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MAY 9, 2023 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD ROOM 213 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)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(2)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Warlito DeLeon	(0)(0)	Maharani Singh	(1)(2)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(0)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(1)(2)
Juan Batista II	(0)(0)	Stephen Forte	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(2)
Dilraj Batchu	(0)(0)	Albert Gamarra	(0)(0)	Victor Starsky	(0)(0)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(1)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(1)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Carmela Isabella	(0)(0)	Andrew Taranto	(0)(0)
John Carter	(0)(0)	Nina Kulkarni	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(1)(1)
Ruben Cruz	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Marilyn Custodio	(0)(0)	Tiffanie Placeres	(0)(0)		
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Regina Santoro	(0)(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Marla Abarca	(2)(2)	*Reaz Khan	(2)(3)	Matthew Singh	(2)(3)
Daniel Chu	(2)(3)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(2)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(1)(3)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(2)	Sassy Ramoutar	(1)(3)
*Daniel Coffaro Hill	(1)(3)	Bernard Robert	(2)(2)		

*ABSENT FOR 2 OR MORE VOTES

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Rokeya Akhter, Rep. Queens DA Melinda Katz
 Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
 Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joan Ariola
 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
 Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, Commanding Officer, 102nd Pct.
 Capt. Maldonado, Executive Officer, 102nd Pct.
 PO Nick Salamone, 102nd Pct.
 Le-Tis Williams, Rep. FDNY
 Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi
 Anthony Lemma, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin
 Tiffany Eason, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams

Daiquan Llewellyn, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
Jonathan Betancourt, Rep. Congress Members Nydia Velasquez
Jared Hunter, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks

Chair Algreto started the meeting by expressing her gratitude to the board members who participated in the first-ever Autism & Developmental Disabilities Awareness Walk at Phil Rizzuto Park on Sunday, May 7th.

Chair Algreto said she is grateful to Senator Addabbo, who helped plan the event, and to all who came out to the park to show their support.

Ms. Sherry Algreto congratulated Rabbi Daniel Pollack on the birth of his granddaughter.

She also reviewed a few protocols regarding speaking during the meeting.

Chair Algreto suggested creating a QR code on CB9 t-shirts that would enable anyone to link to the CB9 website or Facebook page faster in order to get updates, etc.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

Ash Indian Café, Inc.
125-22 Queens Boulevard
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

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

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

El Pollo Inka NY, Inc.
D/b/a El Pollo Inka
89-20 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application - Renewal

Geordie's Joint
79-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

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

Tajadas Bakery Restaurant, Inc.
97-05 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

e. On Premises Beer & Cider License Application - Renewal

Nomi Deli and Grocery
119-14 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Jophsua 19 Grocery Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Richard Deli Restaurant #2
134-06 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

f. Method of Operation Change

Kiss Entertainment Inc.
130-35 91st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

g. Corporate Change

111 Atlas Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Atlantic Diner
111-16 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

h. TLC Base Renewal Application

TD Maintenance
D/b/a Four Ones Car Service
B00009
127-01 Metropolitan Avenue
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *no speakers*

City Line Car Service, Inc.
B01553
80-06 101st Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

BSZ Luxury Black Car
B03308
80-06 101st Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

2. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to April 11th, 2023 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. J. Richard Smith made a motion to accept, Faiuze Ali seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as presented
Vote # 1: 29 in favor and 9 abstentions

3. GREETINGS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS, none present.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS & EXEC. Report–Sherry Algreto & District Manager's Report - J. McClelland

- DM McClelland wished Happy Birthday to Zoila Bofill, Reaz Khan, Regina Santoro, and Seth Welins.
- With the assistance of Council Member Schulman's Office, Queens EDC, and Sanitation Department we were able to clean and remove graffiti from the Austin street underpass.
- Met with Raimondo Graziano, Chief of Staff Senator Addabbo, John Perricone of Woodhaven BID, and Martin Colberg, President of the Woodhaven Residents Block Association to discuss a serious accident and an increase in street vendors along Jamaica Avenue.
- Attended the KGCA meeting. It was nice seeing everyone in person and discussing issues.

- Since January the office has received over 100 complaints, concerns, or questions regarding various quality of life issues and requesting assistance. The vast majority of these cases have been resolved and we can continue to work to ensure that each one is completed to the satisfaction of the constituent.
- The next District Service Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th.
- A more user friendly and easy to transport sound system was purchased today.

Chair Algreto gave a brief recap of Borough Board meeting presentations for the month of May, 2023.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Sam Esposito, President OZPKRBA, stated that the Ozone Park Lion's Adopt A Senior Program has kicked off. He also talked about their street co-naming request in honor of Camille Ferraro, a late teacher from St. Mary Gate of Heaven School.

Bill Knight, Richmond Hill Resident on behalf of the 95th Ave Residents Block Association, urged the board to vote against the liquor license application for the Infinity Bar & Lounge located at 119-12 101st Ave due to its proximity to the local nursery school.

Juliette Ganpat, Richmond Hill Resident also spoke against the liquor license application for the Infinity Bar & Lounge, formerly Showtime Bar & Lounge, located at 119-12 101st Ave due to its history of criminal activity and Multiple complaints from the residents of the surrounding area.

6. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. Report

Capt. Jeremy Kivlin, the 102nd Precinct's Commanding Officer, presented Capt. Maldonado, the new 102nd Pct. Executive Officer and asked her to introduce herself.

Captain stated that crime is down overall year to date. There is a minor increase in commercial burglary cases on Jamaica Ave and 101st Ave where perpetrators gain access by breaking glass windows and stealing cash registers.

Question and answer period followed.

NYPD Chief of Patrol John Chell made a guest appearance to discuss how the police officers address community complaints and work to keep the neighborhood safe.

NYPD Chief Kevin Williams, the commanding officer of Patrol Borough Queens South, discussed crime, his summer plan, tow trucks and more and answered board members questions.

7. Executive Session (Discussion of Proposed Annual Staff Salary Increase)

Faiuze Ali made a motion to go into Executive Session, J. Richard Smith seconded it.

Motion # 2: To go into Executive Session
Vote # 2: 37 in favor and 1 not present for the vote

After the discussion, Stephen Esposito made a motion to approve the 7% staff salary increase. Inderpaul Ahluwalia approved the motion.

Motion # 3: To approve the 7% staff salary increase
Vote # 3: 37 in favor and 1 not present for the vote

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application - New

Ash Indian Café, Inc.
 125-22 Queens Boulevard
 Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new On-Premises Liquor License Application

Vote # 4: 37 in favor and 1 not present for the vote

Infinity Bar & Lounge LLC

119-12 101st Avenue

Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 5: To oppose new On-Premises Liquor License Application

Vote # 5: 37 in favor and 1 not present for the vote

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

El Pollo Inka NY, Inc.

D/b/a El Pollo Inka

89-20 101st Avenue

Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 6: To oppose new On-Premises Wine, Beer & Cider license application

Vote # 6: 37 in favor and 1 not present for the vote

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7 PM at the district office and via Zoom.

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

Co-Chair Sumpter-Delves stated that a rally is being scheduled in support of opening a new Middle School as opposed to an elementary school at 120-08 Jamaica Ave.

The next Education & Youth Services Committee meeting will take place on Monday, May 22nd, 2023 at 6 PM via Zoom.

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

- Committee Chair Ali stated that Chair Algreto and he attended the co-naming ceremony of the intersection of 101st Ave and 118th Street in memory of Guru Nanak and thanked the Sikh Community for the invite.
- Mr. Ali visited the two problematic sites in Kew Gardens at the suggestion of fellow board members Nina Kulkarni and Kevin O’Leary. The results of those visits will be shared at the next meeting.
- Effective July, there will be changes in train services. The email was forwarded to the board members.
- Since the timing of speed cameras was changed to 24/7, the city collected \$100M excluding late fees and other fees.
- The next Transportation and Traffic Committee meeting will take place on the 4th Thursday of the month via Zoom.

11. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Carmela Isabella, Chair

Chair Isabella stated that the committee decided to add Veteran Service to their list of responsibilities.

12. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Matthew Singh & Sassy Ramoutar, Co-Chairs, not present to give a report.

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

- The committee is dealing with the major zoning request in Kew Gardens that is still a part of a land use process known as ULURP.
- Gave an update on Kew Gardens Jail Project and on the status of Lefferts Boulevard Bridge Restoration Project.

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

The office has forwarded Zoom meeting notifications regarding Equity Park Playground and Maurice Fitzgerald Park Playground Reconstruction Community Input. Committee Chair Smith encouraged all to participate and give their recommendations.

15. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Kirpal Billing, Chair

Mr. Billing stated that the committee will be working on improving office budget planning and expenditure for the upcoming year.

He asked for contributions for the Good and Welfare Fund.

Committee Chair Billings stated that the committee will be meeting on a quarterly basis.

16. BY-LAW COMMITTEE REPORT – FAIUZE ALI, CHAIR

Committee Chair Ali reminded all to participate in a virtual meeting with QBP Counsel Allan Swisher tomorrow at 7 PM. The meeting's primary objective is to facilitate and familiarize newly appointed members, and board members in general, with established board protocols, general functionality, the board's chairperson and district manager's roles, etc.

17. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Seth Urbinder, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman stated that the office is accepting locations where garbage bins are needed.

Council Member is organizing a meeting with the community regarding the new school site on Jamaica Avenue. Date to be determined.

Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joann Ariola made announcements regarding events sponsored by the Council Member, i.e., Job Fair at the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Night at the Opera with the Queens Symphony Orchestra, Rain Barrel Giveaway event, etc.

Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz made announcements regarding events sponsored by the District Attorney.

Viola Isufaj, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar stated that the budget was finally passed in Albany. She also mentioned the expansion of Child Tax Credit and talked about other events sponsored by the Assembly Member.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo talked about the events sponsored by the Senator and thanked Chair Algreto for organizing the Autism & Developmental Disabilities Awareness Event.

Mr. Giudice also announced that this is his last appearance at the board meeting representing the Senator as his family is moving to North Carolina.

Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi asked all to come out and assist at the Kew Gardens Community Cleanup Event, co-sponsored by Council Member Schulman, that will take place on Saturday, May 13th, 10 AM-12 PM.

Anthony Lemma, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin reported on the state legislature increasing money coming to the schools. Assembly Member Weprin is a big supporter of neighborhood schools and always makes sure that they are fully funded.

Jonathan Betancourt, Rep. Congress Members Nydia Velasquez reported on the events sponsored by the Congress Member.

Ariella Davidov, Rep. QBP Donovan Richards thanked all who attended QBP Richards' State of the Borough Event and made an announcement regarding events sponsored by the Borough President.

Jared Hunter, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks stated that passport processing time has been expedited. it will now take 7-9 weeks to receive an updated copy.

Daiquan Llewellyn, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie spoke briefly about budget and various programs funding.

Tiffany Eason, Rep. Speaker Adrienne Adams reported on the events sponsored by the Speaker.

18. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Algreto stated that she attended the CEC 28 Legislative Breakfast on May 5th where the Principal of PS 99 spoke about the budget and the school's needs.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Regina Santoro encouraged all to purchase Air Tags for their vehicles.

Sandra Datnarain invited all to the next 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting which will be held at 110-08 Jamaica Ave on June 6th at 7 PM.

20. PUBLIC FORUM *No speakers.*

J. R. Smith made a motion to adjourn; Seth Welins seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:30 PM.