



COMMUNITY BOARD NO.9

Queens Borough Hall
120-55 Queens Boulevard, Room 310-A
Kew Gardens, NY 11424

(718) 286-2686
Fax (718) 286-2685
Email: communitybd9@nyc.rr.com
Website: www.nyc.gov/queenscb9

Richard Smith, Chairperson * Melinda Katz, Borough President

DECEMBER 11, 2018 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
The New Trump Pavilion, 89-40 135th Street Richmond Hill, NY 11418

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)	Joan DeCamp	(1)(2)	Rabbi D. Pollack	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Andrea Crawford	(3)(3)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(4)
Faiuze Ali	(1)(2)	Jan Fenster	(1)(4)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Julio Batista	(1)(1)	Laraine Fletcher	(0)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(1)(1)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(0)	Linda Fogal	(1)(1)	Matthew Singh	(2)(3)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(2)(3)	Daniel Grieve	(2)(3)	Raghibir Singh	(0)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(1)(1)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(2)
Latchman Budhai	(3)(5)	Joseph Iaboni	(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)	Seth Welins	(0)(1)
Nick Comaianni	(2)(4)	Kevin O'Leary	(1)(2)	Kenichi Wilson	(0)(0)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandra Datnarain	(4)(4)	Mohamed Safie	(7)(10)	Mohinder Singh	(4)(4)
Stephen Esposito	(4)(4)	Maharani Singh	(3)(3)	Naidoo Veerapen	(2)(5)
Ivan Mrakovcic	(2)(3)	Jagir Singh	(2)(2)		

ALSO PRESENT

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

LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Amparito Rosero, Rep. QBP Melinda Katz
Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo
Christine Stoll, Rep. Assembly Member Mike Miller
Hallah Saleh, Department for City Planning
Lisa Atkins, QBP Melinda Katz
Matthew Pecorino, Council Member Eric Ulrich
Julio Salazar, Congress Member Nidia Velasquez
Capt. Casaceli, 102nd Pct.
PO Jose Severino, Community Affairs, 102nd Pct.
PO Edwin Martinez, 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

Vanessa Bar & Lounge Corp.
110-12 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

Raj Sohna Punjab Inc.
116-20 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No speakers*

MJ Media Inc.
121-08 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

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

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

Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Corp.
D/b/a Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Restaurant
76-15 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

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

Grazi Foods Inc.
D/b/a Paul Michael's Brick Oven Café
85-19 126th St.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

e. Class Change Application

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

f. Alteration Application

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

Mr. Bruce J. Flanz, President and CEO of Jamaica Hospital, wished all a happy holiday season and stated the following:

“2018 was a really good year for Jamaica Hospital Medical Center. The reason I say that is that we continue our journey to become a high reliability organization. Some of those efforts have been recognized at the federal level by CMS; we were invited to Washington to do a National Webinar for CMS on Archaic Transitions Program. In May of 2018, ten of the most senior people from CMS Headquarters visited us as to pursue their project called Patients over Paperwork. They visited Mass General Hospital in Massachusetts, The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in New York.

With regards to activities at the state level, we entertained the most senior officials in state government including Paul Francis, The Secretary of Health, and a number of the Deputy Commissioners in the Health Department as they visited and toured our facilities. They re-committed their support for our organization because of the following achievements and awards:

- Level 1 Trauma Designation by the American College of Surgeons, the American Heart Association, and the American Stroke Association.
- The Get with the Guidelines Program awarded us with a Stroke Gold Plus Award.
- Out of forty participating hospitals, Jamaica Hospital rates number two in terms of quality with Health First, a major care management company of New York.
- The American College of Radiology has given their Diagnostic Center of Imaging Excellence Award to Jamaica and Flushing Hospitals.
- The American College of Cardiology provided us with the Heart Failure Plus Award.
- In 2018 our Hospice Program was expanded and renovated providing end of life care to our patients.
- A new cardiovascular interventional suite was opened to take care of the most serious cardiac issues that confront us.
- In 2019 we are looking forward to renovating and modernizing our nursing department which was built thirty years ago to accommodate 60,000 visits, which today accommodates over 120,000 visits. With those 120,000 visits, we are the 22nd busiest hospitals in the country.

A three-year community service plan survey will be given out in 2019 to identify health priorities in the community. Your input in this survey is important and much appreciated.”

Chair Smith thanked Mr. Flanz and Mr. Beekman for hosting CB9 December meetings every year.

Chairperson Smith recognized legislative representatives.

Amparito Rosero, Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, wished all happy holidays.

Carl Moore, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo, thanked all board members for their service and extended best holiday wishes from the Senator.

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

- Invited all to Assembly Member Miller and Senator Addabbo's Annual Holiday Party at The Woodhaven Manor on Monday, December 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Community Coat and Toy Drive location is Assembly Member's office, 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd.

Andrew Taranto, Rep. State Senator Leroy Comrie, invited all to a holiday party, sponsored by the Senator, on Thursday, December 20th, 2018 at 9 o'clock at the district office.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Joseph Caruana, Our Neighbors Civic Association of Ozone Park, Inc., thanked the Board Members for their hard work and dedication and invited all to a Holiday Gala at Lenny's Clam Bar on Tuesday, December 18th, 2018.

Sam Esposito, President, Ozone Park Residents Block Association, stated the following:

- Thanked Kenichi Wilson for representing CB9 at Ozone Park Civic Association's Tree Lighting Event.
- The residents of 96th Street are supporting the street conversion to one-way southbound operation from Atlantic to 95th Ave.
- Thanked Marian Molina for drafting a Resolution opposing the opening of a Homeless Shelter for mentally ill men in Ozone Park.
- The court has ninety days to respond with their decision regarding the Homeless Shelter at 85-15 101st Ave.
- Wished all happy holidays.

Toolsie Jagat, Richmond Hill Resident, voiced his complaint regarding lack of parking on the streets and asked for help with his neighbor who owns two dozen dogs and doesn't clean his backyard.

Lori Lichtman, Citizens Committee for NYC, made an announcement regarding Neighborhood Grants of up to \$3,000 to groups working on community-building projects across NYC. Applications are due January 21, 2019.

David Kupfer, Attorney for 24-Hour Fitness Club, stated that their client has applied for an additional 10-year extension of term of the special permit for the physical culture establishment located at 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd. The Applicant seeks to re-open and amend the Resolution of the BSA to note the change in ownership from Bally Total Fitness of Greater New York to 24-Hour Fitness Holdings, LLC; permit to change hours of operation; to do minor changes in interior equipment layout and to change the exterior signage to reflect the new operator. The Board's recommendation is required to finalize the application with BSA.

Joseph Reuter, Richmond Hill Resident, stated that the traffic lights on 103rd Ave from 102nd St to 106th St are not in sync which creates dangerous situations. Mr. Reuter invited all to a Tree Lighting Ceremony at Mary Gate of Heaven Church on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 10 AM.

Matthew Pecorino, Rep. Council Member Eric Ulrich, wished all a Happy Holiday Season.

Julio Salazar, Rep. Congress Member Velasquez, stated that Congress Member is organizing a Small Business Workshop in the middle of January, 2019.

3. Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes

Treasure Carter asked if there were any corrections/additions to November 13th, 2018 meeting minutes and motions. There were none.

Motion # 1: To accept November 13th, 2018 meeting minutes and motions as presented.

Vote # 1: Unanimous

4. Monthly Update - NYPD Report 102nd Pct.

Capt. Casaceli stated that the 102nd Pct. is 14% down in crime year-to-date and 9% down for the last 28 days; for the week to date they are up 6% due to the shooting at Rose Lounge on 130th St in Richmond Hill.

The perpetrator, who was involved in breaking into vehicles and stealing electronic devices, was arrested.

PO Edwin Martinez made an announcement about 102nd PCT's Winter Blood Drive that will take place on

5. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report – J. Richard Smith, reported on the following:

- Asked the Board Members to review an email regarding currently ongoing City Charter revision. Any changes should be submitted by the end of the month.
- Attended the JFK round table where the noise complaints and air traffic control issues were discussed. JFK airport redevelopment will be done by phases starting the summer of next year. Stated DOT had a presentation about adding two new lanes to Van Wyck Expressway as part of Kew Gardens Interchange Project. The biggest challenge will be re-doing the LIRR overpasses.
- Due to the holidays, the next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7 PM at the district office.
- A vote on 2019 meeting locations will be taken next month.

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

a. On Premises Liquor License Application – New

Vanessa Bar & Lounge Corp.
110-12 Jamaica Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion # 2: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for Vanessa Bar & Lounge Corp., 110-12 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 2: 32 in favor and 1 opposed

Raj Sohna Punjab Inc.
116-20 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Motion # 3: Not to oppose new on premises liquor license application for Raj Sohna Punjab Inc., 116-20 Atlantic Ave

Vote # 3: 25 in favor and 8 opposed

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

9019, LLC
D/b/a Caridad Restaurant
90-19 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 4: Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application with 1 AM stip. for 9019, LLC, D/b/a Caridad Restaurant, 90-19 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 4: Unanimous

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

Motion # 5: Not to oppose new on premises wine, beer & cider license application for 3 in 1 Deli Grocery Inc., 131-11 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 5: 32 in favor and 1 abstention

c. On Premises Liquor License Application – Renewal

Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Corp.
D/b/a Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Restaurant
76-15 Jamaica Ave
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion # 6: Not to approve on premises liquor license renewal application for Las Nuevas Delicias De Acapulco Restaurant, 76-15 Jamaica Ave

Vote # 6: Unanimous

d. Class Change Application

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

Motion # 7: Not to oppose class change license application with 1 AM stip. for Richi Rich Palace NY Inc., d/b/a Richi Rich Palace, 110-17-19 Atlantic Ave

Vote #: 7 Unanimous

Jim Coccovillo reported on the following establishments:

- MJ Media, Inc., 121-08 Jamaica Ave, a vote will be taken on this establishment in January.
- The Hibiscus Restaurant & Bar, Inc., 124-18 Jamaica Ave, the committee is waiting for their letter of withdrawal. If it is not received, the committee's motion will be not to oppose with the 1 AM stipulation.
- The next Public Safety Committee meeting will take place on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7 PM at the district office. Happy holidays.

7. Health & Social Services Committee Report – Marian C. Molina, Chair, read the last paragraph from the CB9 Health & Social Services Committee Resolution:

Queens Community Board 9 opposes the plan to house 113 mentally ill homeless men in the proposed shelter located at 85-15 101 Avenue in Ozone Park. Instead, the Mayor of the City of New York and responsible city agencies must:

Prioritize quality mental health services, substance abuse prevention and intervention services, education and employment training, and life skills development that are vital to so many who are homeless.

Properly make use of the limited resources of the facility in question and not underserve and neglect the homeless population of 113 men classified as mentally ill. These men are worthy of being housed at a medical facility where they are guaranteed shelter, financial assistance and proper medical treatment.

Consider housing homeless families and homeless single parents at this facility.

Motion # 8: To oppose the proposed Homeless Shelter for mentally ill men at 85-15 101 Ave in Ozone Park
Vote # 8: Unanimous

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

- MTA – 111th St. J Train Station Renovation presentation took place at November 27th, 2018 Transportation Committee meeting (copy of presentation is available upon request).
- DOT conducted an investigation regarding the feasibility of changing the direction of traffic flow on 96th Street from Atlantic to 95th Avenues which included site visits to observe local traffic circulation, street measurements, review of on-street parking usage and recent crash data. Based on the findings, they are recommending converting 96th Street to one-way southbound operation from Atlantic Ave to 95th Ave. The narrow width of 96th Street along with parking on both sides makes it difficult at time for opposing vehicles

to pass safely. The one-way conversion will reduce conflicting movements and improve safety for all users. DOT proposes a southbound direction due to the fact 96th Street already operates as one-way southbound north of Atlantic Avenue and this will also avoid a head-on condition at Atlantic Ave if converted northbound.

Motion # 9: To support the street conversion on 96th Street to one-way southbound operation from Atlantic Ave to 95th Ave

Vote # 9: Unanimous

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

Sylvia Hack read Committee’s Resolution re: BSA Application # 222-90-BZ, 24-Hour Fitness Club, 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd, Kew Gardens, NY 11415:

“Queens Community Board 9 approves extension of the above special permit requested by 24- Hour Fitness Holding LLC.”

Ms. Hack stated that CB9 Land Use & Housing Committee is asking Board 9's Health and Social Services Committee to look into informal complaints about inadequate ventilation in the main large interior classroom.”

Applicant’s representative answered board members’ questions.

Motion # 10: To support the BSA Application # 222-90-BZ for an extension of term of special permit for operation of a 24-Hour Fitness Club

Vote # 10: Unanimous

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

11. Education & Youth Services Committee Report – Seth Welins, Chair, reported on the following:

- Council Member Eric Ulrich secured \$250,000 in funding for the Queens Borough Public Library to open a temporary location while its Woodhaven branch undergoes a major renovation.
- The Committee expressed its concerns regarding both Woodhaven and Richmond Hill Branches being closed for renovations at the same time.
- Suggested the mini mall on Lefferts Blvd., across the street from Richmond Hill Branch Library as a possible swing space.

12. Economic Development Committee Report – Matthew Singh, Chair, no report.

13. Election/Replacement of 1st Vice Chair

J. Richard Smith opened nominations on the floor for 1st Vice Chairperson. Linda Fogal nominated Kenichi Wilson. Jim Coccovillo seconded it.

Kenichi Wilson ran unopposed and was elected a 1st Vice Chair.

A vote will be taken at the next Community Board meeting to elect a 2nd Vice Chair.

14. District Manager Position (Vote Only)

Ballots with three names of the candidates on them were handed out to the board members.

Of the 32 Board Members who were present for the vote, 21 voted for James McClelland, 7 for Sal Simonetti and 4 for Jessica Douglas.

James McClelland is elected District Manager of Queens Community Board 9.

15. Old Business

Joan DeCamp made an announcement regarding Mary Ann Carey, CB9's former District Manager, being back home from the rehab center and recuperating. If you want to send her your well wishes, please do so.

Marian C. Molina thanked all who participated in Health & Social Committee's Toy Drive and stated that toys will continue to be collected until Monday December 17th.

16. New Business

Regina Santoro stated that part of Richmond Hill was approved to become a Historic District: north of Myrtle Ave up to the Kew Gardens border, from 112th Street to 116th Street.

17. Public Forum

No speakers

Rabbi Daniel Pollack made a motion to adjourn, Jim Coccovillo seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.