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OCTOBER 10, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING WOODHAVEN MANOR CATERERS & BANQUENS, 96-01 JAMAICA AVE, WOODHAVEN, NY 11424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(0)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)
Julio Batista	(0)(1)	Linda Fogal	(1)(2)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(3)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Lisa Komninos	(1)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Latchman Budhai	(2)(3)	Joseph Iaboni	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(3)(4)
Nick Comaianni	(3)(4)	Ivan Mrakovic	(3)(4)	Maharani Singh	(1)(3)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(2)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(1)(2)	Matthew Singh	(3)(4)
Sandra Datnarain	(1)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(5)(8)	Raghbir Singh	(1)(1)
Laraine Fletcher	(2)(2)	Regina Santoro	(2)(2)	Naima Sultana	(3)(3)

ALSO PRESENT

James S. McClelland, District Manager
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate
Victor Ampuero, Community Assistant

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Samantha King, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Natalia Kozikowska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
David Aronov, NYC Census 2020
Lt. Estrella, 102nd Pct.
Sgt. Nelson, 102nd Pct.
PO Severino, 102nd Pct.
Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Hallah Saleh, Department of City Planning
Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member Davie Weprin.
Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.
Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi
Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nydia Velazquez

Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.

Chair Wilson thanked Mr. Singh for agreeing to host tonight's meeting on short notice.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Club Maracas One LLC
121-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

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

Kevinkel Corp.
106-05 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

10224 La Cabana Restaurant Bar Corp.
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Sabores Latinos Restaurant Inc.
124-04 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Blend Restaurant & Lounge LLC
127-07 94th Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Golden Arrow Sports Bar Inc.
D/b/a Golden Arrow Bar & Lounge
107-14 101st
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

d. Class Change Application

Tu Casa #4 Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Tu Casa Restaurant
116-35 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

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

- Will be collecting items for the Thanksgiving Drive.
- The office will be a drop off location for CB9's Toy Drive.
- Will be collecting toiletries for homeless.
- A bus for Free Mammogram Screening will be stationed in front of the office on November 24th, 9 AM to 12 PM. Appointments are required.

Natalia, Kozikowska, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, made the following announcements:

- The Fall Festival, sponsored by the Council Member, will take place on Saturday, October 12th in Forest Park and October 19th, 12-3 PM at Addabbo Park.
- Second Annual Community Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Council Member and Grow NYC, is open every

- Saturday at the Buddy Monument, Park Lane South & Myrtle Ave from 9 AM to 2 PM until November 23rd.
- Constituents who want to receive e-news from Council Member Ulrich can call the office and provide their email address.

Anthony Giudice, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, stated the following:

- Free Mammogram Screening will take place on Friday, November 1st, 9 AM to 5 PM at New York Community Bank, 156-02 Cross Bay Boulevard.
- Free Prostate Screening, sponsored by the Senator, will take place on Saturday, November 16 10 AM to 11:30 AM at the Howard Beach Office, 159-53 102nd Street. For appointments call (718) 738-1111.

Kate Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams:

- Thanked Health & Social Services Committee Chair Marian C. Molina for her work on the health committee and Education & Youth Services Chair Sherry Algreto for organizing the hair donation event.
- Invited all to the Non-Profit Networking Mixer Event on Wednesday, October 30th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Jamaica Center of Arts & Learning, 161-40 Jamaica Ave.
- She also invited all to first ever multi-genre Film Festival from October 17th to October 20th at the Southeast Queens Chamber of Commerce, 155-42 Sutphin Blvd.
- A Peace March and Fatherhood Symposium will take place on November 2nd, at 11 AM at 165th St & Jamaica Ave.
- Career and Technical Education High School Fair will take place at George Washington High School, 105 Tech Place, Brooklyn on Saturday, October 19th, 9 AM to 2 PM.

David Aronov, NYC Census, stressed the importance of all New Yorkers filling out the census. The census determines our fair share of more than \$650 billion of federal funds every year for critical programs and services including public housing, roads and bridges, public education, social services, and much more. It also determines the number of representatives that would fight for us in Congress.

Hallah Saleh, Department of City Planning, stated that The Department of City Planning's Queens Office and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz are inviting all community board members for training sessions to be held on Wednesday, October 23rd from 5PM to 9PM and Thursday, October 24th from 6PM to 9PM. These trainings will take place at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Room 200.

These workshops are intended to provide community board members with important information and tools to assist the members in their understanding of zoning, land use review (ULURP), environmental review (CEQR), urban design, etc.

Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member Davie Weprin, no report.

Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., made an announcement regarding Home Owners and Small Landlord Listening Session that will take place on Monday, October 21, 2019 6PM to 8 PM at One Stop Richmond Hill, 110-08 Jamaica Ave.

Kevin Wisniewski, Rep. Assembly Member Daniel Hevesi, stated that their Forest Hills office will be a drop off center for the Fall Toiletry Drive for Homeless from October 7th to November 8th, 2019.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Capocasale, Vice President of Ozone Park Kiwanis, invited all to 1970's Music Gala Fundraiser on Friday, November 15, 2019 at 7:45 at Roma View, 160-05 Cross Bay Boulevard.

The Honorees are:

Mary Ann Carey, retired CB9 District Manager
Joe Iaboni, President of Jamaica Rotary Club and
Angela Nocerino, Vice President of Ozone Park Block Association

Jean LaRaque, Forest Hills, spoke about Snapology – a new learning concept that combines play with education. For more information visit: foresthills.snapology.com.

Alan Smith, Woodhaven Resident, stated that there is a problem with the Q56 bus schedule as it takes 40-50 minutes to wait for the bus to arrive.

Pastor Jose Santiago, Casa De Adoracion House of Worship, stated that his church is willing to work with the community to help the homeless and troubled youth.

Shannon Eaves, Program Manager of Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens, stated that they were recently approved to accept ACS Vouchers to pay for child care. She also stated that they run their school-based programs at PS 121, PS 90, PS 62, PS 100, PS 80, PS 66 and PS 254.

Ms. Eaves is accepting placements for pre-high school interns at the Teen Center at the Boys & Girls Club.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Nydia Velazquez, reported on bills that Congress Member Velazquez is trying to push forward.

Patrick Agard, Club Maracas One, gave a brief history of the restaurant owner's family and ownership.

4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

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

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

Vote # 1: 23 in favor and 1 abstention

5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. REPORT – Sgt. Nelson made the following announcements:

- The 102nd Pct. is down 17% in major crimes year to date.
- In the last 28 days they have seen spikes in categories including domestic related assaults and car break ins.
- Build The Block/Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting sponsored by 102nd Pct. Sector B will take place next week in the lobby of Woodhaven Manor. Police officers will have an opportunity to collaborate with residents in identifying and solving local quality of life conditions and crime concerns.

Question and answer period followed.

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

Mr. Chairperson reported on the following:

- Made a statement regarding meeting date change due to Jewish Holidays. The entire board took a vote on 2019 CB9 Meeting Dates back in December 2019.
- Made a request for all Committee Chairs to have their meetings before the Executive Committee Meeting for the Executive Committee Members to be aware of the upcoming issues.
- Attended the Hispanic Heritage Event on Saturday, September 28, 2019.
- Congratulated the following Board Members who received awards from Borough President Katz for their service: Raghbir Singh and Kevin O'Leary for 10 years of service, Marie Turley for 30 years of service and Sylvia Hack for 45 years of service.
- Attended the Opening Ceremony of Miniature Soccer Field at PS 60 today sponsored by NYC Soccer Initiative.
- CB 9 was represented at Neir's 190 Celebration and 102nd Pct. Build The Block/Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meetings.
- CB 9 will have a table at Fall Fest sponsored by Council Member Ulrich, and at the 2019 Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair.

- Chair Wilson presented Queens CB9 flyer, created by Cristal Rivera, that explained the importance of CB9's advisory role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget and many other matters relating to their communities' welfare.
- Stated that he is honored to be recognized for his Community Service by Woodhaven Residents Block Association on Friday, October 25, 2019.

7. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – James S. McClelland, stated that:

- He will provide each committee chair with the final agency report as the Budget Consultations with city agencies are completed.
- DM McClelland wished Happy Birthday to Linda Fogal, Mathew Singh, and Mohinder Singh.

8. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Cristal Rivera, Chair:

- Neighborhood Advisory Board Public Hearing will take place on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Richmond Hill Public Library. NAB is looking for leadership from Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park to join the board to help select RFP. See flyer for the details.
- Ms. Rivera is representing the Board on the Complete Census Count Committee which will meet on October 24th, 2019.
- CB9 Economic Development Mixer Event will take place on Thursday, November 7, 2019, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Austin Ale House in Kew Gardens. RSVP is required.
- The Committee will be participating in Diwali Event.

➤ **Guest Speaker, Shruti Murti, Partnership Specialist, NY Regional Census Center, U.S. Census Bureau**

Ms. Murti stressed that participation in Census 2020 is crucial for all communities, nationwide. Filling out the census helps to determine how many seats each state gets in Congress, creates jobs, prepares for emergencies, and builds schools, roads and hospitals. It also guides how \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.

Census Bureau employees are required by law to keep individual's information confidential.

For the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but people can still respond by phone or mail.

Question and answer period followed.

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

“Just wanted to mention some sad news as one of our CB9 schools CTEA, 2 kids attending drowned last week. Their bodies have been found and our prayers and condolences go out to the CTEA school community and the families.

We have an organization tonight with a Presentation from The Beacon Program at Queens Community House at the location of JHS210 at 93-11 101st Ave.

Our Speakers tonight are Oswald Araujo- Director, Jonathan Hunter- Assistant Director and Jose Deleon Outreach Specialist of Young Adult Services.

We have been wondering about the Beacon Programs within our Community Board and James has been so helpful and instrumental with getting info for our Committee and we have seven programs. I have spoken with Cristal Chair of Economic Development and we are going to do more outreach about these youth jobs available to our Community Board residents.

Richmond Hill Library update- we have not gotten any commitment for the restoration project, but in the meantime a huge beautiful library has taken center stage with a boisterous 42 million spent on this Library and according to a recent article still has some accessibility issues. We are looking into several avenues of action to take to ask for more accountability and just to get this project off the ground.

I was asked by a CB9 member at the last meeting if we will take a stance on the proposed elimination of the Specialized High School Elimination testing and we appreciate that question as it affects Education directly. We have an article that said it has been stalled for now and not going forward at least for the next year.

Next month we are hoping to have the Office of Enrollment presenting as the Enrollment process for Pre k through 12 grades has changed. Just briefly there is no longer a three-part process but just round 1 and a waiting list thereafter.

Lastly, we had three sisters cut and donate their hair this past week to a Queens based organization and one of the sisters currently attend PS62. Aracelis Salon which has been in Richmond Hill for 20 years has agreed to do these haircut donations for free. Council Member Adrienne Adams presented all three girls with Citations for their generosity. They were featured in NY1 all weekend long and in QNS newspaper.

Thank you so much to James who assisted and made all this possible and for always assisting us in our role to get things done.”

➤ **Guest Speaker, Oswald Araujo, Partnership Specialist, Beacon Program Director, Jonathan Hunter-Assistant Director and Jose Deleon, Outreach Specialist of Young Adult Services, spoke about:**

- Queens Community House Beacon Program at MS 210 stating that its mission is to provide individuals and families with the tools to enrich their lives and build healthy communities.
- Free of cost services and resources are provided to Ozone Park Residents and the residents of the at-large community. They serve youth from age six through age twenty-one and adults ages 22 and older, residing in the five boroughs.
- Flyers of several free programs and events were distributed.

Question and answer period followed.

10. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – Marian C. Molina, Chair, reported on the following:

“October is breast cancer awareness month. An easy to follow flyer with images of the signs of breast cancer was distributed to all Board members and the public.

We will have our first Free Thyroid Cancer Screening event at our general meeting on November 12, 2019, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Queens Borough Hall, Room 200. The event is sponsored by Council Members Robert Holden, Karen Koslowitz and Eric Ulrich. See flyer for details.

The Toy Drive and the Collection for Adult Unit Ambulatory Services on behalf of Jamaica Hospital has begun and will run through December 16, 2019. Please bring a toy to the November and December general meetings. You may also drop off at the respective offices of the following elected officials: Assembly Member Michael Miller, Assembly Member Daniel Rosenthal, Assembly Member David I. Weprin, Council Member Adrienne Adams, and Council Member Eric Ulrich. See flyer for details.

Jamaica Hospital's Department of Social Services has accepted shoe donations from White Cross Shoes. We would like to thank them for their generosity”.

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

Sylvia Hack stated that on Thursday, October 17th that the City Council will be voting for or against our Mayor's \$11 billion Four Borough-Based Jails Project. She is concerned that the City Council members don't know what they are voting for because there is no plan; everything is a concept, the numbers change weekly, and yet they are prepared to accept an \$11 billion debt. If bonded, the figure will grow significantly.

She further stated that there are many other issues in need of financial assistance; parks, the Beacon Theater, homeless people increasing in subways, etc. and believes and expenditure of this magnitude for 3-4 thousand of people is insanity. She states there is no desire to renovate, rehabilitate, or re-build on Rikers Island, and, as a matter of fact, today City Council is trying to pass a bill that says: nothing like a jail or prison may ever be built on Rikers Island.

Ms. Hack states the people are very upset because these jails are planned to be built in residential communities and further states these billions of dollars should be spent on those communities themselves, so that “people don’t get to jails in the first place.” There are two law suits; one of them already filed and to be possibly filed in Kew Gardens.

12. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Faiuze Ali, Chair, reported on the following:

Speed cameras - by the end of 2020, New York City will install 750 speed cameras throughout the boroughs. Approximately 400 of them are currently up and running in school zones. Drivers who drive beyond 38 mph, will be clocked. The cost of a program is \$62 million, as of today, they have collected \$48 million from speeding camera tickets. The Borough of Queens is the second highest in violations. The city will be able to recoup the amount that was spent for that project. The cameras are now on 7 days a week, from 6 AM to 10 PM all year around.

Cameras on buses – the State has passed a law granting districts and cities to have the right to install and operate automated school bus safety cameras to detect violations of drivers that pass stopped school buses.

Noise from airplanes – should be reported to Aviation Noise Complaints number, not to 311. Noise coming from helicopters flying from Manhattan to La Guardia Airport has increased. FAA stated that there is nothing they can do about it.

13. PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Regina Santoro, Chair- *Not present to give a report*

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

Mr. Kevin O’Leary reported on the following:

On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Club Maracas One LLC
121-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 2: To oppose this application due to adverse information received by the NYPD
Vote # 2: 23 in favor and 1 abstention

On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application – New

Kevinkel Corp.
106-05 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 3: Not to oppose this application with the 1 AM Stipulation
Vote # 3: Unanimous

10224 La Cabana Restaurant Bar Corp.
102-24 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 4: Not to oppose this application with the 1 AM Stipulation
Vote # 4: Unanimous

Sabores Latinos Restaurant Inc.
124-04 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 5: Not to oppose this application with the 1 AM Stipulation
Vote # 5: Unanimous

Class Change Application

Tu Casa #4 Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Tu Casa Restaurant
116-35 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion # 6: Not to oppose this application with the 1 AM Stipulation
Vote # 6: 21 in favor and 3 opposed

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 at 7 PM at the district office.

15. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Carter, Chair, reported on:

1. The sum of \$42,500 from the City Council was added to Community Boards' budget citywide again this year. The spending guidelines were provided.
2. Will be providing a report of how that sum was spent in the last fiscal year.
3. Had a conference call with the DM and Susanne Marchetti, the QBP Budget Director who made suggestions for By Laws related to some budget activities and provided a salary history of CB9 employees.
4. Intention to replenish Good and Welfare Fund

16. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – Joan DeCamp, Chair – No report.

17. OLD BUSINESS

Kevin O'Leary gave credit to Congress Member Grace Meng for trying to obtain funds to have every single mail box in America refitted in order to prevent theft.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Kamal Bhuiyan raised a concern regarding too many new liquor establishments opening on Jamaica Ave and the fact that the board approves many problematic locations.

Sherry Algreto stated that dangerous situations are created as many patrons from liquor license establishments are driving under the influence.

19. PUBLIC FORUM

Christina and Gina Serrano stated that the park at 106th Street and Atlantic Ave is long overdue for renovations.

Kamal Bhuiyan made the motion to adjourn. Julio Batista seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 9:37 P.M.