

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

AAMAH KHAN
ADAM COHEN
ALAN DUBROW
AVI GREENSTEIN
AVROHOM WOLFSON
AYESHA RAHIM
BENJAMIN THEODORE
CHESKY BLAU
DAVID FRIEDLANDER
ELLIE KASTEL
JACOB EISDORFER
JACOB HASS
JACQUE FRIEDMAN
JEFFREY DWECK
JOHN TALMADGE
JOSEPH GROSS
LILY MARINELLI
MAMNUNUL HAQ
MARIA ARETTINES
MIRIAM HERSKO
MORDECHAI KATZ
ROCHELLE ZAMI
SAM STOBBER
SHARON FUCHS
SHLOMIE RIEGER
SOL WAHBA
YAAKOV KAPLAN
YAAKOV SCHAPIRO
YERUCHIM SILBER
YIDEL PERLSTEIN
YITZCHOK MOSKOWITS
YONAH MOSES

COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

APPROXIMATELY 30 RESIDENTS PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ANNA CALI
BERNARD FREILICH
DAVID SHLOMOVICH
DOUGLAS JABLON
EDGAR GLUCK
JACOB ASKAL
JULES FLEISCHER
LARRY JASON
MONIQUE WALLACE
MORRIS SENDEROVICH
MORTON PUPKO
NAFTALI TESSLER
PETER REBENWURZEL
SAHIBZADA AHMAD SHABIR
YECHIEL MALIK
YITZCHOK ITZKOWITZ

STAFF PRESENT

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES

ORLANDO ROSS, REP. CW YVETTE CLARKE
PINNY RINGEL REP. MAYOR DE BLASIO
PINNY HIKIND, REP. COM. STRINGER
SHARON FUCHS, REP. SENATOR FELDER
SOL REIGER, REP. AM. EICHENSTEIN
ALEX GURVICH, REP DA GONZALES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ATTENDANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- October Minutes were adopted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Yidel Perlstein

- The Chairman wished a Mazel Tov to Board Member Jules Fleischer on the wedding of his granddaughter, the daughter of well-known community activist Chaim Fleischer who is a member of Hatzolah and a Coordinator of Chaveirim and Yachad D'Bobov.
- He wished everyone who celebrates a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving
- He also wished everyone who celebrates a Happy & Safe Chanukah. He urged everyone to be safe and remember to be careful with the candles
- The next board meeting will be Tuesday, December 28th

PUBLIC SESSION:

Marie Niharos- Resident:

- Ms. Niharos who said she lives off Ocean Parkway on Beverly Road, spoke of the dangers posed by motorized vehicles on the sidewalk. She has almost been hit by such vehicles passing by from behind.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

District Manager Barry Spitzer

- The District Manager advised that DSNY would be collecting leaves once this year, not twice as previously stated. DSNY asked that all leaves be placed curbside in paper bags after 4 pm on Saturday, December 18. There are leaf bags available at the Community Board office.
- The Department of Finance Amnesty Program will end December 20th. Please look to see if you have open violations that this program would allow you to settle at a reduced rate. One shul came to us with 3 old sanitation violations totaling over \$1,200 with interest and penalties, their settlement amount was \$200.
- He thanked Con Edison for their prompt assistance on Friday. There was an outage on Friday morning and Con Edison did a great job getting it connected before Shabbos.
- Please look out for the directions from FDNY for lighting Chanukah candles. We want to avoid having any tragedies on what should be a happy holiday.
- On a bittersweet note, we are bidding farewell to Ann Marie who works at our office. She provided 10 years of outstanding service to the community board. She will be moving to the Department of Education doing great work with special needs children. We can't say enough how we enjoyed having her in our office and how much she'll be missed. Thank you for your service all these years you've worked, and especially for your service the last 2 years during Covid when everyone in the office made an effort to be there for our residents in their time of need. (The DM gave Ann Marie Honan a certificate to thank her for her service.)

Ann Marie Honan- thanked the board and said it was a pleasure to work with all members.

Yidel Perlstein- thanked Ann Marie for her devotion.

Alan Dubrow –wished Ann Marie congratulations and good luck.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Pinny Hikind, representing Comptroller Scott Stringer.

- He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Chanukah on behalf of Comptroller Stringer.

Pinny Ringel, representing Mayor Bill de Blasio.

- He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah and Happy Holidays. He thanked everyone for all the hard work they do on behalf of the community.

Alex Gurvich, representing District Attorney Eric Gonzales.

- He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Chanukah. Mr. Gurvich invited all guest and board members to the DA's Chanukah celebration to be held on December 2nd at 5 pm at the Keren Menachem Hall on Ft. Hamilton and 54th street.

Gabby Friedlander, representing Councilman Brad Lander.

Orlando Ross, representing Congresswoman Yvette Clarke.

- He wished all a Happy Hanukah and Thanksgiving.
- He informed that the infrastructure bill passed in Washington. NY is one of 3 largest beneficiaries of the bill and will be getting over \$100 billion.
- He advised that the Congresswoman will hold a Veterans Day event honoring vets and their families this month. There will be members from the Library of Congress to hear how to better serve the veterans. There will be personnel from SBS to talk about services for veterans. There will be personnel from the VA office and from Black Veterans for Social Justice. As well as someone from NYC Veterans Services.

Sharon Fuchs, representing Senator Simcha Felder.

Sol Reiger, representing Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein.

District Manager Barry Spitzer – advised that the Community Board posted a job opening. He further requested board members share the information with anyone who seems a good fit.

Avi Greenstein, CEO of the Boro Park Jewish Community Council.

- Rabbi Greenstein shared some developments at the BPJCC.
 - The BPJCC started monthly senior citizen seminars with a different focus topic every month. The events are free and held at the Community Board office. Seating is limited so those interested should register ASAP via the BPJCC website or by calling the BPJCC.
 - BPJCC is an official HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) site as designated by the City and can assist with applications for the program.
 - BPJCC held an Immigration Expo which was an extraordinary event with large turnout. Anyone requiring immigration assistance can reach out and they'll do their best to help.
 - Following on the Chairman's urging to be cautious with Chanukah celebrations, the BPJCC announced a fire safety initiative in partnership with Senator Felder and with the American Red Cross providing free smoke detectors to families. Installation is included and there is no income test.
 - Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah and Happy Holidays to all.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS:

No old business.

No new business.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted by: Gittel Fekete