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FEBRUARY 13, 2023 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

HELEN MARSHALL CULTURAL CENTER 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD KEW GARDENS NY 11424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2023 (Borough President's Attendance)

Marla Abarca	(3)(1)	Marilyn Custodio	(2)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Sandra Datnarain	(2)(0)	Bernard Robert	(4)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(2)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(1)(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)(0)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Daniel Coffaro Hill	(2)(1)	Raghibir Singh	(3)(1)
Kirpal Billing	(1)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(0)	Carmela Isabella	(1)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydel	(2)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(3)(0)	Reaz Khan	(3)(1)	Marie Turley	(4)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(3)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(5)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(1)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dilraj Batchu	(1)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(5)(2)	Kemanad Kishore	(9)(2)	Matthew Singh	(5)(1)
Daniel Chu	(1)(1)	Sassy Ramoutar	(4)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(1)
Stephen Esposito	(3)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(3)(1)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(3)(1)

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Seth Urbinder, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman
William Bao, Rep. Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson
Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joan Ariola
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Ariella Davidov, QBPO
Nathaniel Hezekiah III, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks
Jared Hunter, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks
Jonathan Betancourt, Rep. Congress Member Velazquez
Ido Shargal, Rep. Mayor Eric Adams
Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
Tiffany, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams
Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, 102nd Pct.
PO Scott Adelman, 102nd Pct.

Chair Algreto started the meeting by introducing Boy Scouts from Troop 177 of Richmond Hill who performed the Flag carrying procession and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Algreto recognized Black History Month and 4th year of the passing of Det. Simonson of 102nd Pct.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

- **Woodhaven BID – “Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival” Oct. 8, 2023** *no speakers*

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

Infinity & Lounge LLC
119-12 101st Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

Simply Fried LLC
83-06 Austin Street
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

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

New Fuji Brother Inc.
116-09 Metropolitan Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

c. Corporate Change

8818 Tropical Restaurant Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

d. Method of Operation Change

Antojitos De San Cecilio Inc.
90-04 Jamaica Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

e. On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application - Renewal

Dani Pizza and Rest Corp.
81-28 Lefferts Boulevard
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

f. On Premises Liquor License Application - Renewal

Casabe Bar & Grill Inc.
D/b/a La Barrica Bar & Grill
79-17 Atlantic Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

Jim Byrnes Wee Pub Inc.
93-01/93-03 95th Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

f. On Premises Liquor License Application - Renewal

La Belvedere LLC
77-02 101st Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge
100-05 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

2. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, the 102nd Precinct's Commanding Officer, reported that crime was down overall with an increase in felony assaults for the last 28 days. He also stated that the Precinct is working to establish relationships with businesses on commercial strips. Business owners have been compiling videos of shoplifters for the police.

Question and answer period followed.

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to January 10th, 2022 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Rabbi Daniel Pollack made a motion to accept, Inderpaul Ahluwalia seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept January 10th, 2022, meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: 28 in favor and 2 abstentions

4. GREETINGS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS, *none present*

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

- DM McClelland wished Happy Birthday to Faiuze Ali, Kirpal Billing and Rabbi Daniel Pollack. He also wished happy wedding anniversary to Irina and her husband.
- He reminded the board members that the deadline to submit Community Board Applications is Thursday, February 16th. Emails were sent to Board members who are up for re-appointment.
- Queens Budget Hearings were held on January 30th. The DM emphasized the need for our elected officials to fight for funding for critical city services and highlighted many of our capital and expense priorities.
- Over the next few weeks, the Chairperson and the District Manager will meet with each of our council members to discuss our Capital and Expense Budget priorities.

Chair Algreto gave a brief recap of Borough Board meeting presentations for the month of February.

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

- ***NYC SCA Presentation re: Potential New Primary School Site, K-5 with District 75 Component at 120-08 Jamaica Ave - Danielle Schaaff, External Affairs Manager, Queens NYC SCA***

Ms. Danielle Schaaff of SCA gave a presentation regarding a potential new primary school site, K-5 with District 75 Component at 120-08 Jamaica Ave, Richmond Hill, NY 11418 and answered the board members' questions.

A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

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

- ***MTA Presentation: 75th and 85th Station Renewal Project – Lucille Songhai, MTA Government Relations & the Project Team***

MTA representative spoke about the three elevated stations receiving vital repair work, as well as improvements to enhance accessibility and customer safety. The renovations will occur in phases to minimize service interruptions and have an estimated completion in the third quarter of 2025.

Question & answer period followed.

Chair Ali spoke about School Bus Stop Arm Camera Bill (Local Law 110-2019) and stated that the committee is making a motion to send a letter to Mayor Adams, NYC School's Chancellor Banks, NYC DOT Commissioner Rodriguez and CB9 Council Members permitting the installation of video recording devices on school bus stop arms.

Motion # 2: To send School Bus Stop Arm Camera Bill (Local Law 110-2019) letter as presented

Vote # 2: Unanimous

➤ **Woodhaven BID – “Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival “October 8, 2023** **VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

Chair Ali stated that an application was submitted to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office for the Woodhaven BID “Wonderful Woodhaven Street Festival” on Sunday, October 8th, 2023.

Motion # 3: To send a letter of support for the WBID October 8th, 2023 Street Fair

Vote # 3: Unanimous

Committee Chair Ali warned everyone of a parking ticket scam that is taking place in NYC and asked all to check the legitimacy of issued summonses before paying them.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Juliet Ganpat, Richmond Hill Resident – relayed the neighborhood's concerns about Blend Restaurant & Lounge, located at 127-07 94th Avenue and asked the board to address the issue.

Patricia Kirkland, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about noise issues near Phil Rizzuto Park stating that residents have exhausted all options, notifying the 102nd Pct., filing 311 complaints and going to the board.

Emilee Wyner, North Richmond Hill Group Parent Rep., - spoke about a greater need of a Middle School for the kids to attend within walking distance. They asked for SCA's procedure of requesting it.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

Infinity Bar Lounge LLC
119-12 101st Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 4: To oppose new on-premises liquor license application due to lack of paperwork

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Simply Fried LLC
83-06 Austin Street
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion # 5: To oppose new on-premises liquor license application due to lack of paperwork

Vote # 5: Unanimous

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

New Fuji Brother Inc.
116-09 Metropolitan Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 6: Not to oppose new on-premises wine, beer & cider license application

Vote # 6: Unanimous

Co-Chair Singh reported on all the renewal applications received by the office since the last board meeting.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:30 PM via zoom and at the district office.

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

Made an announcement that the Health & Social Services Committee will be meeting every first Wednesday of the month.

Chair Algreto congratulated her on the birth of her son.

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

Kirpal Billing gave a recap of the Committee's meeting with Bernadette Nation, Chief Executive Response Unit & Governmental Services on Tuesday January 17th. He stated that they are planning to organize several other meetings to help small businesses in the community to thrive and achieve their goals.

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

Ms. Hack stated that the committee will be drafting a resolution for the 83rd Ave rezoning project.

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

Mr. Smith stated that the Department of Parks & Recreation still did not get back to the board regarding Freedom Drive being closed to motor vehicles.

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

Mr. Carter stated that the new copier was purchased for the board office. There will be another expense involved for the old contract termination.

Mr. Carter also reported on Good & Welfare Fund.

15. BY-LAW COMMITTEE REPORT – REAZ KHAN, CHAIR, *no report*

16. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Seth Urbinder, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman, made an announcement regarding NYC Free Tax Prep Webinar taking place next Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola, spoke about the events sponsored by the Council Member.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, made announcements regarding events sponsored by the Senator.

Ariella Davidov, Rep. QBP Donovan Richards, introduced herself as the new CB9 liaison and spoke about events sponsored by QBP Richards.

Jared Hunter, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks, spoke about the events sponsored by the Congress Member.

Johnathan Betancourt, Rep. Congress Member Nidia Velazquez, spoke about the budget and numerous projects and programs in the Congress Member's district.

Ido Shargal, Rep. Mayor Eric Adams's CAU, acknowledged the citywide issue of overnight truck parking and stated the office is surveying residents for input until February 24th.

Mr. Shargal said he is looking for recommendations for houses of worship that could take in asylum seekers.

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, reported on the events sponsored by the Assembly Member. She also stated that the public hearing on a new redistricting will take place on Thursday at 6 PM at York College.

Tiffani Eason, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams, introduced herself and gave her contact information.

Board Members Removal (Executive Session)

VOTE TO BE TAKEN

Kenichi Wilson made a motion to go into Executive Session; Joan DeCamp seconded the motion.

Motion # 7: To go into Executive Session

Vote # 7: Unanimous

Andrea Crawford made a motion to close Executive Session; Kenichi Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion # 8 To close Executive Session

Vote # 8: Unanimous

Andrea Crawford made a motion to remove Mr. Kemanad Kishore from the board based on non-attendance and lack of response to outreach; Joan DeCamp seconded the motion.

Motion # 9: To remove Mr. Kemanad Kishore from the board based on non-attendance and lack of response to outreach

Vote # 9: Unanimous

17. OLD BUSINESS

No speakers.

18. NEW BUSINESS

No speakers.

19. PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers

Kenichi Wilson made a motion to adjourn, Sandra Datnarain seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:22 PM.