



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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Sherry Algreto, Chairperson \* James S. McClelland, District Manager \* Donovan Richards Jr., Borough President

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## SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TELECONFERENCE VIRTUAL MEETING

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023

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

Marla Abarca	(0)(1)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(1)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(2)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(2)(4)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(0)(1)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(1)(1)	Maharani Singh	(1)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Daniel Coffaro Hill	(0)(0)	Matthew Singh	(1)(1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Carmela Isabella	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(0)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(1)	Reaz Khan	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Katharine Maradiaga	(1)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(1)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Michael Pereira	(2)(3)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(1)(1)
Marilyn Custodio	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)	Marie Turley	(2)(3)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(2)	Sassy Ramoutar	(2)(3)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julio Batista	(3)(3)	Sherman Kane	(4)(7)	Sursattie Singh	(1)(2)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(1)	Kemanad Kishore	(4)(6)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(2)	Bernard Robert	(1)(1)	Lilian Yagual	(3)(6)
Joseph Iaboni	(1)(1)	Anjali Seegobin	(3)(5)		

### ALSO PRESENT

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

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Council Member Lynn Schulman  
 Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar  
 Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.  
 Marisela Cano, Rep. QPB Donovan Richards  
 Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams  
 Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo  
 Linda Fogal, Rep. council Member Joann Ariola  
 Ean Fullerton, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie  
 Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens DA Melinda Katz  
 Mufazzal Hossain, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin  
 Charlie Vavruska, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden

Chair Algreto started by observing a moment of silence for one year of remembrance of former CB9 employee Victor Ampuero and for 21 years of remembrance of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 terrorist attack.

She also stated that Community Board 9 will be participating in the Queens Cancer Walk Event that will take place on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Phill Rizzuto Park.

Chair Algreto announced that Ms. Zoila Bofill was honored as an outstanding Ecuadorian by QBP Richards and Council Member Moya at the first Ecuadorian Independent Celebration.

## 1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

La Casa Del Mariachi Corp.  
116-03 Metropolitan Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418      *no speakers*

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

La Herencia Ecuatoriana Corp.  
134-05 Liberty Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419      *no speakers*

#### **c. Street Co-Naming Requests**

- **The intersection of Eldert Lane & Rockaway Blvd/90<sup>th</sup> & 91<sup>st</sup> Avenues as *Legion Square* (or *American Legion Square*)**
- **Jamaica Ave (North Side) & 75<sup>th</sup> Street as *Babe Ruth Way***
- **Jamaica Ave (North Side) & Dexter Court as *Josh Gibson Way***
- **Dexter Court 86<sup>th</sup> Road as *Max Rosner Way***

Chair Algreto stated that this item of the agenda is tabled until the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

*No speakers*

## 3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Kamal Bhuiyan made a motion to accept minutes and motions as presented. Stephen Esposito seconded the motion.

**Motion # 1:** To accept June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting minutes and motions as presented.

**Vote # 1:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

## 4. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Report

Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, the 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Commanding Officer, reported on the following:

- Over 200 derelict vehicles were towed away through the Ro-Tow Program.
- The Precinct has been addressing complaints about noise coming from loud mufflers of motorcycles and dirt bikes. Over 114 of them were taken off the street year to date.
- Over 700 hundred summonses were issued year to date for overnight commercial vehicles parked on residential streets.
- There was a 25% decrease in car theft in the last 28 days.
- There is a spike in robberies and burglaries which the 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. is looking to correct.
- There has not been one shooting in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. in at least 56 days.
- Homeless outreach is being addressed on a weekly basis.

Question and answer period followed.

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

- DM McClelland welcomed everyone back. He hoped everyone had a great and healthy summer.
- Took a moment of silence for Victor Ampuero who sadly passed away a year ago at the end of August.
- Wished happy birthday to Sandra Datnarin, Bernard Robert, Maharani Singh, Esta-Joy Sydell, and Marie Turley.
- Congratulated Chair Algreto who was the Grand Marshall of Senator James Sanders Queens Carnival Parade.
- Stated that agency budget consultations are starting tomorrow. He will be sending an email requesting board members submit Capital/Expense project ideas for fiscal year 2023. Please send your suggestions to the office or call the DM directly. Local civic groups on CB9 mailing list will also be contacted for their suggestions. Please be advised that the deadline for submission is October 31<sup>st</sup>. The DM will reach out to Committee Chairs to ask their assistance in writing policy summaries for their respective areas to include in DM's District Needs Report.
- DM McClelland stated that It's been a busy summer. The board participated in many events: Night Out Against Crime, Health Fair, Community Clean-up Events, and other local events.
- CB9 had a very successful Economic Development Small Business Forum. Committee Co-Chairs will speak about it during their report.
- Since January the office has received over 200 complaints, concerns, or questions regarding various quality of life issues and requesting assistance. A vast majority of these cases have been resolved and we will continue working to ensure that each one is closed to the satisfaction of the constituent.
- The next District Service Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Chair Algreto read some highlights from last night's Borough Board meeting.

## **6. GREETINGS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS**

Council Member Lynn Schulman reported on summer events and happenings, office personnel changes and budget allocations for her district. She also stated that Mayor Adams gave \$30M for Phase One of the Queens Way Project.

Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar thanked Chair Algreto and DM McClelland for organizing the Small Business Forum. She reported on her district's fund allocations, summer happenings and events.

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

Mr. Mathew Singh reported on the committee's first Economic Business Community Event stating it was a big success. Business owners were able to meet the elected officials and address their concerns. He expressed his gratitude to Chair Algreto and DM McClelland for helping to organize the event. Mr. Singh thanked local business owners for donating food and refreshments.

Mr. Billing stated that these kinds of events should become a trend and should take place regularly.

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

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

La Casa Del Mariachi Corp.  
116-03 Metropolitan Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 2:** Not to oppose new On-premises Liquor License Application for La Casa Del Mariachi Corp.,  
116-03 Metropolitan Ave

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

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

La Herencia Ecuatoriana Corp.  
134-05 Liberty Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

**Motion # 3:** Not to oppose new On-premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application for La Herencia Ecuatoriana  
Corp., 134-05 Liberty Ave

**Vote # 3:** Unanimous

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

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

Alexandria Sumpter-Delves reported on the following:

- Education Committee will reach out to Parent Coordinators and liaisons in the district to share its work and assess school needs.
- Formal overview of Education Committee responsibilities and goals for the year will be sent to the Chair for review.
- Council offices were thanked for their support of reallocation of funding to schools.
- Next meeting will be held on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> via Zoom at 6 PM.

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

- Street co-namings are tabled until October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The E and Z trains are still out of commission due to ongoing track replacement. The estimated completion time is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Still waiting for the newest proposal for Queens Bus Redesign plan from the MTA.
- Congestion pricing has closed its public comment period on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulated Chair Algreto for being honored by the Trinidadian & Toboggan USA Organization for her leadership as a woman of color, stating that it is a well-earned award.

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

Ms. Abarca said that they had a tour of Jamaica Hospital with the Chair and the District Manager over the summer where they met with the CEO and other people from different departments. Ms. Abarca plans to arrange similar meetings with other hospitals.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Co-chair Hack stated that the committee agreed to request a meeting with New York City's Comptroller, Brad Lander, and put together not only the projected costs of the jails, but what the \$10 billion deficit the city faces means (while at the same time spending \$15 billion to build tower jails which cannot fulfill the city's goals. Talking points about the plan and the city's goals have already been prepared. The committee will add some of the critical needs the city faces which require billions of dollars.

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

Mr. Smith stated that Council Member Joan Ariola has secured funds for re-varnishing the park at Equity Park which is adjacent to P.S. 60. Mr. Smith will be attending meetings regarding park's design proposals.

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

Mr. Carter stated that FY23 Budget has bumped up by about 3%, however, when compared against the backdrop of city affairs and what Mayor Adams has asked for, he would not be surprised if the city would come back looking for some of that money to be returned or to be cut.

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

Mr. Khan stated that many newer members have expressed interest in learning about parliamentary procedure and motions. He will invite someone from the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs to discuss the guide on parliamentary procedure they have put out for community boards in the past. The committee members are grateful to anyone with contacts who can facilitate this.

**16. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS**

Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola stated that the Council Member will be sponsoring a School Ambassador Program in her district.

Ms. Fogal reported on other events sponsored by the Council Member and shared her contact information.

Ean Fullerton, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie stated that September is Senior Appreciation Month, therefore the Senator will be sponsoring a variety of events to commemorate it.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz stated that a variety of internships are available in the DA's office for the Youth.

District Attorney Katz is doing everything to stop the flow of deadly weapons on the streets.

Maricela Cano, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards:

- Stated that the Open Meeting Law is ending tomorrow. All meetings moving forward will be in person.
- Ms. Cano will be responsible for going through board members' attendance.
- Reported on the events sponsored by Borough President Richards.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams stated that there are many happenings within the district and the city, and the Speaker is in the forefront of it all. Meetings with school and precinct leadership, school visits, hosting district meetings with CBO's, community boards, etc. are all in her busy schedule.

Ms. Shelborne-Barfield shared her contact information with the board.

Charlie Vavruska, Rep. Council Member Bob Holden reported on the summer events and happenings and on future events sponsored by the Council Member.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Addabbo, reported on the summer events and happenings and on the future events sponsored by the Senator.

Mufazzal Hossain, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin reported on the summer events and happenings sponsored by the Assembly Member.

**17. OLD BUSINESS**            *no speakers*

**18. NEW BUSINESS**

Sandra Datnarain invited all to 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Community Council Meetings that will take place every first Tuesday of the month at the Richmond Hill Block Association and voiced her thoughts about Smokey Oval Park restoration.

Cristal Rivera suggested to advertise CB9 meetings on LincNYC.

Regina Santoro made an announcement about the Green Barrel Giveaway Event and invited all to Holy Child Jesus School Annual Dinner Dance.

**19. PUBLIC FORUM**

Stephen Caruso, DSNY stated that city's Organic Compost Program is back. More information is available upon request.

DM McClelland thanked the DSNY for their partnership in Community Clean-Up events.

Cristal Rivera made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rabbi Daniel Pollack.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:20 PM.