

JUNE 14, 2011 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
MAJESTIC MARQUEE 88-03 101 AVE. OZONE PARK, NY 11416

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2011

Akhtar Ali	(0)	Stephen Esposito	(0)	Raj Rampershad	(1)
Evelyn Baron	(0)	Clark Whitsett	(0)	Naidoo Veerapen	(1)
D. Bhattacharjee	(1)	Jan Fenster	(0)	J. Richard Smith	(0)
Wallace Bock	(0)	Dr. V. Evangelista	(0)	Dr. Stephen Sofer	(0)
Latchman Budhai	(0)	Susan Farrell	(0)	Maria Thomson	(0)
Seth Welins	(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)	Marie Turley	(0)
Anton Dietrich	(1)	Scott Jordan	(0)	Regina Santoro	(0)
Jim Coccovillo	(0)	Raghbir Singh	(0)	Marian Molina	(0)
Richard David	(2)	Sherman Kane	(0)	Maharani Singh	(0)
Nick Comaianni	(0)	Priscilla Levine	(0)		
Andrea Crawford	(0)	Ivan Mrakovcic	(0)		
Sandra Datnarain	(1)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)		
Joan DeCamp	(0)	Rabbi Pollack	(0)		
Thomas Chiofolo	(2)	H. Singh Duggal	(2)		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Melissa Rosales	(3)	Joseph Todisco	(2)	Ramon Rodriguez	(2)
Ralph Gonzalez	(2)	Sylvia Hack	(2)	Melquiades Gagarin	(1)
Mohamed Safie	(1)	John Carter	(2)	Sam Esposito	(2)
Albert Cohen	(2)	Rajinder S. Bawa	(1)	Balbir Kaur	(1)

* Absences from a meeting shall mean physical non-attendance and /or failure to be present for voting on two or more agenda items marked "Vote to be Taken" at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Gomes, Irina Barayeva, Erica Dilan Staff

Legislative Representatives

CM Rubin Wills
Sal Simonetti, CM Ulrich
Marian Gottlieb, Senator Addabbo
Kate Mooney, CM Crawley
Nick Roloson, Assembly Mbr. Miller
Lavonne Brown, Assemblyman Lancman
Nigel Loncke, Congressman Meeks
Captain Briffa, 102 Pct.

Mike Persaud, Assemblyman Hevesi
Wilma Bynum, QBP Marshall
Richard Mumith, Council Mbr. Koslowitz
Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley
Doug McPherson, Congressman Miller
Mohammad Hack, CM Wills
P.O. Estrella, 102 Pct.

GUESTS

David Quintana, resident
Jamal Baksh, U.S. Census
Jay Van Deven, F.H. Ambulance Corp
Renan Mazorra, resident
David Harvey, Forum News
Ana Gustadson, resident
Ralph Mancini, Times News Weekly
Ali Raza, F.P. Coop Board
Bart Angelini, resident

Joshua Marino, resident
Patrick Jenkins, Aqueduct
Felipe Resalado, El Sabor Mexicano
Keeshia Sterling, Girl Scouts
Preeyaporn Marino, resident
Lisa Friser, resident
Victoria Van Deven, resident
Jane Deacy, resident
Cynthia Dickerson

PUBLIC FORUM

Patrick Jenkins- spoke about the new resorts at Aqueduct racetrack, which should be opening around the end of August or beginning of September. Anyone interested in employment there can go to www.rwnyork.com to search over 1,000 job openings. The resort will be open twenty hours a day.

Joshua Marino- resident of Kew Gardens inquired how local citizens can find out more information about Community Board meetings and projects. He requested to add his name to the mailing list.

Jay Van Deven- spoke about the illegally parked commercial vehicles on Myrtle Ave and Park Lane South and on 98 St.

Chairperson Andrea Crawford introduced the legislators and their representatives and asked for updates:

Nigel Loncke, representing Congressman Gregory Meeks- stated that the hr 2055 passed the House in NY. This means much needed funding will go towards veteran's hospitals in New York.

Mike Persaud, representing Assemblyman Hevesi- nothing to report, the Assemblyman is currently in Albany.

Richard Mumith, representing Council Member. Koslowitz- thanked all for their participation and support with Asian American heritage month. NYC offers discounts for prescriptions to those who currently have health insurance.

Sal Simonetti representing Council Member Eric Ulrich- nothing to report.

Nick Rolson of Assemblyman Mike Miller's office stated that the Assemblyman is in Albany trying to pass the ethics bill, which will not affect NYC. There will be a tax lien event on July 6 from 4-7pm, call office for more information.

Marion Gottlieb representing Senator Joe Addabbo informed the board that the Senator is currently in Albany fighting budget cuts.

Council Member Elizabeth Crowley spoke about the unacceptable budget cuts to education and firehouses. She is currently on the budget negotiating team, and along with the unions, is fighting to prevent cuts to firehouses, libraries and education. She also spoke about the re-painting of the J-train which is coming along nicely. She wished all a great summer.

Question and Answer Period followed.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. ***Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses, Letters of Intent Received***

a. **On Premise Liquor License- Renewal**

Golden Arrow Sport Bar, Inc
107-14 101 Ave.
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

b. **On Premise Beer & Wine License- Renewal**

9010 Atlantic Ave.Inc.
9010 Atlantic Ave.
Ozone Park, NY 11416
No speakers

F&C Café & Restaurant, Inc.
125-22 Jamaica Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

c. **On Premise Alteration Application**

Tropical Deli Café Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

d. **On Premise Beer License- Renewal**

85-09 Jamaica Ave. Corp
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Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

e. **On Premise Beer License- New**

El Sabor Mexicano Deli Meat Grocery
78-04 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421
No speakers

f. **Off Premise Beer License- Renewal**

American Trade Corp.
D/b/a Family Grocery
107-27 Atlantic Ave
Richmond Hill, NY 11418
No speakers

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. **The Opening of Meeting & Reading of Minutes**

Submitted by Maria Thomson: On page 2 Dough McPherson represents Congressman Weiner's office not Assemblyman Miller.

2. Submitted by Maria Thomson: On page 7 Maria Thomson stated Woodhaven Business Improvement District will distribute quarters, not the Great Woodhaven Development Corp. The last sentence states she spoke about the Q11 and Q12 Bus and she did not.

Wallace Bock motioned to accept the minutes for May as amended.
Evelyn Baron 2nd the motion.

Motion #1: to adopt minutes as amended.

Vote #1: 34 in favor, 2 abstentions

3. **Monthly Update- 102 PCT-**

P.O. Briffa states that crime has gone down 28 percent in the last 28 days. There were five arrests in the DWI initiative, and 700 summonses have been given this month. For noise complaints, please call 311 or the 102 pct.

Question and answer period followed.

4. Chairperson's Remarks and Executive Committee Report – Andrea Crawford

The Chairperson spoke about last month's executive Committee Report, where the DOB and FDNY addressed issues of illegal conversions of buildings. They must obtain warrants before inspecting inside buildings.

Board members assigned to their committees must attend meetings. Board members are allowed three absences per year for the monthly board meeting. Anton Dietrich has been recognized by Queens Borough President Helen Marshall for 40 years of service on the board. We thank him for his dedication to our community's well-being.

4. Guest Speaker- Keesha Sterling, Girl Scouts- Ms. Sterling from Girl Scouts Pathways spoke about the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) which recently developed a more flexible model for participation on Girl Scouting. Pathways correspond with the exciting work of GSUSA's Core Business Strategy to create nationally consistent and flexible ways for girls and adults to participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Question and Answer Period Followed.

5. District Manager's Report- Mary Ann Carey

District Manager Mary Ann Carey reported that the movie Men in Black was filming on Jamaica Ave for the past several days. The Richmond Hill Historical Society will be hosting a Victorian Tea at the Center at Maple Grove Cemetery at 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd. Call for more information. She informed the board to check out the brochures from NYC parks for free events being held at Forest Park. She wished all a happy summer.

6. Transportation Committee- Andrea Crawford

The official resolution for the Q74 bus restoration will be circulated via e-mail over the summer.

There was a vote to support the resolution for the restoration of the Q74 bus service.

Motion #2: to support the resolution for the restoration of the Q74 bus service

Vote#2: unanimous

Question and Answer Period Followed.

7. Land Use Committee Report- Sylvia Hack & Sherman Kane

John Young, liaison to the Dept. of City Planning came to the May 24th meeting to speak about the rezoning of Ozone Park and Richmond Hill; this will involve a density and environmental study of both areas. The study should be done by the end of this year. During the time this study is taking place, please file any complaints of illegal occupancies with CB9 office or with 311.

Question and Answer Period Followed

8. Education & Youth Services Committee Report- Nick Comaianni

There was a meeting with Chancellor Walcott which left most attendees dissatisfied, as he was unable to answer many important questions.

Question and Answer Period Followed.

9. Health & Social Services Committee Report- Evelyn Baron

Ms. Baron spoke about the new cuts to Medicaid and Medicare, which will now reduce the amounts paid for certain preventable diseases.

10. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report- J. Richard Smith

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Carey for an update for the replacement of sidewalks on Myrtle Ave through Park Lane South. He also requested that a letter be drafted regarding Parks police enforcement specifically at Victory Field in Forest Park.

11. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report- Jim Coccovillo & Tom Chiofolo

❖ **On Premise Beer & Wine License- Renewal**

9010 Atlantic Ave.Inc.
9010 Atlantic Ave.
Ozone Park, NY 11416

Motion #3: To send Letter of no opposition for 9010 Atlantic Ave. Inc.

Vote #3: 36 in favor, 1 opposed

❖ **On Premise Beer License- New**

El Sabor Mexicano Deli Meat Grocery
78-04 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion #4: To send Letter of opposition for El Sabor Mexicano Deli Meat Grocery

Vote #4: 22 in favor, 13 opposed, 2 abstentions

❖ **On Premise Alteration Application**

Tropical Deli Café Corp.
88-18 Jamaica Ave.
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Motion #5: To send Letter of no opposition for Tropical Deli Café Corp.

Vote #5: 36 in favor, 1 opposed

❖ **Off Premise Beer License- Renewal**

American Trade Corp.
D/b/a Family Grocery
107-27 Atlantic Ave.
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

Motion #6: To send Letter of no opposition for American Trade Corp. D/b/a Family Grocery
Vote #6: 36 in favor, 1 opposed

12. Old Business

Priscilla Levine stated that garbage cans on the corners on Richmond Hill and Woodhaven must be cleaned out, also reminded all that no household garbage is permitted in these cans.

13. New Business

Andrea Crawford thanked Sandra Datnarin for allowing the board to meet at the Majestic Marquee.

Harjinder Singh Duggal spoke about handicap parking at Lefferts Blvd. and Atlantic Ave. This discourages disabled people to park and enjoy the restaurants and local businesses of this location.

Andrea Crawford reminded all board members that personal conversation taking place at the table should be kept to a minimum.

Maria Thomson asked that the board draft a letter requesting parking meters not to go up to 15 minutes per quarter.

Richard S. David stated there will be an Indo-Caribbean Festival at the Queens Museum of Art this Friday between 5-9pm. All are invited.

Public Forum

David Quintana- spoke about jobs in Ozone Park at the Workman.

Jay Van Deven- Informed the board of the Forest Hills Ambulance Corp's 40th anniversary.

Wallace Bock motioned to adjourn the meeting, Nick Comaianni 2nd the motion.

The meeting ended at 10:30 PM