



**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13**  
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Chairperson

**EDDIE MARK**  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Wed., Jan. 24, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Loc.:** Fiesta Adult Day Care

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lucy Mujica Diaz  
Marion Cleaver  
Jennifer Dublin  
Linda Harrison  
Yuriy Krasner  
Minnie Mankita  
Pat O'Brien  
Sabina Pirmukhamedova  
Michael Russo  
Tatyana Segal  
Sheila Smalls  
Svetlana Zelinskaya

Zunera Ahmed  
Asad Dandia  
Selina Grant  
Amarilys Herrera  
Angela Kravtchenko  
Mark Mernyk  
Robbin Wright Paraison  
Milagros Quiles  
Jeff Sanoff  
Pervez Siddiqui  
Joann Weiss

Lakeisha Bowers  
Lolita Divilova  
Erum Hanif  
Queenie Huling  
Yelena Makhnin  
Allen Newman  
Nodira Pirmukhamedova  
Sam Rinkovsky  
Fran Schwartz  
Michael Silverman  
Annette Wesley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dionne Brown  
Joe Corace(exc.)  
Jack Suben  
Edita Volovodovskaya

Patricia Brown  
Susan Flaschenberg(exc.)  
Barbara Teitelbaum(exc.)  
Gloria Watkins

Sonji Cephas(exc.)  
Olga Fort(exc.)  
Dennis Vourderis

**GUESTS:**

Daniel Loud, Frieda Menos, Ann Valdez, Ariana Mitchell(BB Library), Ida Sanoff, Christopher D. Grief, Katherine Belka(DSNY), Clifton Smith, John Lyons, Scott Russo, Jonathon Marable(Brooklyn Chamber Commerce), Victor Malyar, Dr. D. Paraison, Olga Fiore(SSSpanton), Thomas Hecfel, Charlene Batts(CMBrannan), Matt, Bauer, Ryan Clark, Ali Estefan, Jordan Zhu Suheylya Kipraki, Ron Greenberg, Carlo Muraco, AM Alec Brook-Krasny

**OFFICE STAFF:**

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator.

Community Board Chair Lucy Mujica Diaz opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. She asked Jeff Sanoff to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. She introduced Rachel, the Executive Director of Fiesta Adult Day Care Center. Lucy thanked Rachel for the use of the space. Rachel thanked the board members for coming and seeing the facility. Lucy announced that the meeting had a hard stop at 9:30 p.m. She thanked all the members for attending tonight's meeting.

There are three presentations this evening. Our board member, Sheila Smalls, who will be making a presentation this evening is on her way and will be here soon. Lucy introduced Jonathon Marable from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. He explained about a free program aligned with the Small Business Administration that was begun during the pandemic and 13,000 small business have been assisted. He left business cards on the table and asked anyone who has a need to call his office. There are Russian speaking staff and other staff members who can also assist in other languages.

Katherine Belka representing DSNY reported that beginning March 1, 2024 all businesses must set out their trash/waste in a receptacle with a secure lid. This includes trash, food, and food soiled paper. The trash should be put out at 8 p.m. or one hour before closing. This does not include recycling. All the information is on the DSNY website.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:**

Assemblymember Alec Brook-Krasny – He announced that he will be having several events including a clergy round-table. He is proud to represent Coney Island where people respect their neighbors and usually can live together in harmony. Coney Island is a good community that has many needs. He suggested that the residents call his office(718-266-0267), and let him know what they think the community needs. Some of the needs he has heard about is addition of a safety patrol, solution to the many traffic problems and having the ferry put on the oceanside. He knows that during the summer season there is a lot of traffic coming into Coney Island, especially on Friday, for fireworks, and on Saturday and Sundays. The Assemblyman’s idea is to reverse traffic on Neptune Avenue in one direction and get rid of the bike lane, only for a few hours to allow the flow of traffic. He will be meeting with DOT next week. (The Community Board will have a Traffic Committee meeting soon to discuss options). Mrs Quiles suggested something being done on Surf Avenue, all the way to Seagate, as well. Ms Grant stressed the importance of making it easier to get in and out of Coney Island during the summer season.

Olga Fiore – representing State Senator Jessican Spanton – The Senator is in Albany, in session. Olga suggested everyone follow the Senator on Facebook. She updates information daily. The Senator has several upcoming events with the other local elected officials. On February 29th at 7 p.m. at Carey Gardens there will be a Black History Month event sponsored by the Senator, Congressman Jeffries, Assemblyman Brook-Krasny and Councilmember Brannan. Senator Spanton is still having her mobile office, even though she has her new office on Mermaid Avenue.

Charlene Batts – representing Councilmember Justin Brannan. Charlene reported that they are very close to securing an office on Mermaid Avenue. The Councilmember will have his inauguration, Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 1 p.m. at Gargiulo’s. The deadline for not-for-profits to apply for discretionary funding from the Councilmember is February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office.

Frieda Menos – representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries – Frieda brought greetings from the Congressman. If any constituents are visiting Washington and would like assistance with tickets to any of the buildings, contact Frieda well in advance of the planned visit. She said the passport offices have hired more staff after all the problems with getting passports in the last few years. Expediated passports can be received in 2-3 weeks, non-expedited will take approximately 6 weeks.

Adriana Mitchell- Manager, Brighton Beach Branch BPL – Three new libraries have been opened in Brooklyn. The Brighton Beach Branch has a Tech program for teens. There is also an ESL class from 11-1 p.m. on Monday/Thursday. Technology Program by appointment – call branch. There is help with resume writing for all ages. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Chess Tournament – players must pre-register. The proposed budget cuts have been placed on hold for the remainder of this fiscal year. Might be some in 2025. However, there is still no Sunday hours. The hiring freeze has been lifted.

Christopher Grief - He thanked NYPD and MTA for their assistance during the minor derailment last week. The MTA has a Public Hearing on Capital Projects coming up (Neptune Avenue station is included). There is also a Public Hearing on Congestion Pricing. Zunera asked when the new barriers will be installed at the West 8<sup>th</sup> Street station. Chris said the date had not been announced. The board office will follow up.

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Mark Mernyk seconded by Joann Weiss to approve the minutes as corrected.

**VOTE:** In Favor: 34                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0                      Recusal: 0  
Motion carried (Quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. Office.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Lucy reported the board office sent the list of the member absences to Borough Hall with an explanation for extended absences. The deadline for applying/reapplying for board membership is February 19<sup>th</sup>. Lucy has removed two members for number of absences – Mario Caggiano and Emil Purisic.

Lucy, Jeff, and the office staff met with Councilmember Brannan. It was a positive meeting. We will work together on issues in the community. He wants to have a Roundtable with city agencies to discuss the problem of illegal vendors on the boardwalk and in the amusement area. When Lucy, Eddie and Jeff meet with Councilmember Vernikov, they will have the same discussion about illegal vendors (in Brighton Beach).

The office has been notified that a adult cannabis dispensary has put up a sign on the building located at 1233 Surf Avenue and submitted an application. The office will contact OCM, the Sheriff's Office and will also contact our elected officials.

Lucy explained that to revisit an issue `a committee has already voted on, it must be done at the same meeting and/or on the same day as the original vote. The Chairperson of the board can use their discretion when placing items on the agenda. If they choose, they could send an issue back to the committee.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Eddie reported that the community board will be working with DEC to see if the issues that caused the floods during the last two storms could be taken care of. We will have a meeting in February with some of the city agencies, to form a Task Force and discuss how to take care of the illegal vendors that have been plaguing the amusement area for years. This year the season starts early. The Blessing of the Rides, is scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (given by Eddie in the absence of Dionne, Treasurer)

See attached report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

LAND USE COMMITTEE -

Marion Cleaver/Sam Rinkovsky, Co-Chair

Marion explained that the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity was discussed in depth at two committee meetings. There are 18 individual proposals that must be voted on. She reviewed the worksheet that was used, and questions were asked and answered. After discussion was completed, Michael Silverman stated:

Motion from Land Use Committee: Community Board 13 disapproves with modifications the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity.

VOTE: In Favor: 33                      Opposed: 0                      Abstention: 0                      Recusal: 0

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Yelena Makhnin/Olga Fort, Co Chair

Yelena thanked the committee members for always attending and making quorum. She especially thanked Pat O'Brien for changing his schedule to attend the meeting, so we could make quorum.

Renewals:

- Beer and cider license application for DSH Restaurant Inc., located at 3059 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Bklyn
- Beer and cider license application for Vodou Food Corp. dba Deno's Snack Bar/Famiglia Pizzeria, located at 1025 Boardwalk, Bklyn.
- Full liquor license application for Jalfa Foods Inc., dba Ruby's 1213 Riegelmann Boardwalk, Bklyn.

We have informed the committee and now the full board. Renewals mean that nothing changed from when the application was originally approved.

New:

- Full liquor license for Aramark Sports, dba Sandbar Tavern and Grill located at 1904 Surf Ave., Bklyn. Hours of Operation: Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fri. – Sun. 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Motion made by Shimon Rinkovsky and seconded by Yelena Makhnin to approve the license as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 30                      Opposed: 1                      Abstention: 1                      Recusal: 1

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

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Sheila Smalls made a presentation of a bouquet of flowers to Yelena for her continued support of Sheila's group, Coney Island Youth Alive. She thanked Yelena for always being there for the group.

Motion to adjourn made at 9:00 p.m.

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator