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NOVEMBER 12, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, 120-55 QUEENS BLVD., RM 213, KEW GARDENS, NY 11424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020

2nd # Represents Absences as of January-December 2019 (Borough President's Attendance)

Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(2)(2)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(2)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(1)(2)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)
Julio Batista	(0)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	Regina Santoro	(2)(2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Jarnail Singh	(3)(4)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(1)	Maharani Singh	(1)(3)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Raghibir Singh	(1)(1)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Lisa Komninos	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(2)(2)	Jan Fenster	(1)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(1)(4)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(4)(5)	Naima Sultana	(4)(4)
Latchman Budhai	(3)(4)	Mohamed Safie	(6)(9)	Marie Turley	(2)(3)
Nick Comaianni	(4)(5)	Matthew Singh	(4)(5)		
Andrea Crawford	(3)(3)	Mohinder Singh	(1)(2)		

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Bob Holden, NYC Council Member
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz
Meredith Wittmann, Rep. Assembly Member Davie Weprin
Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Peter Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Samantha King, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.
Andrew Taranto, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nydia Velazquez
Tim Thomas, Rep. Council Member Daniel Rosenthal
Sgt. Nelson, PO Severino, PO Corroiea, PO Sorrentino, 102nd Pct.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Chimi Mundo Lounge Inc.
98-05 Atlantic Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

La Hueca Guayaca Corp.
88-09 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

El Pollo Inka NY Inc.
89-20 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Yerba Buena Juice Bar & Super Food Inc.
111-25 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Happy Days Lounge Corp.
118-16 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Yayo Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a El Viejo Yayo
97-12 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

d. On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application – Renewal

V N K Coffee Shop Inc.
D/b/a Marino S Corner
90-17 130th Street
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

e. Corporate Change Application

VC Restaurant Bar & Lounge Corp.
104-19 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

f. Method of Operation Change Application

Mazi Nightclub Inc.
D/b/a Mazi Nightclub
130-35 91st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

g. FY 2021 Capital & Expense Budget *No speakers*

2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Council Member Bob Holden encouraged all to take a free thyroid cancer screening taking place today in Room 200, stating that early detection saves lives.

Council Member Holden spoke about text to 911 system stating that it could be a crucial lifeline for people with hearing and speech challenges. Texting to 911 also can give people a safer way to seek help when calling would only increase danger, such as with domestic violence and hostage situations.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo invited all to Java with Joe Event on Saturday, November 23, 2019 10 AM to 11:30 AM at Avenue Diner, 91-06 Jamaica Ave. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz, thanked Council Member Holden for sponsoring and Health & Social Services Committee Chair Marian C. Molina for organizing the Thyroid Cancer Screening Event.

Ms. Rosero stated that Queens Borough President Katz's Internship Program for high school and college students starts in January. Anyone who is interested should contact Mr. Joe Nocerino at jnocerino@queensbp.org.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams:

- Town Hall with Mayor Bill de Blasio is on Wednesday, November 13th at 7 PM at August Martin High School, 156-10 Baisley Blvd.
- FY21 Discretionary Funding Info Session for all community-based organizations interested in applying for funding from the NYC Council will take place on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 PM at Thomas White Jr. Foundation Building, 162-04 Tuskegee Airmen Way.
- A Census Job Fair, co-sponsored by Assembly Member David Weprin, is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 at Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens.
- Free help with immigration and legal services is offered on a weekly basis at the Lefferts Blvd. Branch Library. Call to make an appointment.
- Cooperative Turkey Drive will take place on Monday, November 25th, 2019 at Majority Family Life Center at 2 PM.
- Waiting for Phil Rizzuto Playground to open in March 2020.
- Have brought Maurice Fitzgerald Playground renovation to Queens Parks Commissioner Docket's attention and it is on the Council Member's radar.
- Queens DDC is encouraging the public to be part of EDC Survey regarding challenges in Richmond Hill.
- Local Funding for FY20 was as follows:
 - ✓ PS 62: \$1M for Computer Lab and \$20,000 CASA with Midori and Friends;
 - ✓ PS 55: installation of the water bottle refill stations;
 - ✓ RHHS: PB Capital Project Student Lounge Renovation and \$20,000 for Cultural Immigrant Initiative with Midtown Management.
 - ✓ High School for Construction Trades, Engineering & Architecture received \$20,000 CASA for CUNY CAT.
 - ✓ \$7,000 for Heart Share Human Services of NY, R.C. Diocese of Brooklyn and \$5,000 for St. Mary's Gate of Heaven Ozone Park Senior Center.

Peter Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, no report.

Michael Cohen, Rep. Council Member Karen Koslowitz, stated the following:

- All suggestions received for Participatory Budgeting will be given to relevant city agencies where they will be screened for viability. The accepted items will be given a price tag and sent back to PB delegates who will put them on a ballot for the period of election from March 30th to April 8th, 2019.
- A new real estate company has taken over responsibility for Lefferts Boulevard Bridge. An RFP is in creation and the office have requested to be notified when the RFP goes out.

Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., stated that:

- College students or high school seniors interested in the Senator's Internship Program should contact Ms. George by calling (718) 523-3069.
- Clergy Dinner will take place on Thursday, November 21st, 2019, 6-8:30 PM at Standard Bearer of NY,

240-08 135th Ave in Rosedale.

- The Annual Property Tax Event will take place on Tuesday, December 10th, 6 PM-8 PM at the Royal Indian Palace.

Tim Thomas, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal, reported on the following:

- Assembly Member Rosenthal gave \$20,000 in funding to PS 99.
- The new bill that requires pharmacies to notify patients when their medications get recalled, co-sponsored by Senator Comrie, was signed into law.
- A bill which expands the operation of bingo games for senior and community centers was also passed. Under the legislation, centers can now host bingo games roughly once per week.

Samantha King, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller, made the following announcements:

- The office is collecting items for the Thanksgiving Drive.
- A bus for Free Mammogram Screening will be stationed in front of their office on November 24th, 9 AM to 12 PM. Appointments are required.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nydia Velasquez, stated that Woodhaven Town Hall will take place on Monday, December 2nd, 2019 at 6 PM at the American Legion, 89-02 91st St.

Andrew Taranto, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie, stated that the Property Tax Forum that was announced at the last meeting is postponed until further notice.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Carla Rodriguez, Citizens Committee of NYC, is representing a nonprofit organization that supports volunteer groups who are implementing community improvement projects in their neighborhood. Projects range from converting an empty lot into a community garden, bringing the community together to learn about nutrition and health, or supporting after school initiatives.

For more information about the grants and other services provided by this organization, please visit www.citizenscyc.org, email them at grants@citizensnyc.org, or call 212-822-9595.

John Pili and Oswald Araujo, Beacon Program, introduced the students who take advantage of afterschool programs provided by the Beacon program.

Mike Scalt, OPRBA, voiced his concern regarding an incident that happened in Ozone Park.

Sam Esposito, OPRBA, wished for more board members to attend and take part in events and happenings in Ozone Park.

Shirley Mansuhani, Richmond Hill, made an announcement regarding the opening of the new Adult Day Care Center at 108-11 Atlantic Ave in Richmond Hill.

Maroua Righi, Civilian Complaint Review Board, stated that the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is an independent agency. It is empowered to receive, investigate, mediate, hear, make findings, and recommend action on complaints against NYPD officers alleging the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language.

She invited all to CCRB Town Hall which will take place tomorrow, November 13th, 2019, 6:30 PM at 80 Pitt Street in Manhattan.

4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to October 10th, 2019 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Sherman Kane made a motion to accept, Sylvia Hack seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept October 10th, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: 25 in favor and 1 abstention

5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd PCT REPORT

PO Jose Severino invited all to Sector C Build The Block Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting that will take place on Wednesday, November 13th, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Homestead Senior Center, 82-45 Beverly Road.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS & EXEC. REPORT – Kenichi Wilson

Chairperson Wilson reported on the following:

- Attended the Rally for Safety in Ozone Park.
- Thanked the board members who attended the Queens Community Board Training Workshop and completed this long task to get their Certificates.

• FY 2021 Capital & Expense Budget

DM McClelland stated that the order of FY2021 Capital and Expense Request Priorities, included in Board Members' packages, is not final and can be edited.

Sherman Kane requested to move priority number 10 (Upgrade or create new greenways on Woodhaven Blvd.) in Capital Requests to priority number 1. Chair Wilson suggested to give it number 5 so it is within first five requests.

Maharani Singh asked to review last year's list and add one of the items to current year's requests.

Regina Santoro asked to add Queens Way to Capital & Expense Budget Priorities.

Motion # 2: To accept Queens CB9 FY2021 Capital Budget Requests Priorities as amended.

Vote # 2: 25 in favor and 1 abstention

Regina Santoro asked to move number 10 (install plank fencing along Freedom Drive in Forest Park) to priority number 8.

Motion # 3: To accept Queens CB9 FY2021 Expense Budget Requests Priorities as amended.

Vote # 3: Unanimous

7. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – James S. McClelland reported on the following:

- Happy birthday to Laraine Fletcher & Raghbir Singh.
- Capital and Expense priorities will be submitted on Friday. The next step – will be testimonies to Council Members and Borough President's office.
- Homeless Shelter – the next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 5th – 6:30 PM at Shelter.
- The next district service cabinet meeting for all city agencies is scheduled for November 21st at 10 am at the district office.
- Since January, the office has received over 320 complaints, concerns or questions regarding various quality of life issues and requesting assistance. A vast majority of these cases have been resolved and we will continue to work to ensure that each one is closed to the satisfaction of the constituent.

DM McClelland wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

8. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marian C. Molina, Chair

1st Vice Chair Molina thanked Marilyn Martinucci from HSS Screening and Early Detection, Inc. for conducting CB9's first Thyroid Cancer Screening Event in conjunction with the Health and Social Services Committee. More than 60 people took advantage of this life saving opportunity. The event was a success.

She also thanked all those who donated toys for the Toy Drive, and toiletries for Collection for the Adult Unit Ambulatory Services at Jamaica Hospital. Donations may be brought to the next CB9 Board Meeting on

December 10, 2019. Donations may also be dropped off at the elected officials' offices listed on the flyer, or at the CB9 office in Queens Borough Hall, Room 310-A. Collections will continue through December 14, 2019.

Ms. Molina commended Sylvia Hack for volunteering endless hours on researching the ULURP process, and coordinating meetings with various community organizations, including organizing the Town Hall meeting at Helen Marshal Cultural Center, to address the Kew Gardens new jail proposal. She wished Happy Thanksgiving to all.

9. EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Sherry Algreto, Chair:

"I would like to start off with a brief Synopsis of our Discretionary funding in Community Board 9 schools. Before I do that, we would like to say a special thank you to Council Member Adrienne Adams and her budget director Katherine Mooney for providing the funding of \$1M for installation of a brand-new science lab at PS62; \$200K for the renovation of the student lounge at Richmond Hill High School, and for other school projects she allocated funding to within our Community Board for the fiscal year 2020.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Council Member Eric Ulrich who has a history of reaching out and working with our schools and his budget Director Mr. Matthew Pecorino. Some highlights are: \$675K for cooling system at PS60; \$200K for JHS210 auditorium renovation; 350K for security cameras at PS97, \$100K at PS306, PS64, PS66, PS90, PS316.

Also, to Karen Koslowitz for her funding of \$100K for bathroom renovations at PS51, \$55K for technology upgrade at PS51, \$70K for tech upgrade at PS54 and \$50K for new water fountains at PS99.

Very soon it will be time for another round of applications for the 2021 budget and we will be very involved in reaching out to schools and helping them get the financial support they need for their capital projects.

We have also submitted some school request for our CB9 Capital budget to be voted on tonight.

On Friday I was able to visit PS90 and they have a huge space which is the roof over their auditorium, and they would like to transform that space into a gym given that the school has no gym or a greenhouse.

We also visited PS56 where Principal Leiter explained her need for security cameras installed in the school for the safety of the children and staff.

I am also happy to announce the success of the Beacon English Program. Within 2 weeks after their visit to our board, they got 40 members and have already launched this class. There were people in the audience at our meeting that worked at community schools and were happy to hear about this initiative. There are many parents who needed this free service.

Lastly, our Community is tired of waiting on the Richmond Hill Library renovation. We received an email from DDC, and judging from this email, the project will be delayed again because the scope of work may cost more than what was put aside as a fully funded project. This means our Elected Officials will have to put in more money to meet the projected cost and we are looking at another year or more of delays. At this point, this is unacceptable to us as the committee is involved in representing our community. We have a letter that is addressed to QBP Katz and will be passing it over to Ann Marie Peritto her liaison to our community board. We are hoping that she will intervene on behalf of this community and get better results which our community deserves.

I would like to say how thankful I am to be a part of this board. I wish to thank Zoila who was one of the first people to welcome me here and always keeps a seat for me, my Education team, because when we get together, we are supportive of each other and our ideas. Faiuze, who looks over much of my work and always gives me great info. Irina, Victor and Leela have been very helpful to me and therefore I am able to be on top of things. I thank James every month because I must. I book meetings and he always makes time to attend them.

Lastly, our Chair Kenichi for approving everything and going to these meetings and events I ask him to attend."

10. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair stated the following:

- The MTA is extending their pilot program which made LIRR service more affordable for residents in some of the most deserted transit areas. The idea is that the selected stations are in neighborhoods poorly served by the subway, and the current cost of LIRR tickets discourages riders from using the railroad daily.
- Fourteen charging stations for electrical cars are planned to be installed in Queens, two of which will be in CB9: on 103rd Ave and 104th St. The installation will be completed by spring of 2020.

11. LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs

Sylvia Hack stated that the committee reviewed a letter that First Deputy Mayor Fuleihan wrote to the four council members in whose districts the borough-based jails are proposed to be built. The letter is being drafted with the questions regarding the points of agreement listed in the letter.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – Joe Iaboni & Rabbi Daniel Pollack, Co-Chairs

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

El Pollo Inka NY Inc.
89-20 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application for El Pollo Inka NY Inc.,
89-20 101st Ave

Vote # 4: 25 in favor and 1 abstention

b. Method of Operation Change Application

Mazi Nightclub Inc.
D/b/a Mazi Nightclub
130-35 91st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 5: Not to approve method of operation change application for Mazi Nightclub Inc., d/b/a Mazi Nightclub,
130-35 91st Ave due to lack of cooperation and adverse information received by the NYPD

Vote # 5: Unanimous

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Chimi Mundo Lounge Inc.
98-05 Atlantic Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 6: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for Chimi Mundo Lounge Inc.,
98-05 Atlantic Ave

Vote # 6: 18 in favor and 8 opposed

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting will take on Monday, November 18th, 2019 at 7 PM at the district office.

13. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Cristal Rivera, Chair, reported on the following:

- The Committee helped to raise awareness at the US Census 2020 Hiring Event on October 25th, 2019
- CB9 Economic Mixer Event that took place on November 7th at the Austin Ale House had a great outcome. Among the attendees were representatives from Queens Chamber of Commerce, Queens EDC, GWDC, Woodhaven BID, QBPO and CB9 members. We were able to establish connection between the Chamber and local BIDs on how they can work together on advocacy purposes and highlighting issues for small businesses as well as on funding opportunities to work together.

14. **PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Regina Santoro, Chair** stated that the next Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 at 7:15 PM.

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

Mr. Carter reported on the OTPS (Other than Personal Services) part of the budget and on Good & Welfare Fund spending.

16. **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – Joan DeCamp, Chair**

Joan DeCamp said that with Raj Rampershad's appointment there is a need to bring an architect to the Board as their expertise would be a big help for the board with ULURP and BSA issues.

17. **OLD BUSINESS - no speakers**

18. **NEW BUSINESS**

Faiuze Ali – brought up Assembly Member Hevesi's rent subsidy bill that will appropriate \$15M to help keep struggling families and individuals out of the shelter system and help those who are already in temporary housing get closer to finding a more stable living situation.

Sherman Kane – spoke about cable companies that leave their cables hanging.

19. **PUBLIC FORUM – no speakers**

Stephen Esposito made the motion to adjourn. Rabbi Daniel Pollack seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 10:01 P.M.