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COMMUNITY BOARD 12 MINUTES

HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

VIA ZOOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ADAM COHEN
ALAN DUBROW
ANNA CALI
AVI GREENSTEIN
AVROHOM WOLFSON
CHESKY BLAU
DAVID FRIEDLANDER
DAVID SHLOMOVICH
ELLIE KASTEL
EDGAR GLUCK
JACOB EISDORFER
JACOB HASS
JACQUE FRIEDMAN
JEFFREY DWECK
JOHN TALMADGE
JOSEPH GROSS
JULES FLEISCHER
LILY MARINELLI
MAMNUNUL HAQ
MIRIAM HERSKO
MORRIS SENDEROVICH
MORTON PUPKO
PETER REBENWURZEL
SAM STOBER
SHARON FUCHS
SHLOMIE RIEGER
YAAKOV KAPLAN
YERUCHIM SILBER
YIDEL PERLSTEIN
YITZCHOK ITZKOWITZ
YONAH MOSES

COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

APPROXIMATELY 36 RESIDENTS PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

BERNARD FREILICH
DOUGLAS JABLON
JACOB ASKAL
LARRY JASON
MONIQUE WALLACE
NAFTALI TESSLER
ROCHELLE ZAMI
SAHIBZADA SHABIR AHMAD
SOL WAHBA
YAAKOV SCHAPIRO
YECHIEL MALIK
YITZCHOK MOSKOWITS

STAFF PRESENT

BARRY SPITZER – DISTRICT MANAGER
GITTEL FEKETE- COMMUNITY
COORDINATOR
ANN MARIE HONAN- COMMUNITY
ASSISTANT

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES

COUNCILMAN KALMAN YEGER
SHERMAN JACKSON, REP, BP ERIC ADAMS
SOL REIGER, REP. AS. EICHENSTEIN
PINNY RINGEL REP. MAYOR DE BLASIO
PINNY HIKIND REP. COMPTROLLER
STRINGER
ORLANDO ROSS, REP. CONGRESSWOMAN
YVETTE CLARKE
SHARON FUCHS, REP. SENATOR FELDER
SABRINA DIEUJUSTE, REP. CM FARAH LOUIS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ATTENDANCE:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- April Minutes were adopted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Yidel Perlstein Chairman of Community Board 12

- The chairman thanked the Fire Department for their cooperation and amazing dedication on Lag B'Omer. The celebrations locally went well.
- Unfortunately, Lag B'Omer celebrations in Meron ended in tragedy. 45 people lost their lives while celebrating, many of them young children. We pray for those families and hope that they only know joy from now on.
- There has been a major increase in anti-Semitism across the globe, specifically here in New York City. Unfortunately, many elected officials from federal to local, are adding to – and indeed even causing – this rise of anti-Semitism. This has unfortunately led to attacks on visibly orthodox Jews right here in Boro Park.

There was a meeting this past Friday with all the Brooklyn South Commanders and the Chief of Patrol of Borough Brooklyn South where increased police protection for Shabbos was promised. Unfortunately, that didn't happen and on Shabbos afternoon Jews were attacked on Ocean Parkway and on 16th Avenue. One of the suspects in those attacks was arrested today and the other two arrests are expected to follow. Many thanks to NYPD's detectives and the Hate Crimes Task Force for such a quick arrest.

After Shabbos, Mayor de Blasio came to the 66th Precinct and our Board member Rabbi Freilich was there. The mayor promised an increased police presence. The Commissioner and Chief of Department walked the streets of the district and listened to concerns from our residents. Sure enough, since Sunday there has been major police coverage throughout the Jewish sections of our district, and we hope that it continues till the attacks stop completely.

- Our office was notified yesterday by the Governor's office that they are deploying state troopers to support the NYPD's efforts.
We must all unanimously call out the anti-Semitism we see, wherever it is. Whether it's on the streets of London, Germany, Los Angeles or our own Boro Park. We also call out all forms of hate. We were horrified to learn of the defacement on a mosque on one of the holiest days in the Islamic calendar. We were horrified to hear of the vandalism at St. Athanasius Church. The United States is a beacon of religious freedom for all faiths, and we cannot stand by as those who practice are subjected to prejudice.
- The chairman acknowledged the organization Yachad D'Bobov for sending oxygen concentrators to India which was being hit hard by Covid. This is a huge Kiddush Hashem and exactly what our community is about.
- He congratulated John Talmadge who joined the Grandfather's club. His daughter had a boy- this is the first grandchild for John.
- NY State is offering vaccine incentives. At 10 New York State sites everyone who comes to get vaccinated will receive a free \$20 NYS lottery scratch off ticket with a grand prize of \$5 million. NYS is also offering a free two day pass to any NYS park. These 2 incentives are for those vaccinated between May 24 and May 28.
- NYC is offering weekly prizes for those getting vaccinated. The prize will be announced at the beginning of the week as well as the winners for the previous weeks contest. This week's prizes are the chance to win tickets to Governor's Ball (50 winners), an annual membership to Crunch Fitness (10 winners).

Coronavirus numbers:

NYS numbers released, May 25:

- Total COVID hospitalizations reported were 1,357.
- Of the 76,551 tests reported yesterday, 767 were positive (1% of total).
- Sadly, there were 16 fatalities.

NYC numbers released, May 25:

- 98 new hospitalizations
 - 411 new cases
 - 1.1% positivity rate (7-day avg.)

For all up to date information go to <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/>

- At this point, over 400 days since the start of the pandemic, we're at the point where most things are in the process of reopening. Although the CDC guidelines no longer require vaccinated individuals to wear masks indoors, it still is required on public transportation and individual businesses may require it. For some reason NYC still requires face coverings indoor even if you're fully vaccinated. But we anticipate that this will not last for much longer.

Vaccination eligibility:

- All United States residents are eligible for the vaccine.
- The Pfizer vaccine is approved for children ages 12-15.
- To sign up for in home vaccinations either go online to <http://nyc.gov/homebound> or call 877-VAX-4-NYC.
- Our next board meeting will be Tuesday June 22nd
- There will be the annual Bike registration event by Shomrim on June 6th on 18th Avenue by the Park
- He congratulated Board Member Shlomie Itzkowitz on becoming manager at the Loft Steakhouse.

PUBLIC SESSION:

NYPD Community Affairs Deputy Inspector Richie Taylor

- He thanked the board for having him.
- The past few days were busy for the NYPD. Inspector Taylor was in Times Square and saw the violence. There was violence from both sides. There were people in yarmulkes who were taking advantage of the increased police presence and felt comfortable being antagonistic. There is no excuse any type of violence.
Inspector Taylor was happy that a rally on Sunday had a very minimal showing and proceeded without incident.
- He noted the horrific hate crimes which occurred on Shabbos around mincha time. The perpetrator for the incident on 50th St. and 16th Ave. was arrested, as Mr. Perlstein said. One of the perps for the incident at Ocean Parkway and 18th Avenue was arrested, the walk out took place right before the meeting. NYP is working hard to get the 2nd perp. He also spoke to a victim of the crime on 16th Ave.
- He came to reassure the community that the concerns will be given due attention. Inspector Taylor was out with Mr. Spitzer Saturday night until around 2 am.
- He was happy to report that since Sunday there has been tremendous police presence in the area. The presence increased since the Police Commissioner and Chief of Department were in the district. The visit served 2 purposes. First to underscore the importance of providing for the safety of the people because the officers see their executives and know that this is a priority. And also for the community to see the police presence. Inspector Taylor was out with Chief Harrison at Toys 4 You on 13th Avenue and 47th street so people see that the highest level of the NYPD is out here.

- The tone has been set and this is not a temporary fix, it's something that needs to continue. It is especially important to have cars out on Shabbos when the religious community is out more and not carrying their phones. They can become more of a target.
- Detective Inspector recognized some attendees at the board meeting.
 - Councilman Kalman Yeger has been a tremendous friend to the NYPD in the city council. He is one of the people there that tries to lessen some of the cards stacked against the NYPD. He thanked Councilman Yeger. There was a recent conversation with Chief Marjorie, The councilman is fighting to free up \$1.5 million for security cameras for this community. There's a lot of bureaucracy involved and checks and balances. The NYPD is grateful to have someone like Councilman Kalman Yeger fighting the good fight.
 - Peter Rebenwurz was just on Avenue M and East 18. Chief Maddrey came out and did a walking tour of Avenue M including at the Hatzolah garage. They walked from Ocean Avenue to East 15th St. to make the community feel safe.
 - He acknowledged Yeruchim Silber and the Aguda who he was supposed to meet when Covid hit.
 - Yaakov Kaplan who is trying to keep things as good as he can at the FJCC.
 - Chesky Blau who is incredibly busy and still makes time for the community.
 - Morty Pupko is always doing the hard job behind the scenes.
 - Adam Cohen is very involved in chessed, as is his family whom Inspector Taylor knows.
 - Avi Greenstein gave out thousands of masks. He works to bring programs to the community and is innovative.
 - Sharon Fuchs is a tremendous leader. Sharon knows everyone and if she doesn't know how to resolve something, she'll know someone who can. She is out with Senator Felder allocating funds and advocating.
 - Pinny Ringel is getting the job done and does a lot behind the scenes. Inspector Taylor was just at the 66 pct. with him and the mayor on Sunday.
- Inspector Taylor recognized Captain Hagestad, the new captain at the 66 pct. He was an officer at the 66 and is now back with the community he loves. He noted that an important part of the NYPD is community relations. The captain is very approachable and personable and loves what he does. It's good to have a listening ear and having dialogues with community. There will always be different opinions on how to get the job done. But we all get to finish line because the goal of living safely together is the same.
- He thanked the board for the opportunity to join and hopes to join this call again. He shared his email address with board members.

Chairman Perlstein

- Thanked Inspector Taylor for attending the board meeting and hoped to see him again when things quiet down.

Adam Cohen- Board Member

- Thanked Insp. Taylor, Captain Hagestad, the 66 pct. and the NYPD for looking out for everyone.

Yeruchim Silber- Board member:

- Thanked Richie Taylor and Pinny Ringel for their help. He was part of a small group that met the past Friday in Manhattan with the mayor and chief Harrison. He had a concern with an incident in Kensington. He has been getting reports from people that they haven't seen the same presence in the Cortelyou corridor as the rest of the precinct. Motzei Shabbos some people tried to break into a shul and it got some attention eventually. He would like the same presence as Boro Park and Midwood.

Pinny Ringel- NYC Community Affairs Unit.

- He asked if there was still no presence currently as he had seen officers patrolling the prior night. Additionally, there are 2 vehicles assigned to the Kensington box.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Spitzer added his thanks to Inspector Taylor for attending the board meeting. Inspector Taylor was out in the district on Motzei Shabbos. Inspector Taylor continued on to the 66 precinct even at 2 am when the district manager left. The board thanks him and appreciates the help he is showing our community.
- He thanked the FDNY for a successful Lag B'Omer event. Everything went as planned with no incidents. There were beautiful celebrations all around. The district manager gave special thanks to Chief Ferrante of Brooklyn Borough Command.
- In addition to increased NYPD presence, the Governor's office sent state troopers to patrol as well. Thanks to the Governor's office for recognizing the need of our residents to feel safe in their homes, just like when the attack in Monsey happened and they sent troopers. It's unfortunate that it's needed, but we are grateful that it was sent.
- In this same vein, the District Manager congratulated Councilman Yeger on the passing of Intro 2108-A which increased the fines for damaging houses of worship or religious articles. This law couldn't have come at a better time. Hopefully, this law will act as a deterrent for acts of hate on synagogues, mosques, or churches.
- For the first time in over 10 years the Section 8 waitlist was opened, but only for a few days until May 28th. It will be by lottery, which means filling out the application doesn't mean you'll get it. Avi Greenstein and the BPJCC have more information.
- At the previous board meeting, HPD bed bug fines were discussed. We arranged a conference call with the HPD Assistant Commissioner to discuss complexities with this. Councilman Yeger, Assemblyman Eichenstein, and Senator Felder's offices were also on the call. Part of the issue is that properties need to be registered for HPD to accept the bedbug filing. And the registrations can only be done online after creating an account, or by filling out forms barcode specific forms HPD claims to have mailed a while back. They didn't send a registration form along with the notice of violation for the bedbugs report. The form isn't a standard one that can be printed because it needs the barcode. We resolved to have HPD mail out registration forms to our residents upon request. We'll help them register and then help with the bedbug filing.
- We've seen an increase of Mopeds. There is revel and now a new one Lime. We've heard of people getting injured and many near misses. No motorcycle license is required. Helmets are but there is no way to enforce it. We are very concerned about it. We are talking to dot to see how we can get some compliance with the rules of the road and safety. Hard to regulate. We are keeping an eye on it and are quite concerned with the safety of having these on our streets.
- We have been getting a lot of complaints on DOT. They are renovating over 400 ramps in our district to make them ADA compliant. We're not sure what was wrong with the old ones and why they need to break up half a block. The main concern we're getting is the safety hazard when they leave it open like that for weeks on end. We asked DOT about this, and they said the contractors aren't given a schedule, the only requirement is they finish whatever number of projects within the contract timeframe. There is no rule that the ramps need to be completed quickly- so the contractors are leaving the ditches open for weeks. It's a frustrating process.
- I mentioned last time that we got a new super at BK12- now we also got a new deputy chief. Our previous chief, Chief Imbriale, transferred to the Bronx and we wish him all the best and thank him for all the good work he did while he was here. I met the new chief, Chief Weingartner, today and discussed our ongoing concerns. He promised as every new one does- to pay attention to our concerns and fix them.

- One of the big issues we discussed is that sanitation workers pick and choose what they want to pick up and what they don't want to pick up. They sometimes leave bags and boxes, sometimes they skip entire houses. Another thing that's been percolating for a while on the councilman and out radar is tickets. In retaliation for calling in a complaint to 311, or to our office or one of the elected officials' office. We can literally trace a line from the call to them getting a ticket. It's unacceptable and corrupt. We discussed this with the chief and with the commissioner and they pledged to root it out. I am working on another retaliatory ticket where the ticket was issued after the garbage was picked up. The resident called in a missed pickup. And they got a ticket for having boxes put together in one big box. The supervisor who issued the ticket yelled at the resident on Saturday and then came back Monday and issued the ticket. This is being brought straight to the commissioner and hopefully we can have this officer disciplined.
- An issue that comes up always around the holidays is the meters not being suspended. People either don't realize that they need to feed the meters or they do realize but don't have where to park. Even though alternate side parking is suspended, meters are. Every holiday we see they go down the Avenue and issue a ticket to every car. Councilman Yeger said there is legislation in city council to have meters suspended in the holiday. While we are trying to fix this legislatively, meters are still in effect.
- We are seeing an increase in our oldest problem of illegal street closures. For a while we kept them in check and now, they started to brazenly close streets again. This past Friday we got calls from residents and board members about streets being closed. And we're happy to report that DOT HIQA responded, issued a fine and opened the street. Instead of yelling about closures in a WhatsApp group, call the community board. We don't always know about it. We can't be aware of everything. If you see something, please let us know.
- There is an issue we had where DEP planned water shut-off for 53rd Street during the Shavuot holiday. The Chairman notified us on Sunday and we're happy to report that DEP responded promptly and cancelled the water shut-off. The scheduled shut off was for Monday and they rescheduled. Thanks to DEP Community Affairs Brooklyn Coordinator Denise Hubbard for her response on a Sunday.
- The deadline to register to vote in time for the primaries is May 28th. You can register at www.vote.NYC or you can reach out to the community board, and we will get you the form.
- Early voting for the primaries is June 12-20.
- This primary will be the first time Rank Choice Voting is in play. It is important to educate your friends and family on how rank choice voting works. It is important that we not only vote, but that we know how to vote. Primary RCV will affect the primaries for Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, Borough President and City Council elections. We hope to get the information out to everyone on how the vote works and how to select choices from 1-5. If you need more information on ranked choice voting call our office.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Sherman Jackson, representing Boro President Eric Adams:

- He apologized for missing the last meeting, inasmuch as this is a new board and he didn't jot down the date and therefore scheduled an important dinner with his grandson. He is looking forward to learning more about the issues concerning the community board. He was concerned to hear from the district manager about the sidewalk access being delayed. He requested photographs so the Boro president's office can help.
- It appears from the District Manager's report that the board is quite effective at reaching city agencies and getting assistance, nonetheless if the Boro President's office can help, please count on us.

Pinny Ringel, representing Mayor Bill de Blasio:

- He wanted everyone to know the mayor is taking all incidents seriously and everyone is doing as much as they can to make sure that there is police presence citywide in the Jewish communities.
- We are hearing that the coverage is good in all neighborhoods. The hate crimes task force made an arrest and hopefully there is more to come. It was nice to spend almost the whole Sunday with Richie. We hope things will stay quiet.

Orlando Ross, representing Congresswoman Yvette Clarke:

- He wished everyone a great summer.
- He acknowledged the loss of Ms. Mary Bishop, longtime constituent services director for Congresswoman Yvette Clarke. He thanked everyone for their condolences and well wished. Mr. Ross advised of a few notable pieces of legislation out of Washington including:
 - The American Jobs Plan which offers funding for infrastructure like building bridges and streets. This will give a big boost to jobs in the area.
 - The American Families Plan which aims to bring children out of poverty and provide free education in preschool.
 - Bipartisan Cybersecurity Reform which establishes a \$500 million DHS grant program with a graduating cost-share that incentivizes States to increase funding for cybersecurity in their budgets.
- New York City Section 8 Voucher Waitlist Opened from May 17 – May 28. Section 8 Vouchers provides a subsidy to help low-income renters afford safe, decent housing. The way the lottery works is that applicants must apply while the waitlist is open. HCR will select 30,000 households for the waitlist through a lottery. Those selected for the waitlist will be offered a voucher as one becomes available and will be subject to additional eligibility screening.

Richie Taylor- Deputy Inspector of NYPD Community Affairs:

- Inspector Taylor recognized Orlando Ross and thanked him for his service. He acknowledged Sam Stober and Peter Rebenwurz, who served for many years as an NYPD clergy liaison.

Sabrina Dieujuste, representing Councilwoman Farah Louis:

- She advised of a cleanup initiative started on April 3 which will take place every week. She urged community members to share any locations they believe require our attention and our efforts. If there are any suggestions on where a clean-up should take place, contact Sabrina at sdieujuste@council.nyc.gov.
- Council member Farah Louis is the chair of mental health committee. The City Council will announce legislation to support moms and caregivers through the creation of a “Marshall Plan for Moms” Task Force. Members of the proposed City taskforce will be comprised by officials appointed by the Mayor and the Speaker. The taskforce will propose recommendations designed to support working mothers and caregivers. The task force will explore:
 - The benefits of providing recurring direct cash payments to moms and other caregivers and of a comprehensive paid family leave policy for all employers in the city
 - How to best revitalize and restore the role of mothers in the workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic and following recovery;
 - The biggest contributors to and solutions for addressing the lack of family-supportive workplaces;
 - Access to rent relief, public assistance and financial support for mothers and caregivers in the workforce
 - Rebuilding and stabilizing the childcare industry
 - Access to culturally sensitive, affordable and quality healthcare for women and families, regardless of job status; and
 - Access to mental health support for mothers and other caregivers, which is essential to maintaining the health of the family.

Councilman Kalman Yeger, representing the 44th Council District:

- The councilman thanked Inspector Taylor for being in the community the last few days and all the time. The area has seen a resurgence of the anti-Semitic pandemic that we were facing before coronavirus. It took a pause, and now it is back. As the chairman said, some of the people responsible for these heinous acts of hate are elected officials. Some represent this community; some represent areas of this community board, and some are on the city council. Some of these elected officials who are responsible for instigating hate we never see because they might, for example, be running for comptroller. It is not a shock that the hatred spewed led to this place of rampant violence. Mr. Silber had mentioned a shul attack Saturday night in Kensington that wasn't responded to initially. That shul was not in Councilman Yeger's district, but unfortunately that area doesn't have councilman now as he is otherwise preoccupied. Community members tried reaching their representative but when they couldn't reach him, they reached out to Councilman Yeger. He got the police out there and a report was made of the number of hoodlums who accosted community members and tried to get into the shul. The police ended up taking a report and looking at a video of the incident, after Councilman Yeger intervened. He is grateful to the NYPD who got those who attacked the men in front of Aguda shul. The Perp who was caught said he was sorry, though if it was for what he did or for getting caught wasn't clear. He didn't look sorry in the video recording a few hours before getting caught ago when he did it. Acts of hate have elevated in volume, in many respects due to elected officials who represent us and haven't done anything to fix it.
- The acts of hate against a mosque on Coney Island Avenue, in Community Board 11, these are parts of our extended family and community. We as Jewish community, know too well the notion of our houses of worship getting attacked. We've seen the pain and so we express the same level of anger when it happens to others. People who hate religious, people hate all religious people. That's why the ridiculous laws elected officials passed are so dangerous. It led to an essential free fall in crime for last 6 years, and now we are seeing its completion where people feel to do whatever they want as they may not get caught and if they are they will get released. One of the mayoral candidates got himself arrested in an act of civil disobedience and got himself out in time for a debate. For those who haven't left city yet, thank you. We have 7 months left to get new mayor and we hope it turns well.
- The councilman wasn't going to mention hate crime bill that increased the penalty for desecration of houses of worship, but since it was brought up he commented. This is one of the few times in his 3.5 years in the city council and in the 4 years before that the city council passed any measure heightening punishment for a crime. He was immensely proud to be a partner in getting it passed.
 - He commented on other topics borough up by the district manager.
 - Sanitation: Senator Felder joined the councilman in holding a press conference in front of DSNY regarding a particular quota agent who was caught red handed writing a fake summons. They called for him to be disciplined and for him to be transferred out of the district. Regarding the retaliatory measures, it is true, and the councilman verified it. He heard from many constituents that if you have trash left behind and you chose to exercise your right and report it to 311, you will as likely as not receive a summons. That's a punishment DSNY employees mete out for risking your right to call 311. Someone running for mayor today is responsible for this because she was running this department at it was brought to her attention. She laughed it off. All superintendents know about this and do nothing.
 - Since we're on the topic of the city being run to the ground, the councilman verified the district manager's remarks on DOT curb cuts. The councilman spoke of an intersection he discussed with the mayor's office on Sunday. DOT came into Boro Park on Saturday at 6am to dig up a curb. After 2-3 hours of work, they went off and left the mess. It's still there and they're not coming back for weeks – this is what they do. It's ironic that the curb cuts get ripped up to make it accessible for ADA compliance, by ripping up curbs

and leaving gaping holes for months. This essence of mismanagement in DOT is what the community board has been fighting and hopefully on January 2 that will change.

- The councilman acknowledged the kindness of Yachad D'Bobov. It is especially incredible to think about what we went through over the last 15 months. Our community cares so much about life that they packed up and shipped these resources to people they will never meet.
- The councilman acknowledged the incredible partner Richie Taylor has been to the community. He is on top of things every day and knows the challenges and legitimate fears. When people see the smiling picture of kids with cops at dismissal, it's masking the reason those cops are there; to protect the children as is necessary in NYC, now in 2021.

- The councilman welcomed Mr. Jackson to the Board.

Pinny Ringel- Mayor de Blasio's Community Affairs Unit.

- Mr. Ringel gave an update on the ripping up of sidewalks by DOT. He was promised that all those that were ripped up on Shabbos at 6 am would be done by Friday, and was also promised there would be no more early morning jackhammering, especially on Shabbos.

The Councilman and District Manager both advised that they prefer DOT to do their work on Shabbos in the district as they can block off streets and do work with no traffic. But they shouldn't start at 6 am and shouldn't leave holes in the ground for weeks on end.

Mr. Ringel said he told DOT that work should not start before 9am on Saturday.

Mr. Orlando Ross, after listening to the comments of the councilman, noted the Congresswoman's office is not promoting any anti-Semitism and stands against this hate.

Kalman Yeger asked Mr. Ross to mention to the congresswoman that he is excited and awaiting footage of her condemnation of fellow congress members on the floor of the house. Councilman Yeger had no doubt she hasn't engaged in anti-Semitic rhetoric, but if she wants to help our community, she can stand up against those in her caucus spewing this hate.

Chairman Perlstein- acknowledged Board Member Jules Fleischer's son Chaim Fleischer who runs Yachad D'Bobov organization.

Condolences to Sol Wahba on the passing of his brother, Abraham ben Mazal.

Pinny Hikind, representing Comptroller Scott Stringer.

Mamnunul Haq- Board Member.

- Mr. Haq was worried about what's happening to the community. As a Muslim ally he will continue building solidarity with Muslim and Jewish neighbors. There is no room for hate. These two communities are targeted the most. For last 35 years he's been working on and will continue to work on these relationships.
- He brought up incidents taking place on Ocean Parkway that he had discussed with community members. Cars backfire at 2-3 am disrupting sleep. People complain to the police department and nothing seems to be changing.

Councilman Yeger thanked Mamnun for his many years working to bring the communities together.

Peter Rebenwurz- Board member added that the cars racing on Ocean Parkway is particularly bad between Avenues J and L because there is no traffic light. He also wanted to have the turning light onto K from Coney Island removed as it slows traffic unnecessarily. There is no hidden road that would make this dangerous.

Inspector Taylor said he would reach out to the highway patrol, though he doesn't know if they'll have available resources. But hopefully, some enforcement will be effective. The district manager inquired if there was a way for NYPD to track offenders through speed cameras.

Adam Cohen Board Member said that the drag racing on Bay Parkway between McDonald Avenue and Avenue J is endemic due to the wide available space. The donuts leave visible tire marks.

Inspector Taylor advised that the cameras are a DOT system, and the circumstances would determine if it can be used for investigative purposes. Though the cameras track the registered

owner of the car and not the actual driver, the question is worthy of consideration offline. He would also speak to 66 pct. to enforce the area.

Adam Cohen- Board member

- Mr. Cohen thanked Mamnun Haq for his words of solidarity. And remarked that this is what is beautiful about the board, the communities realize the love we have for each other. As the chairman stated, and Councilman Yeger reiterated, the recent antisemitism seen and any race-based hate is unacceptable. And that our own elected officials are contributing makes it even worse. Therefore, he proposed that as community board we put forth a resolution demanding Councilman Lander reject the endorsement from AOC. Her anti-Israel, anti-Semitic comments. Her blatant mischaracterization of the recent conflict in Israel are not acceptable. Neither is her sponsoring a bill denying Israel military aid they use to defend itself such as the iron dome, without which the casualties would be enormous. While we mourn the loss of innocent life on both sides, we cannot accept it when our elected officials use it to promote anti-Israel and anti-Semitic agenda. Therefore, we call on Councilman Lander to reject her endorsement and immediately stop airing commercials with her endorsement. We cannot stay silent and allow our elected officials to think that these statement and actions are acceptable. We cannot allow them to think that we'll stay silent while they align themselves with those that spew and perpetuate these anti-Semitic sentiments. Furthermore, we must make it clear that if you align yourself with anti-Semitism, or any other forms of hate, you do not represent the people of your constituency.

Chairman Yidel Perlstein said that in general it's not the board's role to lecture politicians, but if Mr. Cohen chooses to, he can put the motion up for the board to vote on.

Adam Cohen- said that as board members and members of the community if we see hate going on, the board as the voice of community should express that hate is unacceptable.

Therefore, he made a motion to send a letter to Councilman Lander.

Peter Rebenwurz seconded the motion.

Alan Dubrow requested a debate. Having our local board get involved in international matters, rather than in local community anti-Semitic issues is unprecedented. He doesn't believe that as board members we should support a measure like this. Instead we should limit the motion to local issues and leave the international issues to the international community.

Adam Cohen- said he takes issue with the anti-Semitic propaganda that our elected officials are endorsing. While anti-Semitism is an international issue it is a local one as well. Additionally, anti-Zionism is another word for anti-Semitism.

The chairman said that it's the boards right to debate.

Alan Dubrow suggested sending a letter to the councilman saying that the board is disappointed in him and stating the reasons why.

District Manager Barry Spitzer advised that if the motion were to pass the member proposing the motion would be asked to supply a letter for the board to approve before sending.

Mr. Haas suggested the member write a letter before the board votes. He requested clarification on what the motion is.

Adam Cohen said the motion is requesting Councilman Lander to come out clearly against anti-Semitism and not align himself with those who perpetuate anti-Semitism. Councilman Lander should say he doesn't align himself with the anti-Semitism that AOC is perpetuating and should therefore reject her endorsement. We must come out with a clear voice that we accept more from our councilman.

- There was some argument regarding AOC's endorsement commercial.

Councilman Yeger said that this matter went past the point of debate. In his opinion, what Mr. Haas says is not wrong, community boards typically don't get involved in these things, but that doesn't mean it can't. And Mr. Cohen is right in the facts he says. Debating the facts is not for this forum. In the councilman's opinion, he doesn't think we should pass this motion. Since it's on the table, we should vote on it, but discussing evidence is not a board matter.

Mr. Haas made a final comment suggesting the motion be separated in 2.

The councilman advised that in terms of parliamentary question, the motion is up to the member who proposed the motion as he presented it. It was seconded and it's on the floor for a vote.

The district manager took attendance and there was no quorum.

Councilman Yeger advised that since there was no quorum, the board could not vote on the motion. Any board member is free to send letters on their own or present a motion at the next meeting.

Alan Dubrow went back to the conversation about the donuts on Ocean Parkway. He said there are tire marks all over Ocean Parkway between Ave C and Cortelyou, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays. He believed there was legislation being worked on this matter, but electric bikes on the bicycle paths are dangerous and people get knocked over. They ride on the sidewalk and it's dangerous. He additionally requested something be done with the automobiles with the noisy mufflers. He came across some legislation out of Albany that that not only will fines be issued, but the cars will also not pass inspection.

Councilman Yeger said that retrofitted car mufflers are illegal if they exceed the allowable decibel level. But the police must have sound meter to catch them and that is technical. He further said there may be legislation in city council to address the loud mufflers. Bikes on sidewalks are illegal for anyone over 12, and Mr. Spitzer could send this matter to community affairs. But the reality is that there is no enforcement in the city deliberately as lawlessness is protected by the city council.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS:

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted by: Gittel Fekete

*This is not a verbatim account of the meeting but a synopsis of the main points. *