



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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Sherry Algreto, Chairperson \* James S. McClelland, District Manager \* Donovan Richards Jr., Borough President

## OCTOBER 8, 2024 MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

QUEENS BOROUGH HALL, 120-55 QUEENS BOULEVARD, ROOM 200, KEW GARDENS, NY 11424

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENCES AS OF APRIL 2024-MARCH 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> # Represents Absences as of January-December 2024 (Borough President's Attendance)

Inderpaul Ahluwalia	(0)(0)	Ruben Cruz	(2)(3)	Nina Kulkarni	(1)(1)
Sherry Algreto	(0)(0)	Marilyn Custodio	(1)(1)	Cristal Rivera	(2)(2)
Dulal Bhattacharjee	(0)(1)	Joan DeCamp	(0)(0)	Regina Santoro	(1)(1)
Visnoonand Bisram	(0)(0)	Stephen Esposito	(1)(1)	Raghbir Singh	(1)(2)
Zoila Bofill	(0)(0)	Albert Gamarra	(1)(1)	Alexandria Sumpter-Delves	(0)(0)
Swapan Chakraborty	(0)(0)	Daniel Grieve	(1)(1)	Esta-Joy Sydel	(1)(1)
Rick Chetram	(0)(0)	Sylvia Hack	(0)(0)	Andrew Taranto	(1)(1)
Daniel Chu	(0)(0)	Joseph Iaboni	(0)(1)	Seth Welins	(0)(0)
Andrea Crawford	(2)(2)	Kevin O'Leary	(0)(0)	Stacey Yearwood	(0)(0)

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Faiuze Ali	(1)(1)	Carmela Isabella	(1)(1)	Jarnail Singh	(3)(3)
Kirpal Billing	(1)(1)	Christian Orellana	(5)(5)	Matthew Singh	(3)(4)
Kamal Bhuiyan	(3)(5)	Rabbi Daniel Pollack	(2)(3)	Mohinder Singh	(3)(6)
John Carter	(1)(1)	Sassy Ramoutar	(4)(5)	Victor Starsky	(1)(2)
Warlito DeLeon	(1)(1)	Jonathan Rodriguez	(2)(2)	J. Richard Smith	(1)(1)
Stephen Forte	(1)(1)	Mohamed Safie	(4)(5)		
Alicia Hassin	(2)(2)	Himmat Singh	(1)(1)		

### ALSO PRESENT

James McClelland, District Manager  
Irina Barayeva, Community Associate

### LEGISLATORS/REPRESENTATIVES, CITY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Joe Addabbo  
Ann Marie Costella, Rep. Senator Joe Addabbo  
Kat Thompson, Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards  
Anna Sargeant, Rep. Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar  
Rokeya Akhtar, Rep. Queens District Attorney Melida Katz  
Linda Fogal, Rep. Council Member Joan Ariola  
May Leonardo, Rep. Council Member Lynn Schulman  
Daiquan Llewellyn, Rep. Senator Leroy Comrie  
PO Nick Salamone, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct.  
Jonathan Betancourt, Rep. Congress Member Nydia Velazquez

## 1. Opening of Meeting and Reading of Minutes

Chair Algreto asked if there were any corrections/additions to September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes and motions. There were none. Joan DeCamp motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Joe Iaboni seconded the motion.

**Motion # 1:** To adopt minutes as presented

**Vote # 1:** 23 in favor and 4 abstentions

## 2. Chairperson's Remarks & Exec. Report–Sherry Algreto, District Manager's Report- James McClelland

Chair Algreto stated that with the resignation of two board members, Juan Batista II and Tiffanie Placeres, there are currently forty-six members serving on the board.

She congratulated fellow board member Alexandria Sumpter-Delves on her appointment to Trustee on the Queens Library Board.

She also spoke about all the events that the board participated in, thanking those members who attended and offered their help. Chair Algreto gave a special thanks to DM McClelland for his involvement and dedication.

DM McClelland wished Happy Birthday to Carmela Isabella, Jarnail Singh, Matthew Singh and Mohinder Singh. He reported on the following:

Budget consultations are completed. Reminded the Board Members to submit their Capital/Expense project ideas for the next Fiscal Year 2026 by November 1<sup>st</sup> as the vote on Capital and Expense priority list will be taken during the November 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

## 3. Public Hearing

### ➤ ***FY2026 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities***

Mr. McCants, Richmond Hill Resident submitted a written testimony.

DM McClelland stated that a few suggestions were sent to the office by school principals and members of the public.

State Senator Joe Addabbo Jr. addressed the board and thanked them for their service. He stressed the importance of collaboration within city agencies to combine resources to help with community concerns.

## 4. Public Forum

Sol McCants, Richmond Hill Resident, addressed MTA issues (testimony submitted).

Mary Ann Tsourounakis, Richmond Hill Resident, spoke about her concerns regarding pop-up smoke shops and illegal parking.

Richard Dono, RHBA President, spoke about events organized and sponsored by RHBA.

Stacey Yearwood, CB9 Member, encouraged all to get their cancer screenings in a timely manner.

## 5. Land Use & Housing Committee Report – Sylvia Hack & Andrew Taranto, Co-Chairs

### ➤ **BSA Application No. 700-85-BZ – 97-38 99<sup>th</sup> Street**

An amendment to BSA's condition of term to re-instate a previously approved Variance (§72-21) which permitted contractor's establishment including storage and handling of building materials, office and storage of one truck with accessory parking for five cars which expired January 20, 2002, in R5 zoning district.

Co-Chair Hack stated that the committee has no objections to this application.

**Motion #2:** To support applicant's BSA Application No. 700-85-BZ, 97-38 99<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Vote #2:** 23 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstentions

**6. NYPD 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. Briefing**

DM McClelland thanked the officers of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. for their help. They arrested individuals who were selling illegal cannabis products from their van parked on the street.

Police Officer Nick Salamone, 102<sup>nd</sup> Pct. reported on the crime stats stating that overall crime is down for the last 28 days. Robberies are down 18%; there is a slight spike in burglaries. Crime Prevention Officer is conveying surveys after every burglary constantly educating the owners on crime prevention technics.

PO Salamone reported on a homicide incident that occurred at 125<sup>th</sup> Street and 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

He thanked Chair Algreto and DM McClelland for sending a request for a street co-naming of Baseball Field 1 in Forest Park after Det. Brian Simonsen.

**7. Parks, Recreation & Environment Committee Report – J. R. Smith, Chair**

Regina Santoro reported on a site visit with DOT Commissioner Garcia, Portia Dyrenforth of Forest Park, CB9 Chair Algreto, DM McClelland, CB9 Park's Committee Chair Smith and Council Member Joan Ariola at Freedom Drive & Park Lane South. The site visit was regarding re-opening of Freedom Drive which is currently closed to vehicular traffic.

She also stated that Fall street tree planting is starting next month.

**8. Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee Report/Public Hearing (Letters of Intent Received)  
Albert Gamarra, Chair**

**a. On-Prémisses Liquor License Application New**

Batista The Latin Corner Inc., d/b/a The Latin Corner  
116-20 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418 *No speakers*

**Motion #3:** Not to oppose the new liquor license application  
**Vote#3:** Unanimous

Bonao Chimi Restaurant  
76-14 Jamaica Avenue  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Ms. Sandra Hung, business representative, gave a brief presentation on behalf of the owner.

**Motion #4:** Not to oppose the new liquor license application  
**Vote#4:** Unanimous

Puerta Plata Fish Market Inc.  
75-16 Rockaway Boulevard  
Woodhaven, NY 11421 *No speakers*

**Motion #5:** Not to oppose the new liquor license application  
**Vote#5:** Unanimous

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

55 Tandori Pizza Inc.  
110-11 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419 *No Speakers, an applicant requested a postponement*

Yosmira Bar Inc.  
131-09 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

*No speakers*

**Motion #6:** Not to oppose the new wine, beer & cider license application  
**Vote#6:** Unanimous

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

Desi Pizza Richmond LLC, d/b/a Desi Pizza Bites  
111-03 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

*No Speakers, an applicant requested a postponement*

Committee Chair Gamarra reported on the following renewal applications:

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

D Rivas Restaurant Corp., d/b/a La Flor Del Paraiso  
80-29 Jamaica Avenue  
Woodhaven, NY 11421

Siembra LLC, d/b/a Enzo's Pizza  
81-02 Rockaway Boulevard  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

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

Tipsy's Bar & Lounge  
106-07 Jamaica Avenue  
Richmond Hill, NY 11418

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

Fortune Hut Inc.  
76-11 101st Avenue  
Ozone Park, NY 11416

The next Public Safety & Consumer Affairs Committee meeting is on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**9. Budget Updates**

Chair Algreto gave a detailed report on CB9's recent expenditures.

**10. Old/New Business**

Mr. Raghbir Singh invited all to Guru Nanak annual birthday celebration on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ruben Cruz reminded all about being respectful to one another.

Chair Algreto invited legislative representatives to give their reports.

**11. PUBLIC FORUM**

*No speakers.*

Andrea Crawford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe Iaboni seconded it.  
The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 8:55 PM.