



COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
Villa Russo IL Palazzo, 101-12 Lefferts Boulevard, Richmond Hill, NY 11419

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2018-MARCH 2019

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

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(1)(1)	Andrea Crawford	(2)(2)	Raj Rampershad	(0)(0)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(2)(2)	Jagir Singh	(0)(0)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(2)	Jan Fenster	(1)(4)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(1)	Ragbir Singh	(0)(2)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Linda Fogal	(0)(0)	Naima Sultana	(1)(1)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Marie Turley	(0)(1)
Latchman Budhai	(2)(4)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(1)	Seth Welins	(0)(1)
John Carter	(1)(1)	Sherman Kane	(0)(0)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)
Nick Comaianni	(2)(4)	Marian C. Molina	(0)(0)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dolores Baldassare	(1)(1)	Daniel Grieve	(2)(3)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(1)(2)	Maharani Singh	(2)(2)
Jim Coccovillo	(1)(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(2)	Matthew Singh	(1)(2)
Sandra Datnarain	(2)(2)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)(1)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(3)
Richard David	(2)(3)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(4)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(2)
Joan DeCamp	(1)(2)	Mohamed Safie	(4)(7)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)(4)

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Assembly Member Mike Miller
Council Member Bob Holden
Senator Joe Addabbo
Elizabeth Biem, rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Carl Moore, rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Samantha Kung, rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Greg Mitchell, rep. Council Member Bob Holden
Matthew Pecorino, rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich
Lisa George, rep. Senator James Sanders, Jr.
PO Jose Severino, Community Affairs, 102nd 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**

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

Ross Code Lounge Corp.
117-15 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Blue Tequila Restaurant & Bar Inc.
D/b/a Blue Tequila Restaurant & Bar
112-07 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Malek H Alryashi
79-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

Josie's Pizza LLC
D/b/a Enzo's Pizza
81-02 Rockaway Blvd
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

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

Forest Park Golf Course LLC
81-01 Park Lane South
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

d. **On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal**

88 18 Tropical Restaurante Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Deleon Latin Cuisine Corp.
D/b/a Mi Casa Restaurant
116-20 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Hermes Billiards & Café Inc.
D/b/a 102 Billiards
102-14 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

The Hibiscus Restaurant & Bar Inc.
124-18 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Starz Princess Inc.
107-11 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

Aristokrat Corp.
D/b/a Oligarchy
86-15 Lefferts Blvd
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

2 Brothers Billiards Inc.
D/b/a M2 Billiards & Lounge
87-50 Lefferts Blvd
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

97-07 Jamaica Ave Tavern Corp.
D/b/a Tavern, Lounge
97-07 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *Was taken off the agenda*

Asweeb Holdings LLC
D/b/a JJ's Blue Mist Lounge
119-12 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

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

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

Biao Feng Inc.
D/b/a Friend Restaurant
110-15 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

Tauros Bar and Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Tauros Bar Restaurant
108-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

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

Forest Park Golf Corp.
81-01 Park Lane South
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

Fortune Hut, Inc.
76-11 101st Ave
Ozone Park, NY 11416 *No speakers*

g. Class Change Application

Antojitos De San Cecilio Inc.
90-04 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

h. Alteration Application

8522 Jamaica Avenue Corp.
D/b/a Pop's Restaurant
85-22 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

i. TLC For-Hire Base Station License Application – Renewal

Merengue Limo & Car Service
135-10 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

- 2. Guest Speaker, Council Member Robert Holden** discussed his stance on Rikers Island. Councilman Holden opposes the plan to close Rikers Island and build borough jails such as the one proposed for Kew Gardens.

Holden has introduced legislation in the City Council to create a commission to study the cost of renovating/modernizing Rikers Island. The Lippman Commission failed to study/address the question of how much it would cost to renovate Rikers Island in comparison to the borough based jails. Holden feels that while we have this debate over closing Rikers Island it's very important that the public has all the facts and number. The cost to renovate Rikers Island would be far less than the cost of building borough based jails.

Other objections to the building of a jail in Kew Gardens include traffic and congestion. The area by Borough Hall and the courts on Queens Blvd is already congested with limited parking. If a 30 story jail was also built there, there would be the added traffic and congestion of transport vehicles, police, visitors, and correction officers/employees. Additionally, Rikers Island currently has many levels of security. It's very difficult to get on and off the island. If someone were to try to escape, there's the river surrounding the island. At a facility like Kew Gardens, there wouldn't be as much space for the many levels of fencing/security needed. If someone were to escape, they'd immediately be in a neighborhood.

Assembly Member Michael Miller addressed the board stating the following:

- He is opposed to Community Board Members' term limits.
- A Protest Rally against opening a homeless shelter for 113 mentally ill homeless adult single men at Ozone Park location took place yesterday at 101st Ave.
- Trying to work with Breaking Ground and address the issue of homeless people hanging out on Forest Parkway.
- Will host a Veterans Breakfast Event on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Oakridge.
- Electronic Recycling Event, co-sponsored by Senator Addabbo, will take place on Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 at Forest Park Bandshell.
- Annual Hispanic Heritage Awards Night will take place at Woodhaven American Legion Post 118, 89-02 91st Street at 6:00 p.m. on October 3, 2018.

3. Public Forum

Mk Moore, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that he is in favor of The NYC Charter Revision Commission's Proposal on term limits for community board members. In his opinion, it will create opportunities for new voices and leaders on all community boards.

Philicia Chandipersaud, Tilt Lounge Corp., Owner/President, spoke about her request to CB9 Public Safety Committee to amend a request of a 1 AM stipulation to stop serving alcohol.

Chris Stratton, Tilt Lounge Corp., spoke in support of the request to amend a 1 AM stipulation for Tilt Lounge Corp., 131-15 Jamaica Ave.

Ruby Martin, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke in favor of Tilt Lounge being opened and serving alcohol until 4 a.m.

Priya Khan, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke in favor of Tilt Lounge being opened and serving alcohol until 4 a.m.

Aaron Baksh, SMS Deli, stated that the Tilt Lounge should be opened until 4 a.m. as it will boost his business.

Murray Berger, KGCA, stated that no merchants or residents of Kew Gardens were ever consulted by the City regarding the Mayor's proposal for a jail in Kew Gardens despite contrary allegations by the city in their press releases.

1st Vice Chair Rampershad recognized legislative representatives:

Carl Moore, rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, made an announcement about free community events sponsored by Senator Addabbo:

- CUNY College Information Session will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 91-30 Metropolitan Ave, Forest Hills.
- Annual Job Fair will take place on October 5, 2018, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Resorts World Casino.
- Annual Veterans BBQ will take place on September 29, 2018 12-3 p.m. at Howard Beach Motor Club, 59 Russell St. Reservations are required.

Matthew Pecorino, rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, reminded everyone that a Greenmarket, sponsored by the Council Member and Grow NYC, will be opened every Saturday until November 17th, 2018 at Forest Park.

4. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Treasurer Carter asked if there were any changes/additions to June 12th, 2018 minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept June 12th, 2018 minutes as presented

Vote # 1: 23 in favor and 3 abstentions

5. Monthly Update Report 102 Pct.

Police Officer Jose Severino stated the following:

- 102nd Pct. NCO Roll Out started in July of this year. All NCOs will attend the October CB9 meeting.
- The crime stats are down 25% year to date.
- There was a burglary pattern of one individual going through rear windows and back doors and checking if they are locked.
- Tauros Bar & Restaurant, located at 108-02 Jamaica Ave, has been one of Precinct's most problematic bars over the last couple of months. The precinct has had successful underage operations there. The location has had robberies, assaults and grand larcenies. The precinct is also working with NYPD Legal Division to nuisance abate them which should happen soon.

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

1st Vice Chair Rampershad thanked Mr. George Russo for hosting the meeting tonight and expressed his condolences to the Russo family for the passing of their son.

He also extended condolences to Ivan Mrakovcic for the passing of his father.

Mr. Rampershad thanked former District Manager Lisa Gomes for her 20 plus years of service, and wished

her a happy retirement.

Chair Smith will be giving an update to the board regarding the next steps that will be taken in the DM search and hiring process.

7. Guest Speaker, Alexander Kipp from the NYC Conflicts Interest Board (COIB)

Mr. Kipp spoke about basic line standards for how the City's public servants, including community board member, should deal with conflicts between their public duties and private interests. He gave a presentation on basic training in the Conflicts of Interest Law.

A copy of the Conflict of Interest booklet was given to each board member.

Senator Joe Addabbo addressed the board stating the following:

- He is against the opening of homeless shelters for mentally ill people in residential sites due to close proximity to several community schools.
- Public safety issues were addressed at the Rally against opening of a homeless shelter in Ozone Park took place yesterday on 101st Ave.
- Electronic Recycling Event, co-sponsored by Assembly member Mike Miller, will take place on Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 at Forest Park Bandshell. 181 tons of electronics have been recycled since we been doing this event.

Lisa George, rep. Senator Sanders, stated that the Senator is sponsoring a senior appreciation event at Multiplex Movie Theatre in Jamaica tomorrow and a Property Tax Exemption Counseling Series will take place in October at Senator Sanders office. To schedule an appointment call the office at (718) 523-3069.

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

September is Suicide Prevention Month. The Office of Mental Health, TSINY and Thrive NYC are offering a workshop on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Queens Central Public Library in the Plaza area at 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432. For more information call (718) 746-6647 ext. 7011 or email tlopiano@tsiny.org

Spoke to Amanda Nasner, Queens Division Director, she stated that DHS is moving forward with the plans to open up the homeless shelter for mentally ill men on 101 Avenue, sometime this winter. No scheduled date as of yet.

Guest speaker David Yap, Researcher affiliated with Hunter College, CUNY, provided a public service announcement. Hunter College is seeking 12-to-14 year olds to participate in a research study about anxiety and attention in the adolescent brain. Participation is voluntary. Clinical feedback and compensation are provided. For more information, please contact erlab@hunter.cuny.edu or call (212) 650-3878.

9. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report – James Coccovillo, Chair

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

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

Motion # 2: Not to approve new liquor license application for Kukin Bar & Grill Inc.,
106-01 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 2: Unanimous

Ross Code Lounge Corp.
117-15 101st Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new liquor license application for Ross Code Lounge Corp.,
117-15 101st Ave

Vote # 3: 25 in favor and 1 abstention

Blue Tequila Restaurant & Bar Inc.
D/b/a Blue Tequila Restaurant & Bar
112-07 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new liquor license application for Blue Tequila Rest. & Bar. Inc., d/b/a
Blue Tequila Rest. & Bar, 112-07 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 4: Unanimous

Malek H Alryashi
79-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 5: Not to approve new liquor license application for Malek H Alryashi, 79-19 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 5: Unanimous

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

Josie's Pizza LLC
D/b/a Enzo's Pizza
81-02 Rockaway Blvd
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion # 6: Not to oppose new wine, beer & cider license application for Josie's Pizza LLC, d/b/a
Enzo's Pizza, 81-02 Rockaway Blvd., with 1 am stipulation

Vote # 6: Unanimous

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

Forest Park Golf Course LLC
81-01 Park Lane South
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 7: Not to oppose new beer & cider license application for Forest Park Golf Course LLC,
81-01 Park Lane South

Vote # 7: Unanimous

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

Tauros Bar and Restaurant Corp.
D/b/a Tauros Bar Restaurant
108-02 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 8: Not to approve wine, beer & cider license application renewal for Tauros Bar & Rest.
Corp., d/b/a Tauros Bar Restaurant, 108-02 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 8: Unanimous

10. Transportation & Traffic Committee Report – Kenichi Wilson, Chair, stated that over the summer him, Assembly Member Mike Miller, Council Members Bob Holden and WRBA met with DOT and MTA to discuss the SBS issues: planting the greenery, cleaning the stations, etc.

11. Land Use Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane, Co-Chairs

Sylvia Hack stated that a scoping meeting regarding a proposal to build a jail complex in Kew Gardens will take Place on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 6p.m. at Queens Borough Hall Atrium, 120-55 Queens Blvd.

Sherman Kane stated that the Land Use Committee received a letter from BSA applicant to legalize a variance at 125-24 Metropolitan Ave, but they never planted any greenery around their property.

12. Parks, Environment & Sanitation Committee Report – Regina Santoro, Chair, no report.

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

14. Education & Youth Services Committee Report – Seth Welins, Chair, stated the following:

- We still don't know when the Richmond Hill Library closure and renovations will begin. We are trying to arrange a meeting with officials to discuss this and related matters.
- Richmond Hill HS asked that we support their request for air conditioning in the auditorium and cafeteria. We will add this request to our next capital budget request form.

15. Old Business *No speakers*

16. New Business *No speakers*

17. Public Forum *No speakers*

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn, Nick Comaianni seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:44 p.m.