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

JANUARY 14, 2025, MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, ROOM 200, 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD, KEW GARDENS, NY 11424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2024-MARCH 2025

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2024 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Warlito DeLeon	(1)(1)	Sassy Ramoutar	(6)(7)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(3)(3)
Faiuze Ali	(2)(2)	Stephen Forte	(1)(1)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Albert Gamarra	(1)(1)	Himmat Singh	(2)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(4)(4)
John Carter	(2)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Mohinder Singh	(4)(7)
Swapan Chakraborty	(0)(0)	Alicia Hassin	(2)(2)	Raghbir Singh	(2)(3)
Andrea Crawford	(3)(3)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(2)(2)
Ruben Cruz	(2)(3)	Carmela Isabella	(2)(2)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Marilyn Custodio	(2)(2)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Stacey Yearwood	(0)(0)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(2)(3)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kamal Bhuiyan	(6)(8)	Daniel Chu	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(4)(5)
Kirpal Billing	(2)(2)	Nina Kulkarni	(3)(3)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(2)(2)
Visnoonand Bisram	(2)(2)	Jonathan Rodriguez	(4)(4)	Esta-Joy Sydel	(3)(3)
Rick Chetram	(1)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(7)(8)	Andrew Taranto	(2)(2)

ALSO PRESENT

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Council Member Lynn Schulman
Ann Marie Costella, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Shubhra Datta, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Max Leonardo, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman
Anna Sargeant, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar
Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melida Katz
Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joan Ariola
Daequan Llewellyn, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
Nathaniel Hezekiah, Rep. Congress Member Gregory Meeks

1. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report–Sherry Algreto

- Chair Algreto stated that Community Board 9 is very sad to learn about the passing of former District Manager Lisa Gomes who served Community Board 9 for many years and was valued by the community. She started in July of 1990 as a Youth Coordinator until April 1995. Then, from April 1995 to May 1998, she was employed by the NYC Department of Social Services. From 1998 until 2014 Lisa served as a Community Coordinator at CB9 and then was hired in 2014 as the District Manager to CB9. After her diagnosis of early Alzheimer's, sadly Lisa retired in 2017. The CB9 community is grateful for the great work and commitment shown by Lisa. Community Board 9 offers its condolences to Lisa's family and loved ones.
- A moment of silence was also held for Ms. Joann Dookran-Franco, a member of the RHBA, who was struck and killed by a yellow cab, and for fellow board member EJ Sydell's mother, who passed away this month.
- Chair Algreto announced that a fellow board member Victor Starsky resigned from the board and thanked him for his service.

Council Member Lynn Schulman addressed the board and spoke about upcoming events, participatory budgeting and a deadline for submitting project ideas, as well as constituent services offered by her office.

Question and answer period followed.

2. 102nd Precinct Briefing

Deputy Inspector Jeremy Kivlin, the commanding officer of the 102nd Pct., confirmed he will be departing from his current position.

He stated that the 102nd Precinct had the largest reduction of crime in all of Queens in 2024. DI Kivlin thanked his officers who went out on the streets and did the job every day in helping bring crime down. He also thanked the community for their support.

DI Kivlin stated that the only category crime that went up was grand larceny, many of which were phone scams and car break-ins, which could be prevented with education.

Chair Algreto asked all to give him a round of applause for all the great things he's done for the community, for always answering everyone's questions, and for making himself available at any time.

3. Opening of Meeting and Reading of Minutes

Chair Algreto stated that the time for when the December 10th meeting was adjourned should be 8:04 PM.

Steven Esposito motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Joan DeCamp seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To adopt minutes as amended

Vote # 1: 24 in favor and 8 abstentions

4. Public Forum

Sol McCants III, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about the new year's resolutions and governmental interference (testimony submitted).

Raida Hossain, Community & Government Affairs Liaison, LiveOnNY, spoke about her organization, the nonprofit committed to helping New York live through organ and tissue donation and to caring for the families touched by donation.

Ms. Hossain stated that as part of their mission, they work with local hospitals and transplant centers to deliver the gift of life, educate the community about the power of donation, and advocate on behalf of those who are waiting for a transplant.

Hillary Dvorkin, Friends of Babbage & Bessemer, stated that she has been working with Senator Addabbo to address issues under the lower Montauk Viaduct – a railroad that comes out of Forest Park down Babbage Street. The nonprofit is looking for extra resources to address daily maintenance of the area.

Jonathan Rinaldi, Forest Hills Resident, spoke about NYPD issues and the congestion pricing plan affecting commuters.

5. Economic & Community Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair *not present*

6. Transportation & Traffic Committee Updates – Faiuze Ali, Chair, reported on the DOT's presentation re: Woodhaven Boulevard Redesign Project (between Queens Boulevard and Rockaway Boulevard):

- Safety improvements
- Medians refurbishing
- Bus stops amenities treatment
- Adding trees and other landscape elements throughout the corridor
- Bus boarding facilitation, etc.

He also spoke about the problem of littering electric scooters in Queens.

7. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report/Public Hearing (Letters of Intent Received)
Albert Gamarra, Chair

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

G.S. Sports Bar Corp.
76-06 Rockaway Boulevard
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No Speakers*

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application

Vote # 2: 31 in favor and 1 abstention

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

Nabhya Banquet Hall & Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Nabhya Restaurant & Bar
120-35 83rd Avenue
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

The application was withdrawn by the applicant.

Pollo Nene Corp.
111-17 Jamaica Avenue
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application

Vote # 3: Unanimous

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

Harbor Breeze Restaurant & Lounge Inc.
107-12 101st Avenue
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Grazi Foods Inc., d/b/a Paul Michael's Brick Oven Café
85-19 126th Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Letters of **no opposition** to these renewal applications will be sent to the SLA.

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28th, 2025.
Chair Algreto acknowledged the legislative representatives who gave their updates.

At Chair Algreto's request, Nathaniel Hezekiah from Senator Leroy Comrie's office, gave a short presentation on Mail Protection. He gave out flyers on how to protect mail from thieves stating that if someone witnesses a mail thief at work, or if they believe that their mail was stolen, police should be contacted immediately and then they should call the Postal Inspector at 877-876-2455.

8. Old/New Business

By-Law Committee Chair Stephen Forte asked all members to review Article 6 of CB9 by- laws.
He also suggested for the nominees submit a short resume to introduce themselves to the rest of the board.

Chair Algreto spoke briefly about the term limits for Board Members serving on the board going in effect in 2026.

Cristal Rivera asked for an update on the dispensary on 104th Street.

Chair Algreto reminded all that February 14th is the deadline to renew board membership.

Regina Santoro stated that the request to re-open Forest Park Drive was denied.

Chair Algreto wished happy birthday to board members who were born in January.

9. PUBLIC FORUM *no speakers*

Kevin O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Albert Gamarra seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 8:55 PM.