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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: Wed., May 20, 2026

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc: SBH Auditorium

Present:

Zunera Ahmed
Jennifer Dublin
Ronald Greenberg
Jacqueline Johnson
Yelena Makhnin
Mark Mernyk
Pat O'Brien
Sam Rinkovsky
Fran Schwartz
Marissa Solomon
Fanya Vasilevsky
Annette Wesley

Deborah Carter
Olga Fort
Barbara Guervil
Yuriy Krasner
Minnie Mankita
Christian Molieri
Robbin Paraison
Jeffrey Sanoff
Tatyana Segal
Vladislav Spector
Dennis Vourderis
Svetlana Zelinskya

Lolita Divilova
Taj Graham
Thomas Hoefel
Viktoriya Krugolets
Vladimir Mataev
Allen Newman
Nodira Pirmukhamedova
Mark de los Santos
Michael Silverman
Andrey Tikhomirov
Joann Weiss

Absent:

Lakeisha Bowers
Roman Gitis
Maxim Ibadov (e)
Brian Lakhtarnik(e)
Milagros Quiles

Marion Cleaver(e)
Selina Grant
Abby Jordan
Melissa Mai
Sheila Smalls

Charlene Davis
Jeanny Hernandez
Angela Kravtchenko
Maria Montalvo

Guests: Judi Barreca, Lucy Mujica Diaz, Olga Fiore(SSSpanton), Rita Kronuns, Ekaterinn Zaframka, Nadejta Saushina, Tania Melinciano, Jonathon Castro9, Jahi Rose, Linda Skolnick, Wayne and Lisa Rosenfeld, Kimberly Ganaposky, Mia Ganaposky, Boris Ioselev(BPL), Jonathon Warren

Eddie announced that the meeting is being recorded, and anything placed in the chat can be Foiled at a later date.

Board member, Tom Hoefel led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION: Hurricane Season Preparedness – Jonathon Castro, CERT
Hurricane Season begins on June 1st. It is important to be prepared – before, during and after the emergency. To do this, citizens must prepare for the emergency, plan for the emergency, respond to the situation, and be ready to assist in recovery. The first part of preparing for an emergency is To Be Prepared. This is done by making a plan, getting the supplies and staying informed of the situation as it pans out.

Every citizen/resident should have a "Go Bag" filled and ready.

- First aid kit, granola bars, water (change monthly)
- Hand sanitizer, I.D., cash, flashlight, batteries, portable radio
- If you have a pet, you should have a small "go bag" for them as well.

Each resident should have an Emergency Supply Kit kept in the house. It should contain the same items as the "Go Bag" but include a gallon of water instead of a bottle of water.

- To keep informed should put NotifyNYC 692692 on your cell phone. This will allow you to receive local alerts.
- It is very important to check your flood insurance and make sure it is up to date.
- Call 311 to report the location of flooding.
- Check on all seniors.

When flooding begins, leave immediately upon being told to do so. If there is over 6" of water, it is too late to evacuate. To stay safe, go to an upper floor. Keep all your cell phones fully charged.

We need a Comprehensive Ground-Up Plan for this area!

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Najada – 2483 W. 16th St.- She is concerned about the noise coming from the MTA yards.

During the last 9-10 months the noise level has increased. Screeching sounds are very disruptive, especially during nighttime. Exceeds previous decibels. She is requesting that the community board contact the MTA and ask for noise corrective measures – rail lubrication.

Fanya Vasilevsky- She discussed things about Jewish heritage and how it has evolved. She wants people to learn so that everyone can thrive.

Lucy Mujica Diaz – She is helping the Civic Engagement Office by asking community members to complete the civic engagement survey and share ideas about what the community needs. This is done throughout the five boroughs. If you fill out the survey, who can be given a tote bag.

Jai Rhodes – CCRB – He explained the job of CCRB, which is to review and check NYPD accountability and make sure the public is being served in the proper manner. If there is a problem that needs to be addressed, you can contact him at 917-208-9320.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Olga Fiore – representing State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton

- Olga reported that the Senator is partnering with the other elected officials from our community for a Juneteenth Celebration. It is scheduled for Friday, June 19th beginning at 11 a.m. at Kaiser Park. If any group would like to table at this event, please contact Senator Spanton's office.
- NYCHA Leaders have ongoing concerns about repairs and problems at their development. The Senator now has a Case Intake Form, which can be completed to advise the office of the problem. Contact the office for further information.
- There are grants available for not-for-profit community groups. The application is due no later than July 27, 2026.
- HEAP is currently opened. Qualified households may receive, air conditioners/fans. If information is needed, call the Senator's office.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Michael Silverman, seconded by Christian Molieri to approve the minutes as revised.

VOTE: In Favor: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0

Motion carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Jeff Sanoff, Chair

- Jeff welcomed all the new members of Community Board 13. He welcomed back Zunera and Abby, who had been members previously. He is glad to have them back.
- On April 29th, the Borough President held a reception for those members who will be termed out in March, 2027 and will not be able to reapply for board membership until February of 2029, if they choose to do so.
- There is a proposal to build a homeless shelter for men at 1605 Mermaid Avenue. We learned about this situation not from DSS, but from a board member. We have sent a letter to the Commissioner of DSS, stating that C.B. 13 is against this proposal.
- We are waiting for the vote by the City Council on Local Law 75 – the change in the type of pull-down gates used by businesses. We hope the Council repeals the Law.
- Hurricane season begins June 1st. It is a good idea to be prepared, as we heard from Jonathon Castro from CERT.
- Our last meeting for this fiscal year will be Wednesday, June 24th. There will be no summer meeting except in the case of an emergency.
- There will be many Juneteenth events, check our Newsletter for specific dates and times.
- Jeff wished everyone a happy, restful Memorial Day. He wished success to all graduates and a Happy Father's Day to those who celebrate.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie Mark, District Manager

- CM Vernikov will be having Family Day at Asser Levy Park.
- Brighton Beach BID will be having "I Love Brighton Family Day at the Shorefront Y on May 17th from 12 to 5.
- It's My Estuary Day will take place at Kaiser Park. There will be tree planting.
- The Brooklyn Half Marathon will end at the Parachute in Coney Island. It will be very inconvenient to get around the area on that day. It will begin at 8 a.m., but streets in the area will be closed by 7 a.m. and will reopen around 3 p.m.
- The New York Park Commissioner attended the official beach opening in Coney Island on Tuesday, May 19th
- The Health Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 2nd
- Friday Night Fireworks will begin on Friday, June 19th.
- The Mermaid Parade is scheduled for Saturday June 20th

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There will be a Peace Celebration on May 29th at Kaiser Park from 11-2 p.m.
- Operation Hood will hold a Juneteenth Celebration on Mermaid Ave. between W. 28th and W. 29th Street from 12-4 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation Committee – Lolita Divilova, Chair/Angela Kravtchenko, Vice Chair

- Brief discussion of background for Street Co-Naming "Jack 'The Barber' Skolnick Way" on Brighton Beach Avenue and Brighton 13th Street.

Motion made by Lolita Divilova and seconded by *Yelena* to approve the co-naming at the above-referenced location.

VOTE: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 2 Recusal: 0

Motion carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office.

- At the committee meeting, Anthony Drummond of MTA reported that the Bus Redesign was still being done in Queens; no date is set for our area.
- At the committee meeting, Angela gave a report on noise study. Eddie will post this study on our fb page and the office will send copies to the board members.
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- The Brighton 11th Street Improvement project was discussed. DOT had requested a letter of support.

Motion was made by Angela, seconded by Milagros to approve the letter of support

VOTE: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recusal: 0

Motion carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. Office

Before the board vote, Yelena asked two questions- Was this the final proposal (NO), did DOT meet with the Councilmember (NO). She said with the answers to both questions being NO, she was surprised that the committee wanted to vote for an idea.

Yelena made a motion to table this letter of support until DOT meets, all the criteria, the board receives the study, and the final plan. The motion was seconded by Barbara Guervil.

VOTE: In Favor: 34 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recusal: 0

Motion to table: unanimous (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. Office

Nominating Committee: Mark Mernyk, Chair

- Mark explained that all five officers are up for election. On May 6th the Nominating Committee met and reviewed all the applications that were received. As discussed at last month's meeting the floor will now be opened for nominations. Anyone who is nominated tonight and accepts the nomination must send in a cover letter with bio to the board office bsantonas@cb.nyc.gov by the close of business Friday, May 29th

The floor was opened for nominations.

- Pat O'Brien nominated Milagros Quiles, who was not in attendance. Mark explained that according to our By Laws the person nominated must be in person and accept the nomination. Pat explained that he had Milagros on FaceTime on his cell phone. Mark explained that this was not acceptable. Pat wanted the members of the board that were in attendance to vote on whether it was acceptable that Milagros was "on FaceTime". Both Mark and Michael Silverman said this was not acceptable, and Mark said that Pat was "out of order".
- Yelena then nominated Jennifer Dublin for the position of secretary, and Jeff seconded the nomination. Jennifer accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.
- Jeff read the email the office received from Milagros Quiles, explaining that since she did not submit her information before the date indicated, she was declining the position of Secretary.
- Michael Silverman asked the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mark Mernyk, which board members were running for which positions. He said that Jeff Sanoff and Robbin Paraison were running for Chair. Joann Weiss and Jeanny Hernandez were running for 1st Vice Chair. Chris Molieri was running unopposed for 2nd Vice Chair. Yuriy Krasner was running unopposed for Treasurer, and Jennifer Dublin, if she sends in her information by May 29th, will be running unopposed for Secretary.

Mark then explained how the election will be run at the June board meeting. He stated that all nominees, whether running unopposed or not, and who wish to speak will be given three minutes to explain their background and why they are running for the position.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Nodra Pirmukhamedova – She has just become an Ambassador for the American Red Cross. She explained what her role is and that, like the Red Cross, she will cover all five boroughs and assist when and where needed.

Yelena Makhnin – On June 7th from 12-3 there will be another Family Day. This one will be at Asser Levy Park. Also, Yelena thanked the community board and all board members for their assistance and vote against Local Law 75.

Mark Mernyk – speaking as Chair of the Environment & Sanitation Committee

Mark wanted to remind all members who own 1-9 family houses, that **June 1st** is the deadline to start using the new NY Bins for trash. They are readily available for purchase through Home Depot and are available for delivery through DoorDash, Instacart and Uber Eats. The most common size, 35 litre, is under \$50 (plus delivery if that's how you get them). They also sell a Blue bin for plastic and metal as well as a Green bin for mixed paper; cardboard needs to be tied and put out next to your Green bin. Note that the official trash bin is MANDATORY; the recycling bins are OPTIONAL. Those must have a cover and the official sticker, which are available through Sanitation's website. There are some at the board office you can get at your next in-person committee meeting. You can also put your recycling out in CLEAR plastic bags; those need to go out after 8 p.m. on your recycling day. For those of you that were at the April 2019 Board Meeting and won the raffle for the first version of the rat-proof trash bin (nyself and I seem to recall Lucy won); you must buy the new one.

License Committee: Yelena Makhnin, Chair/Olga Forte, Vice Chair

Yelena stated that there are two new licenses up for a vote.

Wine, beer and cider license – **Park Buffet, Inc. located at 1045 Surf Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.**

Vote from Committee: In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recuse: 0

Motion carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

Full liquor license – **OLJU LLC dba More Sushi located at 2858 West 5th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.**

Vote from Committee: In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recuse: 0

Motion carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

The two licenses were voted on together, by the full board.

Vote: In Favor: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recuse: 1

Motion carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

FYI Renewals

Renewal adult-use retail cannabis dispensary license application for MZDZ Corp. dba Coney Island Cannabis, located at 875 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11224

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Michael Silverman, seconded by Joann Weiss.

This is not a verbatim account of the meeting. It is a synopsis of the discussions.

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

