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

JANUARY 10, 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)

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| Inderpaul Ahluwalia | (0)(0) | Stephen Esposito | (2)(0) | Jarnail Singh | (0)(0) |
| Sherry Algreto | (0)(0) | Daniel Grieve | (0)(0) | Maharani Singh | (1)(0) |
| Faiuze Ali | (0)(0) | Sylvia Hack | (1)(0) | Matthew Singh | (4)(0) |
| Dilraj Batchu | (0)(0) | Joseph Iaboni | (1)(0) | Mohinder Singh | (1)(0) |
| Dulal Bhattacharjee | (0)(0) | Carmela Isabella | (1)(0) | J. Richard Smith | (1)(0) |
| Zoila Bofill | (1)(0) | Kevin O'Leary | (0)(0) | Alexandria Sumpter-Delves | (2)(0) |
| Latchman Budhai | (3)(0) | Rabbi Daniel Pollack | (1)(0) | Esta-Joy Sydell | (2)(0) |
| John Carter | (0)(0) | Sassy Ramoutar | (3)(0) | Marie Turley | (4)(0) |
| Daniel Chu | (0)(0) | Cristal Rivera | (2)(0) | Seth Welins | (3)(0) |
| Marilyn Custodio | (2)(0) | Bernard Robert | (4)(0) | Kenichi Wilson | (1)(0) |
| Sandra Datnarain | (2)(0) | Mohamed Safie | (2)(0) | | |
| Joan DeCamp | (0)(0) | Regina Santoro | (2)(0) | | |

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Marla Abarca | (3)(1) | Jan Fenster | (3)(1) | Kemanad Kishore | (8)(1) |
| Kamal Bhuiyan | (4)(1) | Daniel Coffaro Hill | (2)(1) | Katharine Maradiaga | (4)(1) |
| Kirpal Billing | (1)(1) | Sherman Kane | (8)(1) | Raghbir Singh | (3)(1) |
| Andrea Crawford | (5)(1) | Reaz Khan | (3)(1) | Lilian Yagual | (7)(1) |

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
Raimondo Graziano, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joan Ariola
William Bao, Rep. Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson
Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams
James Mongeluzo, Rep. Comptroller Lander
Seth Urbinder, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman
Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, 102nd Pct.
PO Scott Adelman, 102nd Pct.
PO Frank Lasala, 102nd Pct.
Nathaniel Hezekiah III, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks
Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz

Chair Algreto started the meeting by wishing all a happy new year and congratulating PO Frank Lasala of the 102nd Pct. for receiving the Cop Of The Month award.

She also made a motion to reschedule the February 14th meeting to Monday, February 13th due to Valentine's Day.

Motion # 1: To change February meeting date from Tuesday, February 14th to Monday, to February 13th, 2023

Vote # 1: Unanimous

1. PUBLIC HEARING

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

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

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

b. On Premises Beer & Cider License Application - New

Two Friends M & A Deli Corp.
130-02 Atlantic Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *no speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application - Renewal

FQ Bar & Grill
D/b/a Nutty Sports Bar & Grill
105-06 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Harbor Breeze Restaurant And Lounge, Inc.
107-12 101st Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

Siembra LLC
D/b/a Enzo's Pizza
81-02 Rockaway Boulevard
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

d. On Premises Beer & Cider License Application - Renewal

Richmond Hill Deli Corp.
D/b/a Richmond Hill Deli Restaurant
123-07 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Juliet Ganpat, Richmond Hill Resident – relayed her concern about the landlord/tenant relationship between CB9 board member and the SLA applicant.

Patrick Agard, Representative for Mita Leo's Ecuatorian Rest, thanked CB9 Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee for processing one of the applicant's reconsideration applications in a timely manner.

Sam Esposito, OPRBA President, spoke about programs and services for seniors that are provided by his group. He also thanked the Public Safety Committee for being proactive with the liquor license applications.

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to December 13th, 2022 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 2: To accept December 13th, 2022, meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 2: 32 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

Chair Algreto introduced the new Woodhaven BID Executive Director Mr. John Perricone. Mr. Perricone gave a brief history of the BID, its goals and its services.

Chair Algreto made a clarification for the board members regarding the City Council representation due to redistricting. She also gave a brief recap of January Borough Board meeting presentations.

DM McClelland wished happy birthday to Stephen Esposito and Cristal Rivera. He also congratulated staff member Irina Barayeva on the arrival of her granddaughter Sasha Rayne.

Mr. McClelland reminded the board members that community board applications are due by February 16th.

He is waiting on a date to provide testimonies to Council Members and Borough President's office regarding CB9's Budget requests and district needs which were submitted to OMB in November.

Also, he will be meeting with our elected officials regarding capital projects.

The next district service cabinet meeting with all city agencies is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at 10 AM.

6. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, the 102nd Precinct's Commanding Officer, reported a lower crime rate for the CB9 area over the last two months. He also stated that the Precinct still faces difficulties in other crime categories such as misdemeanor, petty larcenies, and felony assaults.

Capt. Kivlin addressed the issue of the increased number of smoke shops opening in the city and the legitimacy of those shops that seem to operate without a license. He stated that the 102nd Precinct has begun to conduct enforcement on dispensaries selling marijuana without a license.

Question and answer period followed.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

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

Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee is making a motion to table this application for further clarification on their license type.

Motion # 3: To table new On-Premises Liquor License Application for Mita Leo's Fine Ecuatorian Food Restaurant & Bar Corp., 104-19 Jamaica Ave Richmond Hill, NY 11418 for further clarification

Vote # 3: Unanimous

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

No vote will be taken at this time as the applicant rescinded its application.

Co-Chair Pollack stated that another application for the same location was received by the board office with the name of Infinity Bar & Lounge LLC.

Two Friends M & A Deli Corp.
130-02 Atlantic Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 4: To oppose new On-Premises Beer & Cider License Application for Two Friends M & A Deli Corp., 130-02 Atlantic Avenue Richmond Hill, NY 11419 as a site visit has concluded that this is not an eatery, therefore does not warrant an On-Premises Beer and Cider License.

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Rabbi Pollack reported on all the renewal applications received by the office since last board meeting.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

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

Chair Algreto stated that the SCA presentation is rescheduled for the next CB9 meeting.

Committee Co-Chair Welins reported on the following:

- Student Loan Income-Driven Repayment Program - is a program that can schedule repayment of student loans based on one's discretionary income. Those years when the borrower has low income, their required yearly payments will be accordingly reduced. As their income increases over the years, the required payment will also increase. Information can be found at www.studentaid.gov/idr/.
- The Comptroller's representative gave a short report about the current status of the Richmond Hill Library proposed renovation project. It is still slated to begin sometime this year. The representative was reminded that our board recently sent the comptroller a certified letter requesting that his office conduct an audit of this library project that was supposed to have begun 5-6 years ago. We told him that costs rose from about \$6 million to the current estimate of \$15 million dollars. The comptroller has still not responded to our letter and concerns about the project.

9. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marla Abarca, Chair *was not present to give a report*

Daniel Chu, CB9 Health & Social Services Committee member, addressed overwhelming issues regarding access to medical treatment in Queens. He pleaded with the board to recognize this tenacious healthcare crisis and help to allocate the proper funding to hospitals. Mr. Chu stated that our city should not be spending billions of dollars on jails; rather it should be spending on hospitals. He also called on Council Member Lynn Schulman to help aid in these efforts. A copy of the full statement is available upon request.

Chair Algreto along with the rest of the board agreed to send a letter to elected officials regarding the health crisis.

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

Mathew Singh gave a recap on what the Committee is currently working on stating that they prepared a booklet with questions for local business owners. That questionnaire will help the committee to understand what problems business owners are facing and the ways to help them.

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:15 PM via Zoom.

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

Ms. Hack thanked CB9 member Mr. Daniel Chu for his statement and stated that the price tag for a plan to build borough-based jails in all five boroughs is \$15B and rising.

Chair Algreto made a reference to a years-long battle to discover the fate of the Richmond Hill Branch Library renovation project. She stated that the renovations were supposed to start this year, but the board has yet to find answers.

12. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair, reported on the following:

- Governor Hochul signed a Bill that will protect all MTA workers against assaults.
- OMNI project is delayed for another two years.
- Installation of cameras in subway cars is at the discretion of the MTA.
- The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday, January 26th, 2023 via Zoom.

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

The committee will re-address the issue of road closure at 102nd Street from Park Lane South to Myrtle Ave.

The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday, January 19th, 2023 via Zoom.

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

Mr. Carter explained the reason for the purchasing of a new copier for the board office as opposed to leasing one.

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

16. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, reported on the events sponsored by the Assembly Member.

Seth Urbinder, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman, addressed some of the issues that were brought up earlier.

Raimondo Graziano, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, introduced himself as a new Chief of Staff for the senator. The new office location is: 84-16 Jamaica Ave.

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

William Bao, Rep. Assembly Members Khaleel Anderson, spoke about the events sponsored by the Assembly Member.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams, spoke about the events hosted by the Speaker's office.

James Mongeluzo, Rep. NYC Comptroller Lander, stated that all the information regarding various reports from the Comptroller's office is available online.

He also gave the updated information regarding Richmond Hill Library renovation project: the full interior renovation is expected. It was supposed to start Fall of 2023, but it could be delayed. The Library did not turn the project over to DDC. He will be obtaining more details about the project.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, reported on the latest events sponsored by DA Katz and made an announcement regarding other programs that are available at Queens DA's office. Rep. Akhtar shared her contact info.

Nathaniel Hezekiah III, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks, spoke about the events sponsored by the Congress Member.

17. OLD BUSINESS

Maharani Singh suggested for the office to forward each and every email in addition to posting it on social media.

18. NEW BUSINESS

John Carter spoke about the downfalls of the Richmond Hill Library Renovation Project.

Rabbi Daniel Pollack inquired as to the Queens Borough President's stance on the RH Library renovation issue.

19. PUBLIC FORUM *no speakers*

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

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