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OCTOBER 11, 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)	Andrea Crawford	(2)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Sandra Datnarain	(1)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(2)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Jan Fenster	(2)(4)	Jarnail Singh	(0)(1)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Julio Batista	(3)(3)	Sylvia Hack	(1)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(0)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Daniel Coffaro Hill	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(1)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(1)	Carmela Isabella	(0)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(1)(1)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(1)	Katharine Maradiaga	(1)(2)	Marie Turley	(2)(3)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Sassy Ramoutar	(2)(3)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Zoila Bofill	(1)(2)	Kemanad Kishore	(5)(7)	Matthew Singh	(2)(2)
Marilyn Custodio	(1)(1)	Michael Pereira	(3)(4)	Raghibir Singh	(2)(3)
Stephen Esposito	(2)(3)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(2)	Sursattie Singh	(2)(3)
Sherman Kane	(5)(8)	Bernard Robert	(2)(2)	Lilian Yagual	(4)(7)
Reaz Khan	(1)(1)	Anjali Seegobin	(4)(6)		

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Council Member Lynn Schulman
Senator Leroy Comrie
Jacob Gross, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, 102nd Pct.
Alexa Arecchi, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens DA Melinda Katz
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Linda Fogal, Rep. council Member Joann Ariola
Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams
Mufazzal Hossain, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
Evelyn Cruz, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velasquez

Chair Algreto started the meeting by wishing Happy Latino Hispanic History Month, Jewish New Year and Sukkot, Diwali, Youman-Nabi, and Italian Heritage Day to those who celebrate.

The Executive committee will be discussing the date of CB9's November general meeting since it falls on Election Day. The board meeting will be scheduled either for November 9th or 10th depending on venue availability.

All CB9 meetings will resume in person after October 22nd. Chair Algreto asked the committee chairs to look at the dates and to have a discussion with the committee members about in-person meeting dates and the venues.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Dust Til Dawn Bar & Restaurant Inc.
106-05 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

Mita Leo's Fine Ecuatorian Food Restaurant & Bar Corp.
104-19 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Jefe De Jefes Bar & Lounge
110-04 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

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

Little Town Coffee Shop, Inc.
90-17 130th Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

c. Street Co-Naming Requests

- **The intersection of Eldert Lane & Rockaway Blvd./90th & 91st Avenues as *Legion Square* (or *American Legion Square*)** *no speakers*
- **Jamaica Ave (North Side) & 75th Street as *Babe Ruth Way*** *no speakers*
- **Jamaica Ave (North Side) & Dexter Court as *Josh Gibson Way*** *no speakers*
- **Dexter Court 86th Road as *Max Rosner Way*** *no speakers*
- **Northeast Corner of 101st Avenue & 118th Street as *Guru Nanak Way*** *no speakers*
- **85th Avenue & Metropolitan Ave as *Rabbi Neuman Way*** *no speakers*

d. FY2024 Capital & Expense Budget *no speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ed Wendell, The Woodhaven Cultural Historic Society, gave a brief history of co-naming proposals for American Legion Square, Jamaica Ave & 75th Street, Jamaica Ave & Dexter Court, and Dexter Court & 86th Road. (Copy of Resolutions are available upon request).

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to September 13th, 2022 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Mohinder Singh made a motion to accept minutes and motions as presented. Sandra Datnarain seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept September 13th, 2022, meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: 35 in favor and 1 abstention

4. GREETINGS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Council Member Lynn Schulman spoke about her new Chief of Staff, Mr. Jonathan Boucher. She asked Ms. Andrea Crawford to update the audience regarding The Queens Way Project. Ms. Crawford talked about the status of this project, stressing the importance of the open spaces in general and especially for this project. There are fifteen schools that sit along a mile-long Queens Way, many of which have no outdoor space. She thanked the Council Member for her long-term support.

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

- Met with School Construction Authority (SCA) where External Affairs Manager B. Goodman had presented the new capital projects for schools in each community board. Chair Algreto mentioned about SCA not having the ability to fund air conditioners in gyms and other open spaces in schools.
- Participated in a walk-through of Richmond Hill High School with the Superintendent, where other legislators and their representatives were in attendance.
- DM McClelland asked the board members to submit their suggestions for Capital and Expense Budget requests for the next fiscal year before the November board meeting.

6. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, the 102nd Pct. Commanding Officer, reported on the following:

- Det. Brian Simonsen Street Co-Naming Event was a success; he thanked all who participated.
- There was a 132% (versus 84%) increase in all major crimes in the last 28 days with the most spike in burglaries, particularly in the southern portion of the precinct where it borders with the 106th Pct.
- There have been several high-profile events that have occurred in the 102 Pct. since the last meeting, most of which are ongoing active investigations:
 - Incident at 123-18 Metropolitan Ave where shell casings of fired bullets were found in the street.
 - Homicide incident at the Showtime Bar & Lounge, 119-12 101 Ave, where a dispute spilled out from inside of the club out to the street. As a result, a female was intentionally struck by a car and succumbed to the injuries.
 - Shooting at London Planetree Park, 88th Street & Atlantic Ave, where four people were struck by gunfire.

Question and answer period followed.

PO Adelman stated that the next 102nd Pct. Community Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 1st at 7 PM at 110-08 Jamaica Ave.

7. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair:

Committee Chair Ali read committee resolutions for the co-naming proposals and made a motion to vote in favor of the co-namings.

Motion # 2: To support the co-naming of the intersection of Jamaica Ave (North Side) & 75th Street as ***Babe Ruth Way***; Jamaica Ave (North Side) & Dexter Court as ***Josh Gibson Way*** and Dexter Court & 86th Road as ***Max Rosner Way***

Vote # 2: 35 in favor and 1 abstention

Motion # 3: To support the co-naming of the intersection of Eldert Lane & Rockaway Blvd/90th & 91st Avenues as ***Legion Square (or American Legion Square)***

Vote # 3: 34 in favor, 1 opposition, and 1 abstention

Motion # 4: To support the co-naming of the intersection of 85th Avenue & Metropolitan Ave as ***Rabbi Neuman Way***

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Motion # 5: To support the co-naming of the intersection of 101st Avenue & 118th Street as ***Guru Nanak Way***

Vote # 5: Unanimous

Senator Leroy Comrie addressed the board and stated the following:

- Congratulated the 102nd Pct. on the Street Co-Naming of the late Det. Brian Simonson.
- Senator will be following up with the business owners after attending CB9's Small Business Forum event to make sure that they are informed about various issues and that the businesses are effective in their future endeavors.
- With the upcoming November 8th Elections, there will be three new ballot initiatives.
- Critical updates are coming to the railroad stations in the area.
- Due to recent redistricting, the Senator will be covering more parts of Queens Community Board 9.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

Dust Til Dawn Bar & Restaurant Inc.
106-05 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 6: Not to approve new On-Premises Liquor License Application for Dust Til Dawn Bar & Restaurant Inc., 106-05 101st Ave due to proximity to a house of worship and the SLA 200-Foot Rule violation

Vote # 6: 35 in favor and 1 abstention

Mita Leo's Fine Ecuatorian Food Restaurant & Bar Corp.
104-19 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 7: Not to approve new On-Premises Liquor License Application for Mita Leo's Fine Ecuatorian Food Restaurant & Bar Corp., 104-19 Jamaica Ave due to 500 Ft Rule violation and lack of paperwork

Vote # 7: Unanimous

Jefe de Jefes Bar & Lounge
110-04 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 8: To oppose new On-Premises Liquor License Application for Jefe De Jefes Bar & Lounge, 110-04 Jamaica Ave due to SLA 500 Ft. Rule

Vote # 8: Unanimous

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

Little Town Coffee Shop, Inc.
90-17 130th Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 9: To oppose new On-Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application for Little Town Coffee Shop, Inc., 90-17 130th Street

Vote # 9: 35 in favor and 1 abstention

Co-chair Maharani Singh reported on license application renewals that were processed during the month of September.

Ms. Singh made a motion to send a letter to the SLA recommending license revocation for Show Time Bar & Lounge LLC, located at 119-02 101st Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11419 due to an increase of violent crimes.

Motion # 10: Send a letter to the SLA recommending license revocation for Show Time Bar & Lounge LLC, 119-02 101st Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Vote # 10: Unanimous

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17th, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

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

Alexandria Sumpter-Delves reported on the following:

- Next committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 24th via Zoom at 6 PM.
- Education Committee will be focusing on community needs to support district concerns.
- Invited all to P.S. 64 (82-01 101st Ave) to participate at their Fall Festival Event on Saturday, October 22nd at 10 AM. Stated that CB9 will be participating in this event.
- DYCD is hosting a Neighborhood Advisory Board regarding neighborhood concerns and community approval needs on Thursday, October 13th.

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

Mr. Billing expressed his gratitude to the board for adopting a resolution for co-naming the corner of 118th Street and 101st Ave as 'Guru Nanak Way'.

He stated that the committee has discussed the issue of small businesses getting tickets from the Department of Sanitation before the store opening time. Mr. Billing suggested for the board to arrange a meeting with DSNY representatives and discuss this problem.

Mr. Billing spoke about the issue of the rising number of scooters and electric bikes riding on sidewalks creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

11. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marla Abarca, Chair *no report*

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

Ms. Hack spoke about the following issues:

- BSA Cal. No. 245-32-BZ, 123-05 101st Ave: an applicant asked for a term extension of the previously approved variance permitting the operation of an automotive repair facility which expired on July 9, 2022. They filed for amendment to permit an increase in parking spots and a change in hours of operation. The board approved this term extension request.
- The Committee will prepare a statement on the projected costs of the jails and the critical needs that the city faces, which require billions of dollars.
- The Community Center issue at 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd is still not resolved.
- Lefferts Boulevard Bridge - it's been two years since the proposal for a new lease was put forth. The community is still dealing with the MTA on this matter.

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

Attended budget consultations with DM McClelland where they were presented with the full list of completed and fully funded park projects.

Due to lack of personnel, delays are projected in some of the current projects, i.e., Green House Project that was started several years ago.

14. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair, *no report*

15. BY-LAW COMMITTEE REPORT – REAZ KHAN, CHAIR, *not present to give a report*

16. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi, reported on other events sponsored by the Assembly Member.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz stated that 62 operable guns were collected at the Gun Buy Back Event, organized by the DA's office.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Several workshops and events will be held by the Queens DA's office.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Addabbo, reported on the 'Java with Joe' Annual Event and several other past and upcoming events sponsored by the Senator.

Jacob Gross, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar stated that the Assembly Member is working with the mayor on making dream of Diwali being a school holiday become a reality. Mr. Gross reported on other events sponsored by the Assembly Member.

Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola spoke about Fall Festival event and other events sponsored by the Council Member and shared her contact information.

Chair Algreto acknowledged the presence of Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, representing Speaker Adrienne Adams, and Evelyn Cruz, representing Congress Member Nidia Velasquez.

17. OLD BUSINESS

Sylvia Hack asked for an update on Richmond Hill Branch Library renovation project.

Seth Welins asked for an update on safety measures that were going to be implemented by the DOT at the intersection of Union Turnpike and Park Lane.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Kevin O'Leary warned all parents to be on high alert as Fentanyl is now candy coated and could be mistaken for candy during Halloween.

E.J. Sydell made an announcement "Let's Light Up Kew Gardens" Fundraiser that will help to decorate streets and shops for the holiday season.

She invited all to Kew Gardens Howl-O-Ween event – the 1st Annual Dog Parade and Costume Contest that will take place on October 23rd at 12:30 PM at the Forest Park Barking Lot.

Chair Algreto gave an update regarding Richmond Hill Branch Public Library provided by Seth Urbinder from Council Member Lynn Schuman's office: the construction will start at the end of 2023.

John Carter suggested to send a FOIL request to the Richmond Hill Branch Library.

Julio Batista made an announcement regarding his retirement and resignation from the board.

19. PUBLIC FORUM

Sam Esposito, President of Ozone Park Block Association, congratulated Maharani Singh on doing an excellent job as a Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Esposito invited all to OPBA meeting on Thursday, October 13th.

He also invited all board members to a Dinner Dance event on Sunday, October 16th at 12:30 PM organized by OPBA.

Harpreet Toor, Richmond Hill Resident, expressed his gratitude from the Punjabi Sigh Community for passing a resolution to co-name 118th Street & 101st Ave Guru Nanak Way.

Andrew Hoyles, DSNY, gave an update on the curbside composting program that started in Queens. Services begun as of October 3rd. The department will collect food scraps and yard waste on recycling pick up days.

David Tanis, Resort World Casino, greeted the board stating that they are looking forward to working alongside CB9.

James Mongeluzo, Rep. City Comptroller Brad Lander, stated that they are pushing for a property tax reform. Supporters of this reform should sign a petition posted on NYC Comptroller Lander's website.

Chair Algreto stated that the date of the next Community Board meeting will be announced shortly.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:38 PM.