria Sumpter-Delves.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:30 PM.