



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13
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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: Wed., Nov.19, 2025

Time: 7 P.M.

Loc: South Brooklyn Health

Members Present:

Anitrius Bleau	Lolita Divilova	Jennifer Dublin
Olga Fort	Natasha Franklin	Roman Gitis
Taj Graham	Ronald Greenberg	Jeanny Hernandez
Yuriya Krasner	Angela Kravtchenko	Viktoriya Krugolets
Melissa Mai	Minnie Mankita	Mark Mernyk
Christian Molieri	Maria Montalva	Allen Newman
Robbin Paraison	Milagros Quiles	Sam Rinkovsky
Jeffrey Sanoff	Fran Schwartz	Tatyana Segal
Michael Silverman	Vladislav Spektor	Jennifer Thorpe-Moscon
Andrey Tikhomirov	Fanya Vasilevsky	Joann Weiss
Annette Wesley	Svetlana Zelinskaya	Jacqueline Johnson

Members Absent:

Lakeisha Bowers	Deborah Carter	Marion Cleaver
Charlene Davis(exc)	Selina Grant(exc)	Barbara Guervil
Thomas Hoefel(exc)	Yelina Makhnin	Pat O'Brien
Nodira Pirmukhamedova	Nicolas Seunarine	Sheila Smalls

Guests:

Samantha Stone, Susan Birne-Stone, Lucy Mujica Diaz, Boris Ioselev(BPL), Griffin Mills, Olga Fiore(SSSpanton), Miriam Vale(TD34), Kouichi Shirayanagi, Lucas Suhl(BBP), Jawad Kareem, Marina Rosin

Staff Present:

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

PUBLIC SESSION:

Samantha Stone – She discussed a Bill in the City Council (13372025) sponsored by the Department of Education and Department of Health regarding disseminating information on vaccinations for students in the public schools. It is imperative that this information be translated into the home languages of all the students.

Alexandra – American Littoral Society – She discussed her concerns about the fact that some of the proposed plants and shrubs for Kaiser Park Playground are not native to our area and are not resilient to flooding. These plants do not support pollinators. Some of the plants and trees that would require less maintenance are: red maple trees, American Shadbush, and sweet pepper plants. The Parks Dept. will also include a wide range of native species. By using native species, it will benefit the park, and many people will be able to enjoy them.

Boris Ioseley – Coney Island Branch BPL- He announced that there will be a Holiday show and community dance on Saturday, Dec.6, 2025 from 1:30-4:30 P.M. The Coney Island Branch has lessons in Swing, Hip Hop and Tango on Saturday, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evenings from 6-8 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

P.O. Vale-TD34 – TD 34 will have Photo with Santa on Friday, Dec. 5th from 3-7 P.M. Then in conjunction with C.B. 13 and the 60th Pct. Caroling will be from 5-7 P.M. The caroling will begin at 5 p.m. at 60th Pct and will continue down Surf Avenue to TD34.

Kouichi Shirayanagi – He is very much interested in the Kaiser Park Playground Redesign Project. He is a resident with an 8-year-old son. His concern is the type of gate that will be around the playground area. He suggested that the gate give easy access to the area, but make it more difficult to exit, as some children may try to run out of the area. He also googled plants native to our area and he found that 5 of the seven plants planned for the redesign, are not native to the area.

Marina Rosin – resident of Brighton Beach- She is complaining about squatters who live on the four private lots behind her house. These squatters cannot be seen from the street due to overgrown trees. Two years ago there were two fires caused by this situation. The neighbors paid to have the windows replaced on the houses. NYPD knows the situation, but the owner of the building won't cooperate. There is also a lot of garbage, but this too cannot be seen from the street. She asked for assistance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Olga Fiore-representing State Senator Spanton- The Senator is having a Turkey Give Away in partnership with AM Brook-Krasny, CM Brannan, Alliance for Coney Island at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20th on the Boardwalk at Ruby's. If anyone is having trouble with their SNAP, there is a list of addresses to contact for assistance. She has leaf bags available for those who need them.

Zunera Ahmed – representing CM Brannan – The CM is giving out Narcan kits and medication lock bags. There will be a tree & Menorah lighting on Dec.8th at Carey Gardens. Tomorrow there will be Turkey Give Away on the Boardwalk. On Wednesday, 11/26 there will be a Thanksgiving Community Dinner at Gargulio's from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Lucas Suhl-representing Brooklyn BP Reynoso – He announced that the applications for membership on the Community Board are open and available on the Borough President's website. The BP is partnering with other organizations to collect for Hurricane Relief. Donations can be dropped off at Borough Hall. World AIDS Day is December 1st. Doors open at 11 a.m. Performance begins at noon. All are welcome to attend.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Minnie Mankita, seconded by Joann Weiss to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025 Board meeting as submitted.

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

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Jeff Sanoff

Our Chairperson, Jeff Sanoff congratulated everyone on the success of the election. The voter turn-out was much higher in our area than previously recorded.

The Phase IV Project to upgrade sanitary and storm sewer lines along Ocean Parkway to Neptune Avenue will be overseen by DDC. There will be an informational meeting on the project late in 2026.

The application process for board membership is open on the Borough President's website. Members who need to reapply will receive an email from the Board office. Application closes at the close of business Friday, February 6, 2026. Any questions, feel free to contact our office.

Jeff reminded everyone that all committee meetings are recorded and can be reviewed online, on Facebook, or YouTube. If help is needed, contact the office. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025. Our office has information on Turkey Give-Aways and hot Thanksgiving meal being given in the community.

Jeff wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and for those who celebrate, Happy Chanukah.

Update on Brooklyn Borough Board Meetings:

Jeanny Hernandez, 2nd Vice Chair gave an update on the past two Brooklyn Borough Board meetings (October and November). At the October meeting there was a presentation by DDC on Urban Design. A guidebook of ten year's work by the Department of City Planning, Principles of Good Urban Design, is available. At the November meeting there was a presentation on Lithium Battery Storage facilities. Why is it planned for our neighborhood? Potential solution: reduction of fossil fuels. The facility must comply with DOB and FDNY. The approval is a multiple-layer process. It was explained that a private developer decides on the location. When Jeanny receives a copy of the power point presentation, that was presented, she will share it with the office.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie Mark

Eddie attended the Breast Cancer Walk. He thanked board members and members of the community who joined in support of this event. He also attended the very successful Halloween Children's Parade. APNA is participating in several workshops explaining the "People's Money". It is very informative, and everyone is invited to attend. There are many events scheduled for the upcoming holidays: there are many turkey give aways, A Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner is being given at Gargiulo's on Wednesday, Nov. 26 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be Holiday Caroling with TD34, on Friday, Dec. 5th. Everyone will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the 60th Pct (West 8th St.) and will walk to TD34 on Surf Avenue and Stillwell Avenue. Also, "Take a Picture with Santa" from 4-7p.m. at TD 34 (in the Stillwell Avenue Terminal).

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd – Joint Sanitation/Economic Development Committee Mtg

- There will be a presentation on new rules for waste management for commercial use.

Monday, Dec. 8th – Parks Committee Mtg.

- There will be a presentation on the boardwalk study done by Parks Dept.

Eddie wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Milagros Quiles

Daffodil Project – Asser Levy Park, November 22nd. Any questions – text Angela

Pictures with Santa – 4-7 p.m. TD34 – Stillwell Terminal

Caroling – 5 P.M. meet at 60th Pct. Walk to TD34

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks Committee: Dennis Vourderis, Chair/Jennifer Thorpe-Moscon, Vice Chair
(report given by Jennifer)

Discussion of the re-design of Kaiser Park Playground – equipment should be age-appropriate. The committee had several suggestions which the Parks department will bring back for discussion. The committee approved the redesign if reply on the suggestions were received by the committee. The Parks did address most of the points suggested. The fence will be a standard fence that all parks have. Native plants will be used in the park.

Resiliency Committee: Robbin Paraison Chair/Viktoriya Krugolets, Vice Chair

The meeting was on November 12th and can be viewed on You-Tube. NYC OEM gave a presentation on Preparedness.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Sunday, December 14th 4:30 P.M. Chanukah Menorah Lighting
West 5th St. & Neptune Avenue – Rabbi David Okunov
- Circus – November 22nd to 30th – Maimonides Parking Lot

Licensing Committee – Yelena Makhnin, Chair/Olga Fort, Vice Chair
(report given by Olga)

New full liquor license application for Sophia LLC, dba Rare Steak & Lobster, Located at 1005 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

Committee voted in favor of approving the license- In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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

Motion made by Maxim Ibadov for approval of full board for the above license.

In Favor: 33 Opposed: 1 Abstention: 0

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

Motion to adjourn made at 7:45 p.m.

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

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator