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

MARCH 14, 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)	Bernard Robert	(4)(0)
Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Sandra Datnarain	(2)(0)	Regina Santoro	(2)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(3)(1)	Matthew Singh	(5)(1)
Dilraj Batchu	(1)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(1)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(5)(2)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(3)(1)
Kirpal Billing	(1)(1)	Carmela Isabella	(1)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydel	(2)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(0)	Reaz Khan	(3)(1)	Marie Turley	(4)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(3)(0)
Daniel Chu	(1)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(1)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(5)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Latchman Budhai	(4)(1)	Sassy Ramoutar*	(5)(2)	Maharani Singh	(2)(1)
Daniel Coffaro Hill	(3)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(4)(2)	Raghibir Singh	(4)(2)

*Absent from 2 or more votes

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joan Ariola
Anthony Lemma, Rep. Assembly Weprin
Maricela Cano, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Seth Urbinder, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman
Ariella Davidov, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Jonathan Betancourt, Rep. Congress Member Velazquez
Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
Tiffany Eason, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams
Capt. Eynat Naor, Executive Officer 102nd Pct.
PO Scott Adelman, 102nd Pct.

Chair Algreto started the meeting by reading a poem that she dedicated to Jan Fenster, fellow board member who recently passed away. Rabbi Daniel Pollack said a special prayer commemorating her memory.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

Los Pollos Locos, Inc.
97-12 101st Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

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

Restaurant De Marina
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Duran Perez Restaurant Corp.
96-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application - Renewal

Chrome 101 Inc.
D/b/a Chrome 101
96-03 101st Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

M & F Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Spolini's
116-25 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

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

Grazi Foods Inc.
D/b/a Paul Michael's Brick Oven Cafe
85-19 126th Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

2. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Eynat Naor, the 102nd Precinct's Executive Officer, reported that crime was down overall with an increase in auto theft for the last 28 days.

3. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to February 13th, 2023 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Stephen Esposito made a motion to accept, Kenichi Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept February 13th, 2023, meeting minutes and motions as presented.
Vote # 1: Unanimous

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 Sherry Algreto, Latchman Budhai, Sylvia Hack, Sassy Ramoutar, J. Richard Smith, Kenichi Wilson, and the late Jan Fenster, may she RIP.
- Him and Chair Algreto will be meeting with Council Member Lynn Schulman tomorrow and with Council Member Joan Ariola on Wednesday, March 22nd where they will discuss budget priorities. Queens Budget Hearings were held on January 30th.
- The next District Service Cabinet meeting will take place on Thursday, March 16th at 10 AM at the district office.
- DM McClelland wished good luck to all board members running for election this evening.

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

She also mentioned that she received a call from the owner of Blend Restaurant to which she and the District Manager listened. It was regarding a letter sent from Senator Addabbo to the SLA. Chair Algreto informed the owner that the board is not able to change anything regarding the situation and it is now up to the SLA to decide.

6. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Maricela Cano, Director of Queens Community Boards, oversaw the elections.

Andrea Crawford nominated Sherry Algreto for Chairperson; Rabbi Daniel Pollack seconded it. Sherry Algreto ran unopposed.

Vote: unanimous.

Sherry Algreto is re-elected Chairperson.

Stephen Esposito nominated Kenichi Wilson for 1st Vice Chair.; Joan de Camp seconded it.

Alexandria Sumpter-Delves nominated Faiuze Ali for 1st Vice Chair; Kevin O'Leary seconded it.

Vote: 20 for Faiuze Ali and 15 for Kenichi Wilson.

Faiuze Ali is elected 1st Vice Chairperson.

Matthew Singh nominated Sandra Datnarain for 2nd Vice Chair; Kenichi Wilson seconded it.

Sandra Datnarain ran unopposed.

Vote: unanimous.

Sandra Datnarain is re-elected 2nd Vice Chairperson.

Seth Welins nominated John Carter for Treasurer; Sherry Algreto seconded it.

John Carter ran unopposed.

Vote: Unanimous.

John Carter is re-elected Treasurer.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Adam Dobrzynski, DSNY, Community Affairs, spoke about the waste setout time change, which will be going in effect April 1. Residents who use containers with a secure lid should place it by the curb after 6 PM. Bags should be placed by the curb after 8 PM.

Businesses that place waste at the curb for collection have two options:

- If using a container with a secure lid, waste should be placed at the curb 1 hour before closing, or
- If putting bags directly on the curb, waste should be placed out after 8 PM.

Sam Esposito, President OPRBA, stated that they are about to embark on an 'Adopt A Senior' Program.

He also stated that there will be no meeting held in the month of April due to observance of multiple religious holidays.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

Los Pollos Locos, Inc.
97-12 101st Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Application withdrawn due to new ownership.

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

Restaurant De Marina
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new On-Premises Wine, Beer & Cider license application

Vote # 2: 34 in favor and 1 abstention

Duran Perez Restaurant Corp.
96-10 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new On-Premises Wine, Beer & Cider license application

Vote # 3: 33 in favor and 2 abstentions

Co-Chair Pollack reported on the renewal applications.

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

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

Co-Chair Sumpter-Delves stated that the committee is drafting a letter in support of opening a new Middle School as opposed to an elementary school at the former Ruby's Costume Store site on Jamaica Ave.

The next Education & Youth Services Committee meeting will take place on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6 PM via Zoom.

Co-chair Welins stated that there is still no response from NYC Comptroller Lander on the status of the Richmond Hill Branch Library Renovation Project.

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

Chair Ali reported on the Queensway presentation at the committee meeting and spoke about the highlights of the shareholders proposals. The Queensway is a community-led effort to transform a 3.5 mile stretch of abandoned railway in Central Queens into a family-friendly linear park and cultural greenway.

Board Member Batchu asked to follow up on e-bikes legislation and licensing.

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

- Asked if Health & Social Services Committee meetings can be scheduled for an earlier time.
- Will address schools' request to bring awareness regarding smoke shops.
- Andrea Crawford read a poem that was written after the one-year anniversary of the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic by the Communications Director of John Hopkins.
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12. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthew Singh & Kirpal Billing, Co-Chairs

Kirpal Billing addressed the situation of family-owned businesses being affected negatively due to one or more family members falling ill with COVID. In his opinion, there should be a database of those locations that went out of business for this reason and there should be a plan of how to revive those businesses.

Mr. Billing asked for a follow up on his request to install muni meters on side streets of Richmond Hill.

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

Ms. Hack spoke about Governor Hochul's budget and Borough Based Jails Project.

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

Mr. Smith stated that a letter was received from the Department of Parks & Recreation stating that 102nd Street & Park Lane south will not be opened for motor vehicle traffic.

A virtual meeting will be held with Forest Park Administration where the condition of Victory Field will be discussed.

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

Mr. Carter stated that according to the February 13th budget summary report, both OTPS and PS do not look too concerning.

The amount of \$648.00 was spent by the office for the removal of two old copiers.

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

17. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Anthony Lemma, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin, invited all to the South Asian Council Advisory meeting that will take place on Sunday, March 19th at 10:30 AM at the Royal Indian Palace.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, spoke about the events sponsored by the DA.

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

Ariella Davidov, Rep. QBP Donovan Richards, spoke about events sponsored by QBP Richards.

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

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

Tiffany Eason, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams, spoke about events sponsored by Speaker Adrienne Adams.

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar, connected Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar over the phone who congratulated newly elected CB9 officers. She also reported on the events sponsored by the Assembly Member.

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

18. OLD BUSINESS

No speakers.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Andrea Crawford invited all to participate at the Holi Parade on March 26th.

Esta-Joy Sydell asked all to spread the word regarding the upcoming Cocktails for Canines Fundraiser that will take place on March 31st from 7-10 PM at the Austin Ale House.

20. PUBLIC FORUM

Nina Kulkarni, Kew Gardens Resident, asked the board to address a dangerous blind spot at the intersection of Park Lane South and Austin Street.

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn, Joe Iaboni seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:07 PM.