



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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

## DECEMBER 19, 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 2023-MARCH 2024

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Sandra Datnarain	(2)(2)	Sassy Ramoutar	(5)(7)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(3)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(2)(4)
Juan Batista II	(1)(1)	Stephen Forte	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Dilraj Batchu	(2)(2)	Albert Gamarra	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(3)(4)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(1)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(2)(3)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(3)
Kirpal Billing	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	Victor Starsky	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Carmela Isabella	(2)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Daniel Chu	(2)(3)	Reaz Khan	(2)(3)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(1)(2)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(3)	Nina Kulkarni	(0)(0)	Esta-Joy Sydell	(1)(1)
Ruben Cruz	(0)(0)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Andrew Taranto	(1)(1)
Marilyn Custodio	(1)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(3)(3)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Marla Abarca	(7)(7)	Daniel Coffaro Hill	(4)(6)	Matthew Singh	(6)(7)
John Carter	(1)(1)	Tiffanie Placeres	(3)(3)	Marie Turley	(5)(5)
Warlito DeLeon	(1)(1)	Bernard Robert	(6)(6)		

### ALSO PRESENT

James McClelland, District Manager  
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Max Leonardo, Council Member Lynn Schulman  
Shubhra Datta, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards  
Rokeya Akhter, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz  
Ann Marie Costella, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo  
Dequinn Llewellyn, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie  
Nathaniel Hezekiah III, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks  
Jonathan Betancourt, Rep. Congress Member Velazquez  
PO Michael Bohon, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.  
PO Jacob Vasconez, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.

## 1. PUBLIC HEARING

- *City of Yes – Economic Opportunity no speakers.*

## 2. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Joan DeCamp made a motion to accept the minutes; Inderpaul Ahluwalia seconded the motion.

**Motion # 1:** To adopt minutes as presented

**Vote # 1:** 31 in favor and 8 abstentions

## 3. GREETINGS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS *none present*

## 4. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS & EXEC. REPORT–Sherry Algreto, DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT-James McClelland

Chair Algreto wished all Happy Holidays and thanked all for their services.

District Manager McClelland wished happy birthday to Kamal Bhuiyan, Dulal Bhattacharjee, John Carter, and Daniel Chu. He thanked all for their support and wished happy, healthy, and joyous holidays to all.

## 5. PUBLIC FORUM

Vladimir Strizhevsky, Woodhaven Resident, spoke against the lights in Victory Field stating the generators cause too much noise.

Paul Trust, Advocate for a Queens Link proposal, spoke to express his disappointment in the executive committee's decision to decline support for environmental study being deducted on the Rockway Branch corridor.

Pablo Rubio, Executive Director of Formativas Barcelona SC, NYC, on behalf of many supporters had asked the board for its assistance to illuminate the darkened Victory Field in Forest Park. He stated that the temporary lights were set up in the park, but the city will likely take them down.

Chair Algreto suggested for Mr. Rubio and fellow advocates to speak at the next Park's Committee meeting to provide more information.

Miriam Benson, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about the Queens Link corridor proposal.

Inderjeet Singh, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about the non-for-profit organization United Sikhs and the events that they are organizing every month in different locations. The next event, Hepatitis B testing, will take place on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, from 11 AM to 2:30 PM at 113-10 101<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Rafael Palmo, Woodhaven Resident, spoke about the need for alternate side parking signs in Woodhaven.

Thanh Pham, Non-Profit Outreach, spoke about all the services that are provided by the organization, i.e., substance abuse help, veteran services, etc.

Carina Nieves, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke against illegal cannabis dispensaries and the City of Yes proposal.

## 6. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT, Faiuze Ali, Chair

Committee Chair Ali gave a brief recap of the issues that were discussed at the committee meeting, one of which was the issue of Queens Link endorsement.

A motion to table was made and seconded.

**Motion # 2:** To table the issue of Queens Link Endorsement

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

**7. EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT, Alexandra Sumpter-Delves & Seth Welins, Co-Chairs**

CB9 Toy Drive took place on December 16<sup>th</sup> at M.S. 210 in Ozone Park. Ms. Sumpter-Delves thanked all who helped to organize this annual event.

**8. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Sassy Ramoutar & Matthew Singh, Co-Chairs**  
*no report*

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

➤ ***City of Yes -Economic Opportunity Set of Zoning Proposals*** **VOTE TO BE TAKEN**

**Motion # 3:** To support CB9 Land Use & Housing Committee Resolution to oppose City of Yes - Economic Opportunity Set of Zoning Proposals

**Vote # 3:** 30 in favor, 4 opposed, and 5 abstentions

**10. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Holiday Greetings**

PO Bohon and PO Vasconez shared their contact information and wished all happy and safe holidays.

**11. Legislative Officials Representatives Acknowledgment**

Chair Algreto recognized legislative representatives and thanked them for their support.

**12. New Ad Hock Committee, Regina Santoro, Chair/Cannabis Licenses – Public Hearing**

**Cannabis Licenses – Retail Dispensary – New**

**VOTES TO BE TAKEN**

Amida Holdings Corp.  
117-11 Hillside Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Jungle Kingdom Flower Company  
81-27 Lefferts Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 – applicant’s representative stated that the applicant is ready to work with the community.

Cosmo Lab LLC  
77-06 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Ozone Park, NY 11416 - applicant’s representative stated that the applicant is ready to work with the community.

Cannabis Creations Inc.  
119-26 Metropolitan Avenue  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 – applicant’s representative stated that the applicant is ready to work with the community.

10415 Jamaica LLC  
104-15 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Budega Queens Club  
130-4 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

AAR CANN LLC  
110-04 Queens Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 - applicant’s representative stated that the applicant is ready to work with the community.

Mazal 126 Corp.  
110-04 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Autee LLC  
130-01 Hillside Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418                      *No speakers*

Joseph Malakov, D/b/a Jamaicanna LLC  
80-07 Jamaica Avenue  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 - *applicant's representative stated that the applicant is ready to work with the community.*

Anniery Holguin, D/b/a Annie, Miguel, & Sons  
86-117 Jamaica Avenue  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Downtown Flower LLC, D/b/a Broadway Bud  
116-05 Metropolitan Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 - *applicant's representative stated that the applicant is ready to work with the community.*

Committee Chair Santoro stated that in the last week alone three illegal smoke shops opened on Jamaica Avenue. There are thirty-five illegal shops in CB9, nineteen of which are located between Woodhaven and Lefferts Blvd.

Ms. Santoro clarified that the legislation around cannabis sales and regulations for legal sites remains unclear. There is a lack of enforcement to punish businesses selling cannabis products illegally. Their proximity to the schools and houses of worship is also an issue. The committee will be seeking guidance from the NYS Office of Cannabis Management.

Amida Holdings Corp.  
117-11 Hillside Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 4:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 4:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Jungle Kingdom Flower Company  
81-27 Lefferts Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

**Motion # 5:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 5:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Cosmo Lab LLC  
77-06 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

**Motion # 6:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 6:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Cannabis Creations Inc.  
119-26 Metropolitan Avenue  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

**Motion # 7:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 7:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

10415 Jamaica LLC  
104-15 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 8:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 8:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Budega Queens Club  
130-4 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 9:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 9:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

AAR CANN LLC  
110-04 Queens Boulevard  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

**Motion # 10:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 10:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Mazal 126 Corp.  
110-04 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 11:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 11:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Autee LLC  
130-01 Hillside Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 12:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 12:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Joseph Malakov, D/b/a Jamaicanna LLC  
80-07 Jamaica Avenue  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion # 13:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 13:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Anniery Holguin, D/b/a Annie, Miguel, & Sons  
86-117 Jamaica Avenue  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion # 14:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 14:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

Downtown Flower LLC, D/b/a Broadway Bud  
116-05 Metropolitan Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 15:** To oppose Cannabis License Retail Dispensary Application  
**Vote # 15:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

### 13. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Chair

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

DeoKaran, D/b/a Zest Lounge  
124-14 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419, *Mr. A. Caraballo, business representative, answered questions.*

**Motion # 16:** Not to oppose new On-Premises Liquor License Application

**Vote # 16:** Unanimous

Kor Global Inc., D/b/a Kor Nook  
101-01 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Ozone Park Hill, NY 11416

**Motion # 17:** Not to oppose new On-Premises Liquor License Application

**Vote # 17:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

13115 Tavern Corp., D/b/a Jade Room  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 18:** Not to oppose the new of On-Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application

**Vote # 18:** 38 in favor and 1 abstention

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

Bella Vista Sports Bar Corp.  
111-15 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 19:** To oppose the new of On-Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application due to lack of paperwork

**Vote # 19:** Unanimous

Rabbi Pollock reported on the following renewal applications:

**c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal**

Peruvian Kitchen Incorporated, D/b/a Don Pollo  
83-02 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Richi Rich Palace, NY Inc., D/b/a Richi Rich Palace  
110-17 Atlantic Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

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

Brisas Del Mar Sea Food Market 11 Corp.  
76-15 Jamaica Avenue  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

New Metro Sushi Café  
118-21 Metropolitan Avenue  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

**e. All Night Permits – New Years Eve Requests**

Kiss Entertainment Inc.  
130-35 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 – time extension request from 2 AM to 4 AM. Time commitment received.

Serie 56 Sport Bar  
94-10 Jamaica Avenue  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 – *committee opposed this request.*

La Obeja Negra Corp.  
105-05 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 – *committee opposed this request.*

The next Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**14. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Kirpal Billing brought up the issue of illegal parking and lack of police enforcement.

Cristal Revera spoke about the lack of guidelines regarding cannabis licenses.

**15. PUBLIC FORUM**

Juliet Ganpat, Richmond Hill Resident, thanked the board for voting in opposition to City of Yes Economic Opportunity Proposal.

Eyal Alost, Queens Resident, spoke in favor of adding new lights to Victory Field soccer area.

Chair Algreto thanked all the restaurant owners who donated food for tonight's social.

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn; all board members seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 8:30 PM.