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**SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
VILLA RUSSO IL PALAZZO, 101-12 LEFFERTS BLVD., RICHMOND HILL, NY 11419**

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)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(1)	Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(2)(3)
Faiuze Ali	(0)(0)	Jan Fenster	(0)(1)	Maharani Singh	(0)(2)
Julio Batista	(0)(1)	Linda Fogal	(1)(2)	Matthew Singh	(2)(3)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(3)	Daniel Grieve	(0)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(0)(1)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(2)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Ragbir Singh	(0)(0)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(1)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)(0)
Latchman Budhai	(1)(2)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(1)(2)
John Carter	(0)(1)	Marian C. Molina	(1)(1)	Seth Welins	(1)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(2)(3)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(1)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(1)(1)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(0)(1)		
Sandra Datnarain	(0)(0)	Cristal Rivera	(0)(1)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Laraine Fletcher	(1)(1)	Ivan Mrakovic	(2)(3)	Naima Sultana	(2)(2)
Lisa Komninos	(1)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(4)(7)		

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
NYS Senator Joe Addabbo
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Kevin Morris, CAU/Mayor's Office
Andrew Taranto, Rep. NYS Senator Leroy Comrie
P.O. Jose Severino, NYPD/102nd Pct.
P.O. Jose Lasala, NYPD/102nd Pct.
Brendon Jackson, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams
Pietro Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.
Samantha King, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Muhammad Rahman, Rep. Assembly Member David Weprin

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

Showtime Bar & Restaurant LLC
119-12 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Hall For All Occasions Inc.
D/b/a Golden Palace
123-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Richi Rich Palace NY Inc.
D/b/a Richi Rich Palace
110-17/19 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Crab Du Jour of Brooklyn Inc.
92-10 Atlantic Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Rancho Tequila Inc.
D/b/a Rancho Tequila
105-13 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

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

Wakamatsu Japanese Restaurant Inc.
116-19 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

c. On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application – New

3 in 1 Deli Grocery Inc.
133-11 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

KKA Express LLC
D/b/a L & Y Deli & Grocery
95-14 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

d. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

CW Group Inc.
D/b/a Crazy Willy's
117-10 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

KDR Restaurant Inc.
D/b/a Kaieteur Restaurant & Sports Bar
87-12 Lefferts Blvd.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

The Ranch Rest & Bar of Guyana Inc.
134-01 Liberty Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

111 Atlas Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Atlantic Diner
111-16 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Neirs Tavern Inc.
D/b/a Neir's Tavern
87-48 78th St.
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Golden Palace Catering Hall Inc.
123-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Mazi Nightclub Inc.
D/b/a Mazi Nightclub
130-35 91st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Delicioso Restaurant & Bar Inc.
D/b/a Pollos Dona Maria
93-03 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

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

Armando's Pollo Rico Restaurant Inc.
110-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Mehak Corp.
D/b/a Mehak Restaurant
83-06 Austin St.
Kew Gardens, NY 11415 *No speakers*

Best Seafood & BBQ Chicken Corp.
D/b/a El Anzuelo Fino
98-01 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

f. Corporate Change Application

CW Group Inc.
D/b/a Crazy Willy's
117-10 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

g. TLC For-Hire Base Station License – Renewal

Big Q Car Service Inc.
86-29 102nd St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Kew Gardens Enterprises Inc.
122-11 Hillside Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

2. REPORTS FROM LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Senator Joe Addabbo, thanked Governor Cuomo for signing legislation that requires schools to take a brief moment of silence at the beginning of the school day on September 11th every year. The bill was introduced into the New York Senate this year as another generation of students born after 2001 entered the school system. The Senator also made the following announcements:

- Free Veterans BBQ will take place on Sept. 21, 12-2 PM at the Howard Beach Motor Club.
- Fall Recycling Event, co-sponsored by Assembly Member Mike Miller and Ozone Park Kiwanis, will take place on Sept. 29, 10 AM to 2 PM at Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot.
- Fall Job Fair is taking place on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10 AM to 2 PM, at the Resorts World Casino.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, made the following announcements:

- The Service Award Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 5 PM at Helen Marshall Cultural Center, Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd. The board members receiving the award, will be notified by mail.
- Queens Town Hall on Public Charge will take place on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at Helen Marshall Cultural Center, Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd.
- Trinidad & Tobago Independence Day Event will be held on Thursday, September 12 starting at 6 PM at Helen Marshall Cultural Center, Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd.
- The Mayor has announced today that the 1-2-3 Family homeowners are no longer responsible for their sidewalk repairs-they will be paid by the city.

Kevin Morris, CAU/Mayor's Office, stated that the city will be taking up the cost of sidewalk repair and will no longer be issuing violations and leans.

In honor of September being Senior Appreciation Month, a Karaoke Event will be held at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center. Date is to be announced.

Andrew Taranto, Rep. NYS Senator Leroy Comrie, made an announcement regarding Save On Home Energy Costs Event taking place on Thursday, September 19th, 2019, 1 PM to 3 PM at the Kew Gardens Community Center, 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd. To book your appointment, please call the Senator's office at (718) 765-6359.

Brendon Jackson, Rep. Council Member Adrienne Adams, stated that the office is looking for volunteers who will be helping to promote the 2020 Participatory Budget with Council Member Adams and for Census 2020 outreach effort in order to make sure that our community is accounted for.

Pietro Ruggero, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, introduced himself as a new representative for Councilmember Ulrich.

Lisa George, Rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr., made the following announcements:

- Senior Bowling Event will take place on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 12-3 pm at 98-18 Rockaway Blvd.
- Annual Community Development Day will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 9AM to 4 PM at Rochdale Village Community Center. RSVP is needed for both events.

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

- The Assembly Member will be hosting a September 11 Memorial on Sunday, September 15th at 12:30 PM at Dry Harbor Playground.
- Free Narcan Training will take place on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 7 PM.
- Free Recycling Event, co-sponsored by Assembly Member Mike Miller and Ozone Park Kiwanis, will take place on Sept. 29, 10 AM to 2 PM at Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Sam Esposito, OPRBA, thanked both the Chairperson and the District Manager for their efforts and service to the community stating that their work has given CB9 an exemplary reputation.

Sam Smouha, NYC EDC, stated that Queens EDC is partnering with the NYC Department of Small Business Services to conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment. Numerous projects will be implemented in order to support businesses on Liberty Ave and 101st Ave over the next few years. He distributed and asked the board members to fill out Commercial District Needs Assessment Survey for merchants and consumers in Richmond Hill.

Carol Lacks, Kew Gardens Resident, read a summary of a petition to co-name any corner of Lefferts Blvd. and Austin St after late Aaron Adler. She asked the Board Members to endorse the honor and efforts in support of co-naming said street as Aaron Adler Way, benefiting of an unfailing congenial civic character.

Jagpreet Singh, Richmond Hill Lead Organizer, CHHAYA, presented a Community Calendar with upcoming free events and services provided by CHHAYA CDC Richmond Hill Community Center:

- First Time Homebuyer Workshop-Tuesday, September 24th, 5-7 PM
- Legal Clinic-Wednesday, September 25th, 6-8 PM
- Affordable Housing Clinic-Thursday, September 26th, 2-5 PM

He also stressed the importance of filling out the 2020 Census Form so that more funds will be allocated to schools, hospitals, affordable housing, roads, fire stations and much more. CHHAYA is teaming up with CB9 and other agencies to insure that Richmond Hill has a much better count (previously, some of census tracks return rate was as low as 54%).

Toya Davis & Robert Viguez, Tiegerman High School Program, extended an invitation to visit this High School, which is located at the old A Lady of Cenacle School, 87-25 136th St in Richmond Hill. They spoke about Tiegerman's program which prepares students with developmental disabilities for a future of active participation within their respective communities as well as productive independence. They also stated that they are looking for internship opportunities for their students. They work with Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger and Global Brand Store to teach the students retail experience.

Anoop Dhanbat, Trinidad & Tobago Community President, thanked all who attended Friends and Family Day on August 20th at Smokey Park for their support.

Cynthia Narozny, Ozone Park Resident, voiced her complaint regarding a group of cars which run their engines and blast their music 3-4 times a week until 6 AM at the Stop & Shop Supermarket parking lot. Numerous complaints were filed with 311 and Council Member Ulrich's office.

Don Yong, Site Security Manager at Mazi Nigh Club, Sharon Kishun, Manager of Mazi Night Club, and Louis Migliachio, President of Mazi Night Club, stated that their goal is to provide entertainment, social interactions for the youth, community leaders and community development. The Mazi Night Club has been influential in providing support for hurricane relief and drives that had been done for over two years.

4. OPENING OF MEETING & READING OF MINUTES

Chair Wilson asked if there were any corrections/additions to June 11th, 2019 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Rabbi Pollack made a motion to accept, J. Richard Smith seconded the motion.

Motion # 1: To accept June 11th, 2019 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: 32 in favor and 2 abstentions

5. MONTHLY UPDATE NYPD 102nd Pct. REPORT – P.O. Severino made the following announcements:

- The next 102nd Pct. Community Council Meeting is on Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 at 7 PM at the Richmond Hill Public Library, 118-14 Hillside Ave.
- Build The Block/Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting sponsored by Saint Mary Gate of Heaven and 102nd Pct. Sector A will take place on Thursday, September 19th at 6 PM at 101-18 104th St. Police officers will have an opportunity to collaborate with residents in identifying and solving local quality of life conditions and crime concerns.
- Robberies and car breakings are down in the precinct, but constituents are asked not leave any unattended items in their vehicles.
- PO Severino thanked the Chair and the Board Members for their support.

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

Mr. Chairperson reported on the following:

- CB9 was involved in National Night Out Against Crime with the 102nd Pct.
- Thanked all the board members who helped with the public outreach with several civic organizations.
- CB9 will be participating in Richmond Hill Block Association Street Fair on Saturday 14th from 10 AM to 6 PM. and Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair on Sunday, October 13th from 10 AM to 6 PM. CB9 is looking forward to being part of many other community events.

7. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – James S. McClelland

"Happy September Birthdays to - Sandra Datnarain, Lisa Komninos, Maharani Singh, and Marie Turley.

Our prayers go out to Ivan who is home recovering from a medical procedure. The office sent a card on behalf of board letting him know he is our thoughts and prayers.

We have a new edition to the community board family. Congratulations to Irina on the birth of her granddaughter, Aria Rose.

Seeing pictures of Aria each morning is a great way to start the day.

Office improvements:

New carpeting, new furniture and new computers have been installed.

On Monday, I attended the first of three agency budget consultation meetings. These agencies included DSNY, DEP, ACS, DYCD and ACS.

I submitted written agency testimony to each chair responsible for that agency.

The next district service cabinet meeting for all city agencies is scheduled for September 26th at 10 AM in the district office.

Since January the office has received over 250 complaints, concerns or questions regarding various quality of life issues and requests for assistance.

The vast majority of these cases have been resolved and we can continue to work to ensure that each one is closed to the satisfaction of the constituent.

It's been a busy summer and a pleasure working with the committee chairs and all board members on a variety of issues.

I want to thank Irina, Victor and Leela for their continued hard work.

We look forward to a productive year and the office remains at your service."

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

Sherman Kane stated that the Committee is in favor of the application for a Special Permit to legalize a 1,566 square foot portion of an existing manufactory/warehouse building (Use Group 17) with accessory office space (Use Group 6), which encroaches into the required 15' side yard that is required of lots with M1-1 zoning districts that coincide with the side lot line of a zoning lot located within a R\$ zoning district.

Motion # 2: To approve the BSA application, Cal. No.: 2019-60-BZ, 132-02 89th Ave
Vote # 2: Unanimous

Sylvia Hack gave an update on Mayor's Borough Based Jail Project in Kew Gardens:

"The City Planning Commission has voted by one vote to approve this project. The Chair of City Planning Commission, Marissa Lago, has stated that these jails will be integrated into communities and will be a community asset.

I represented the board at the Hearing before the City Council last week where I spoke briefly to say that this ULURP is just a travesty in the City of New York and undermines an important process that is part of City Charter. The Committee will put a formal detailed testimony.

The City Council will take a vote on October 17th."

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

"On August 1, 2019, a meeting was called by Assemblyman Mike Miller regarding a sex offender residing at Laurel Hall, temporary shelter for homeless men at Ozone Park. DHS representatives stated that they do not designate where sex offenders live and that sex offenders who are not restricted such as level 1 and 2 sex offenders can live anywhere. Only level 3 sex offenders are restricted. DHS was asked to give the community a heads up when a sex offender is living in the shelter. They replied that because of Privacy Act laws they cannot disclose this information. They added that DHS is not in the business of law enforcement. Their job is to screen people in need of placement and services.

Representatives of the Ozone Park Block Association complained about crime happening in the area since the opening of the shelter. 102 PCT officers and Lantern stated that they are not getting the complaints that the Ozone Park Block Association is getting. Anyone with a complaint should call Lantern's Hotline at 833-751-5121, or 911 so there is a record of it. CB9 has not received complaints from residents either. Lantern notified us that they are very much bound by DHS' rules and regulations and that anyone wanting to view videos recorded by their cameras will need a warrant.

2020 Census Citizenship Question has been permanently blocked as of July 17, 2019. Judge Jesse Furman indicated that the Court will retain jurisdiction in this case to enforce the terms of this Order until the 2020 census results are processed and sent to the President by December 31, 2020.

2020 Census Jobs. U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people for temporary jobs across the country. The Qualifications are as follows:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Have a valid email address

For more information contact 2020Census.gov/jobs.

Vaping Health Advisory Warning. U.S. health officials have identified about 450 possible illness cases in 33 states, including as many as five deaths. No single device or ingredient has been tied to all the illnesses. Many of those who were sickened said they'd been vaping THC. In New York State, 41 cases of severe pulmonary illness have been reported in patients age 15 to 46 who said they were using a cannabis-containing vape device before they were

stricken. The symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or chest pain, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, fatigue, fever or weight loss.

New York State will require health warning signs in shops that sell vaping devices following hundreds of cases of lung illnesses believed to be related to the habit. The state will issue subpoenas to three companies that sell a vaping liquid additive that state health officials believe could be making people sick.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress. For prevention and crisis resources call 800-273-8255.

The Health and Social Services Committee has started our outreach campaign on behalf of Jamaica Hospital. Fred Beekman, V.P. Ambulatory Care Services has provided me with a list of items that are very much needed by the adult patient population: reading glasses, magnifiers, tote bags, stress balls, pill boxes, headphones, sleep eye masks, audio books, socks, undergarments, pajamas, sportswear. All items must be in new condition.

This year our annual Toy Drive will be benefiting Jamaica Hospital and family homeless shelters. Steven Esposito will facilitate the donation of hundreds of children's shoes through an organization that he is affiliated with. Collections will take place at the general meetings, and items may be dropped off at CB9's office as well. Your generosity is very much appreciated."

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Showtime Bar & Restaurant LLC
119-12 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion #3: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for Showtime Bar & Restaurant LLC
Vote #3: Unanimous

Hall For All Occasions Inc.
D/b/a Golden Palace
123-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #4: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for Hall For All Occasions Inc.,
D/b/a Golden Palace
Vote #4: Unanimous

Richi Rich Palace NY Inc.
D/b/a Richi Rich Palace
110-17/19 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #5: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for Richi Rich Palace NY Inc., D/b/a Richi
Rich Palace with the 1 AM Stipulation
Vote #5: 33 in favor and 1 abstention

Crab du Jour of Brooklyn Inc.
92-10 Atlantic Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion #6: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for Crab du Jour of Brooklyn Inc. with the
1 AM Stipulation
Vote #6: Unanimous

Rancho Tequila Inc.
D/b/a Rancho Tequila
105-13 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #7: Not to oppose new On Premises Liquor License Application for Rancho Tequila Inc.,
D/b/a Rancho Tequila

Vote #7: 30 in favor and 4 opposed

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

Wakamatsu Japanese Restaurant Inc.
116-09 Metropolitan Ave
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

Motion #8: Not to oppose new On Premises Wine, Beer & Cider License Application for Wakamatsu Japanese
Restaurant Inc. with the 1 AM Stipulation

Vote #8: Unanimous

c. On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application – New

3 In 1 Deli Grocery Inc.
131-11 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #9: Not to oppose new On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application for 3 In 1 Deli Grocery Inc.
with the 1 AM Stipulation

Vote #9: Unanimous

KKA Express Inc.
D/b/a L & Y Deli & Grocery
95-14 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion #10: Not to approve new On Premises Beer & Cider Only License Application for KKA Express Inc., D/b/a L
& Y Deli & Grocery due to lack of cooperation/paperwork

Vote #10: Unanimous

d. On Premises Liquor License Application - Renewal

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

Motion #11: Not to approve On Premises Liquor License Application renewal for Mazi Nightclub Inc., D/b/a
Mazi Nightclub due to serious adverse information received from the NYPD

Vote #11: Unanimous

The next CB9 Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16th, 2019 at 7 PM at the
CB9 office.

**11. PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Regina Santoro, Chair, reported on the
following:**

- There will be no vote taken tonight on the alternate side street cleaning request for 127th St Between 89th Ave
and 91st Ave.
- Farmers Market in Forest Park at Park Lane South and Freedom Drive will be open until November on Saturdays
from 10 AM to 2 PM.

- The committee is working on the issue of off leash dogs in Forest Park.
- The committee is also requesting a Bike Lane in Forest Park.

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

- Represented the board at the JFK Airport Committee Meeting of NYCAR. La Guardia and the JFK airports Committees meet on a quarterly basis to discuss and address environmental, noise and other issues.
- Attended several meetings with Assembly Member Miller regarding the effects of the Queens Bus Redesign Efforts.
Will have a full report of the changes by the next board meeting.

A Resolution on street co-naming request for late Aaron Adler was forwarded to all Board Members earlier for their review.

Motion # 12: To support CB9 Transportation & Traffic Committee Resolution on co-naming any corner of the intersection of Lefferts Blvd. and Austin St to Aaron Adler Way

Vote # 12: 31 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention

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

“The Economic and Community Development Committee had a busy summer attending and working on community outreach throughout the district. To enhance our outreach I am working on a formal procedure process for submitting events and organizations for CB9 to participate in and attend, as well as nominations for honoring or acknowledging community work within the district. The committee is planning a mixer/networking event for local development corporations, chambers of commerce, and BIDS to attend and provide information on their work to CB9. The date will be confirmed for October or November.

There were two presentations during the committee time:

Ari Feldman, US Census, Queens Complete Count Committee stated that the committee is asking for volunteers to represent CB9 as part of the Queens Committee to get as many responses as possible to the US Census. This committee meets monthly, but we can have more than 1 representative sign up to share the schedule of meetings.

Jorge Mendizbal, Deputy Director, NYC DYCD Neighborhood Advisory Board

Stated that DYCD received federal Community Services Block Grant funds in order to provide services to people with low incomes to empower them to become self-sufficient. He handed out applications for the NAB, Community Surveys and informational booklets.”

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

“We participated in National Night Out Against Crime on August 6th together with Economic and Community Development Committee. We gave out aluminum reusable water bottles to school kids as an environmental initiative. I also received a couple hundred reusable bags from Department of Sanitation/Councilwoman Adrienne Adams office to give out as well. Would like to thank them for their help with this.

At our Education and Youth Services meeting, Mr. Mohinder Singh expressed his desire to have National Anthem taught to children as a way of promoting unity and assimilation and we will be working on a possible resolution to request this.

During the next coming months, we will be visiting schools and looking at their conditions and new programs that are now available to community kids and families and updating our list with schools and contacts within our CB9.

We now have a new addition to one of the CB9 schools PS66, The Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis school, which is located at 85-11 102 Street. One of the oldest school buildings in New York, PS 66 in Richmond Hill, has finished work on a new wing that will add six new classrooms and a new cafeteria a 42 million dollar project. The school, named for Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis because of her work to preserve classic architecture in the city, will gain 124 new seats when the wing opens this fall. The addition created two new pre-K classrooms, one kindergarten room and three standard classrooms. A new cafeteria and kitchen, an exercise room and an office suite for school administrators are also included.

Finishing with our ongoing Saga of the “Renovation of the Richmond Hill Library”.
In the last meeting, I mentioned that this project was passed from QPL to DDC and I was informed just recently that DDC and QPL are currently developing the scope of work, therefore, no timeline or acceptance of project is given yet.

This ends my report for this meeting. My prayers and remembrance of all the September 11th victims and their families.”

15. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – Joan DeCamp, Chair

Ms. DeCamp stated that the committee has not met, but is planning on reviewing the By Laws.

Thanked the District Manager for producing the guidelines for office management.

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

1. End of FY 2019 OTPS returns to City
2. Current general budget allotment for FY 2020
3. Major purchases and community outreach
4. Intention to look at the personal service budget for FY 2020 for next month.
5. Intention to replenish Good and Welfare Fund

17. OLD BUSINESS

John Carter voiced his concern about the security and integrity of the mail coming out of Kew Gardens Post Office.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Faiuze Ali made a suggestion that the Board should not be in an advisory only capacity. He recommended thinking outside of the box and the parameters that constitute CB 9. The reasons stated for that are from recent reports that address a number of issues:

- EMS response in all of Queens was delayed compared to other boroughs
- The hospitals in Queens mostly received failing grades
- Academic institutions are mostly overcrowded and had lower standardized test passing when compared to other boroughs in virtually every category.

Mr. Faiuze stated that he hopes that these issues are brought to the forefront by chairpersons to be progressive in action rather than just reactionary.

He also stated that the Chair of the Education Committee should address the issue of the DOE’s intention to dismantle the Gifted and Talented Program from public schools. Chair Algreto stated that committee is working on it.

Maharani Singh also stated that the board needs to take a position on elimination of Gifted and Talented Program and asked for criteria for co-naming of the streets. Chair Wilson explained that The Community Board usually relies on the local area and gives its recommendation to the City Council.

Joe laboni made the motion to adjourn. Andrea Crawford seconded the motion.

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