



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

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J. Richard Smith, Chairperson \* Melinda Katz, Borough President

**NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**  
**Queens Borough Hall, RM. 200, 120-55 Queens Blvd. Kew Gardens, NY 11424**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2018-MARCH 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> # Represents Absences as of January-December 2018 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(3)(3)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(1)(4)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(2)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(1)	Maharani Singh	(2)(2)
Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Linda Fogal	(1)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(3)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(2)(3)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Joseph laboni	(0)(1)	Naima Sultana	(2)(2)
John Carter	(1)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(0)(1)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(1)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)(4)
Nick Comaianni	(2)(4)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)(2)	Seth Welins	(0)(1)
Andrea Crawford	(3)(3)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(2)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Sandra Datnarain	(3)(3)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)(1)		
Joan DeCamp	(1)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(4)		

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dolores Baldassare	(3)(3)	Mohamed Safie	(6)(9)	Matthew Singh	(2)(3)
Latchman Budhai	(3)(5)	Jagir Singh	(1)(1)		

**ALSO PRESENT**

Irina Barayeva, Community Associate  
 Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant  
 Leela Venketachalam, Community Service Aide

**LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES**

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams  
 Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo  
 Aneta Golaszewski, Rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer  
 Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz  
 Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller  
 Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member Weprin  
 Alexa Arcchi, Rep. Assembly Member Hevesi  
 Lt. Estrella, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.  
 PO Jose Severino, Community Affairs, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.  
 PO Edwin Martinez, Community Affairs, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.

*Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.*

## 1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Geordies Joint Inc.  
79-19 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *a representative was present to answer board members' questions.*

117-03 Hillside Catering Inc.  
D/b/a Spice 2.0  
117-03 Hillside Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge Inc.  
100-05 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *a representative was present to answer board members' questions.*

El Nuevo Yayo Restaurant Corp.  
97-12 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *no speakers*

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

Kukin Bar & Grill Corp.  
106-01 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

9019, LLC  
D/b/a Caridad Restaurant  
90-19 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *no speakers*

3 In 1 Deli Grocery Inc.  
131-11 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

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

La Negra Restaurant Corp.  
D/b/a La Cocina De Alex Café Bar & Lounge  
102-03 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *no speakers*

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Sam Esposito, President, Ozone Park Residents Block Association, voiced his opinion on CB9 District Manager search and wished for the best candidate to be selected.

Chair Smith recognized Queens Borough President Melinda Katz who stated the following:

- Thanked the Board Members for the work they do for the future of generations to come.
- Stated that it's imperative that everyone in Queens is counted in the upcoming 2020 Census as it will determine our representation in the U.S. House of Representatives and how much federal funding (for our seniors, highways, affordable housing, etc.) we receive for the next ten years.

- Thanked all Kew Gardens organizations - involved in the saving of the Lefferts Boulevard Bridge.
- Congratulated former Board Member Raj Rampershad whom she recently appointed to the NYC Planning Commission. NYC Planning Commission issues major land use decisions as it oversees the planning of the orderly growth and development of the city. Borough President Katz presented a Proclamation declaring Tuesday, November 13, 2018 to be "Raj Rampershad Day" in Queens.
- Presented Certificates of Completion of NYC Department of City Planning's Training Workshop for Queens Community Board Members to the following members: Raj Rampershad (former Board Member), Lorraine Fletcher and Inderpaul Ahluwalia.
- Presented Andrea Crawford and Nick Comaianni with the Award for Fifteen Years of Service on the Board.

Jagpreet Singh, Community Organizer CHHAYA CDC, announced the opening of a first satellite office at 121-18 Liberty Ave in Richmond Hill. Mr. Singh stated that this non-profit community based organization has been providing their free services for over ten years in homeownership education & counseling, immigration services, tax preparation, small business counselling, ESL classes, tenants' rights counseling, etc.

Paul Hudon, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke against new Jail in Kew Gardens and stated that all Queens Community Boards should unite and oppose this proposal.

David Hudon, Kew Gardens Resident, spoke against closing Rikers Island and opening a new jail facility in Kew Gardens.

Joseph Caruana, Our Neighbors Civic Association of Ozone Park, Inc., made the following announcements:

- Holiday Gala at Russo's on the Bay will take place on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 12:30-5 p.m.
- Potluck Luncheon at Nativity Church basement will take place on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 noon to 4 p.m.
- Our Neighbors Civic Association of Ozone Park's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Deshi Senior Center, 83-10 Rockaway Blvd., at 7 p.m.
- Living Word Christian Fellowship free Thanksgiving Dinner will be by reservation only on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 seatings: 5 pm and 7 pm.
- On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 their Board voted not to merge with the Ozone Park Residents Block Association.

### **3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes**

Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections/additions to October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

**Motion # 1:** To accept October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

**Vote # 1:** 35 in favor and 2 abstentions

### **4. Monthly Update - NYPD Report 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.**

Sgt. Dotson stated that the 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. is down 50% in crime for the last 28 days and over 15% down year to date. The numbers are up in little crimes, i.e. petty larcenies: property crimes, breaking into vehicles, etc.

*Chairperson Smith recognized legislative representatives.*

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, stated that the Senator is opposed to new Jail Proposal and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member Weprin, made an announcement about Fighting Fire and

Fraud event taking place on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Tpke. Please call the office to RSVP.

Aneta Golaszewski, Rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, made an announcement about a Diwali Celebration, sponsored by the Comptroller, taking place on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at David Dinkins Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street North.

Alexa Arcocchi, Rep. Assembly Member Hevesi, stated that Toiletries Drive for Coalition for the Homeless will run November 1<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> at the offices of Assembly Members Andrew Hevesi, 70-50 Austin St.

Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, made the following announcement regarding events sponsored by the Assembly Member:

- Small Business Town Hall will take place on Thursday, November 29, 2018, 6:30-8:30 PM at Ridgewood Older Adult Center, 58-14 70<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Free CPT/AED Awareness Course will take place on Monday, November 19, 2018 6-7 PM the Richmond Hill Association/One Stop, 110-08 Jamaica Ave.
- Thanksgiving Food and Coat Drive is ongoing; the deadline to donate is Friday, November 16, 2018.

## 5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – J. Richard Smith

### ➤ FY 2020 Capital & Expense Budget

Jim Coccovillo made a motion to accept the FY202 Budget as presented. Rabbi Daniel Pollack seconded the motion.

**Motion # 2:** To accept FY2020 Capital & Expense Budget as presented

**Vote # 2:** Unanimous

Chairperson Smith made an announcement regarding the vote for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair that will be taken at the next Community Board meeting.

## 6. Land Use & Housing Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs

### ➤ Land Use Review Process Application regarding Demapping 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave between 126<sup>th</sup> and 132<sup>nd</sup> St.

Sylvia Hack read the draft Queens CB9 Resolution that opposes the Demapping of 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave between 126<sup>th</sup> Street and 132<sup>nd</sup> Street:

This proposed Demapping is intended to enable a 1.9 million square foot jail to be constructed over this property. The Demapping will:

1. Remove parking from an area now heavily used for such.
2. Cut off access from 132nd street to Hoover Avenue. The latter now gives access to 83rd Ave across Queens Boulevard. Closing this street will also force pedestrians to go the long way around to access Hoover Avenue and Queens Boulevard.
3. This proposal is also premature. This application is labeled Land-Use Review application. The narrative accompanying this application would be part of a ULURP which has not even begun. ULURP begins upon certification of the whole application regarding the proposed jail in CB 9. Yet we receive this "polling" letter which accompanies a 21 page document and are told that we have 3 to 4 weeks to respond. And if we do not respond, then it is assumed that we have no objections.

**Motion # 3:** To accept CB9 Land Use Committee Resolution to oppose the Demapping of 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave between 126<sup>th</sup> and 132<sup>nd</sup> Streets

**Vote # 3:** Unanimous

**7. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – James V. Coccovillo & Rabbi Pollack, Co-Chairs**

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

Geordies Joint Inc.  
79-19 Jamaica Ave  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Motion # 4:** Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for Geordies Joint Inc.,  
79-19 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 4:** Unanimous

117-03 Hillside Catering Inc.  
D/b/a Spice 2.0  
117-03 Hillside Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 5:** Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for 117-03 Hillside Catering  
Inc., d/b/a Spice 2.0, 117-03 Hillside Ave

**Vote # 5:** 35 in favor and 2 opposed

Heat Caribbean Kitchen & Lounge Inc.  
100-05 Atlantic Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 6:** Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for Heat Caribbean Kitchen &  
Lounge Inc., 100-05 Atlantic Ave with 1 a.m. stipulation

**Vote # 6:** Unanimous

El Nuevo Yayo Restaurant Corp.  
97-12 101<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

**Motion # 7:** Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for El Nuevo Yayo Restaurant  
Corp., 97-12 101<sup>st</sup> Ave with 1 a.m. stipulation

**Vote # 7:** Unanimous

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

Kukin Bar & Grill Corp.  
106-01 Jamaica Ave  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**Motion # 8:** Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application for Kukin Bar &  
Grill Corp., 106-01 Jamaica Ave

**Vote # 8:** 35 in favor and 2 opposed

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
at 7 p.m. at the board office.

**8. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair, stated the following:**

An update was emailed to Chair Molina regarding Breaking Ground Drop-in Center for Homeless Adults at  
100-32 Atlantic Ave stating that a construction phase at their facilities has been approved and is about to  
commence.

CB 9 is working on a resolution opposing the homeless shelter for mentally ill men at 85-15 101<sup>st</sup> Ave in Ozone Park. This population would be better served at a treatment facility where they are guaranteed shelter, financial assistance and proper medical treatment. The Mayor should consider housing homeless families and homeless single parents at this facility.

The next Health & Social Services Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6 p.m.

**9. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenichi Wilson, Chair**, reported on the following:

A street co-naming ceremony of Maria Thomson Way took place on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the corner of Jamaica Avenue and Forest Parkway in honor of Maria Thomson.

A meeting with DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg took place on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regarding the new LED World's Fair Style street lights on Jamaica Avenue between Forest Parkway and 109<sup>th</sup> Street.

Crossing Guards are needed in CB9 area; anyone who is interested please call the district office or 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.

Extra parking spaces will be created in the vicinity of 86<sup>th</sup> Rd & 88<sup>th</sup> Rd.

The next Transportation & Traffic Committee meeting will take place (if needed) on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**10. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report – Regina Santoro, Chair** *no report*

**11. Economic Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair** *not present to give a report*

**12. Education & Youth Services Committee Report – Seth Welins, Chair:**

Education committee members met with officials of Queens Library on Oct. 5, 2018. We strongly expressed our concern about the renovation delays, the proposed plans for temporary library services during the renovations and the inadequate communication between Queens Library and our board. We will send a letter to Dennis Wolcott, president of Queens Library, asking him to meet with us and address our concerns.

**13. Guest Speaker, Queens Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney, James Quinn on Rikers Island Jail**

Mr. Quinn spoke regarding the de Blasio administration's plan to close and replace Rikers Island with four Borough-based jails. He detailed the statistics on detainees, crime rate in NYC 1993 vs 2017, incarceration rates per 100,000 people, criminal case history of "bailable" defendants, etc. A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

Question and answer period followed.

**14. Old Business** *No speakers*

**15. New Business**

Ragbir Singh invited all to a Sigh Day Parade on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 that will start at 101<sup>st</sup> Ave & 118<sup>th</sup> St. Free food will be provided.

**16. Public Forum** *No speakers*

Seth Welins made a motion to adjourn, John Carter seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:20 p.m.