



**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13**  
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Borough President

**LUCY MUJICA DIAZ**  
Chairperson

**EDDIE MARK**  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Wed., Sept. 27, 2023

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

**Loc:** Education Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lucy Mujica Diaz

Asad Dandia

Linda Harrison

Yuriy Krasner

Minnie Mankita

Robbin Wright Paraison

Sabina Pirmukhamedova

Fran Schwartz

Michael Silverman

Gloria Watkins

Zunera Ahmed

Lolita Divilova

Amarilys Herrera

Angela Kravchenko

Mark Mernyk

Nodira Pirmukhamedova

Michael Russo

Tatyana Segal

Jack Suben

Joann Weiss

Lakeisha Bowers

Olga Forte

Queenie Huling

Yelena Makhnin

Allen Newman

Sam Rinkovsky

Jeff Sanoff

Pervez Siddiqui

Dennis Vourderis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dionne Brown

Sonji Cephas

Julia Daniely

Erum Hanif

Milagros Quiles

Evelyn Strasser

Edita Volovodovskaya

Patricia Brown

Marion Cleaver(exc)

Susan Flaschenberg(exc)

Pat O'Brien

Pat Singer (exc)

Barbara Teitelbaum(exc)

Annette Wesley

Mario Caggiano

Joe Corace(exc)

Selina Grant(exc)

Emil Pursic

Sheila Smalls

Gregory Vayngurt

Svetlana Zelinskaya

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eddie Mark, Dist. Mgr., Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

Board Chairperson Lucy Mujica Diaz opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone to our September meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Jason Chen from DSNY gave a brief presentation about The Curbside Composting Program which begins Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Limited supply of composting bins can be ordered on line. It is separate from regular garbage bins. They can be either a black bin or bin with orange decal.

Board member, Dennis Vourderis asked if garbage bags should be placed in the brown bins (yes). It doesn't matter what color the garbage bags are that are within the brown bins. Board member Mark Mernyk asked if meat scraps need to be put in bins (yes, everything). The bins can be ordered on line and delivered to the house. Limited supply is available.

**PRESENTATION:**

NYC Department of Design & Construction general update on the Marlboro Houses for Marlboro Urban Agriculture (HAM17GHSE) that is currently in the design phase. Members of the team: Abbey Killian, Sammy Tobini, Laura Kaufman, architect and Kabas Kabassi.

This project is an agricultural education center with farm component, being constructed at Marlboro Houses. It is being funded by The Campaign Against Hunger (food pantries). The project will begin the end of 2023, beginning of 2024 and construction will be completed in 2025. It is being built at the SW corner of the Marlboro Campus on North 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue X. Now there is a parking lot located where the education center will be built. The lot is under 10,000 square ft. There are two levels, up 5 feet to address the flood level. This site was chosen a few years ago when there were limited sites available to choose from. This project started when Eric Adams was Borough President. It was funded by Borough President six years ago.

President of Marlboro's Tenant's Association, Amariyls Herrera is very excited about the project. Joann Weiss asked where are the cars that were parked in the parking lot, that are no longer there, parked now. Amariyls said that in the parking lot, there were not that many cars parked.

There is a need for an additional farmer's market. Campaign Against Hunger will get youths and community involved. Jeff asked what the cost of the project is. The cost is approximately \$15 million. Zunera asked if only NYCHA residents are involved or all residents of the area (All residents of the area).

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Public Design Commission Conceptual Review presentation for Seaside Park & Community Arts (Coney Island Amphitheater) located at West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and the Boardwalk.

Howard Weiss, Jeffrey Poor, Architects gave concept review involving Seaside Park \* Community Arts Center. This was approved by CPC, CCPDC, and Landmark 2013. Child's Restaurant, C.I. Amphitheater Public Open Space.

After Project city acquired two sites and expanded open space by adding two lots to the open space. This was approved by City Planning and City amendment back to Fall, 2024. Today's hearing is solely for the purpose of conceptual review.

Briefly reviewed the outline of the project with pictures of the proposed design on W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Aerial view, perspective view were shown in handouts.

Ida Sanoff asked will Parks maintain the area. (No the area is under the jurisdiction of EDC and Seaside Park LLC and Live Nation). There is no City money involved. Cost will be absorbed by Seaside Park LLC. Local schools will be involved using students for environmental landscape.

Christopher Greif reminded everyone that the area must be ADA accessible with proper signage used.

Michael Russo asked if for some reason the project is pulled out what will happen? Since the site is owned by the City, EDC will determine what happens to the site.

On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Land Use Meeting at 7 p.m. Committee members must be in person. It is recommended that all others attend via Zoom.

**DISTRICT NEEDS FOR fy 25:** Capital and Expense budget draft – Eddie Mark  
Eddie explained how the district needs are determined. We had six meetings with committees to make decisions. Capital Budget – robotics, drones for NYPD, also possibility of new precinct. Expense Budget – Lifeguards, moved to #1.

This will be voted on at the October 25, 2023 board meeting.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVE:**

AM Alec Brook-Krasny - He is very excited to be back as the Assemblyman for this district. He is happy to meet new and work with old friends. Any one who needs him should reach out to him on his cell. He has appointed a Resiliency Liaison, Scott Modlin who has 30 plus years in the field. Alec just returned from a press conference on Long Island which was about a study done on the co-existence of mental health and drug addiction. The Assemblymember's office is opened Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton – Viomo Emmanuel

They finally have a Brooklyn office Mon-Fri (9-5 p.m.) located at 1906 Mermaid Avenue, as well as their mobile offices. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 Gun Violence Workshop Coney Island Y. Flu shots Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 3-6 p.m.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Ida Sanoff – She discussed how with climate change and use of concrete it can create a “heat island”. This can exacerbate asthma in adults and children.

Christopher Greif – MTA/RR Accessibility. Seven elevators are being installed for handicapped accessibility in train stations. Two are being installed in Brooklyn. Always read Track Work Information on public media or in the train station. Also when riding on trains and buses, do not lean against the doors. If residents want elevators at the stations, they should write letters of support to the MTA and their elected officials. Sheepshead Bay Station is having an elevator installed.

**COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE** – Sergei Chuprik

Comptroller's website has information on “Heat Island”, climate dashboard. Angela Kravchenko spoke about Coney Island being Heat Zone 5.

**PUBLIC ADVOCATE** - Emmitt Sklar

Go to the website and read the report on Smoke/Smog and recommendations on air quality. They are planning on opening Open Air Centers for clean air. Also, there is a discussion on the City Alert System. Also, there is article on Gun Violence Prevention. The Public Advocate has a Constituent Service Team, feel free to reach out if help is needed. Jeff mentioned the New York City Air Quality Monitoring Program. Our

community is not involved in this program. It includes northern Brooklyn, not on the south side. Emmitt said he would take this information back to the team.

**BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT – Hassaan Chaudhary**

The Borough President is having a DEP event tomorrow on storm and hurricane preparedness from 6-8 pm. at the Coney Island YMCA. The application process for board members, both new and renewals will begin on Nov. 15, 2023

CM Ari Kagan – Erica Taylor

10/14 – Health Fair

10/24 – Fall Fest at Kaiser Park

CM Justin Brannan – Charlene Batts

Nothing to report at this time.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Mark Mernyk to approve the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 29                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0

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

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Lucy discussed the By Laws and the email sent out about having a quorum during a committee meeting. Lucy reiterated that if you cannot attend a committee meeting, you must call Eddie. She thanked Tatyana for having Eddie pick her up and bring her to the Health Committee meeting so she could make the quorum. Lucy said that attendance at both the Board and committee meetings are crucial. She can excuse a member, but the Borough President can question her reasoning. The rule now for committee meetings is that if after 20 minutes, there is no quorum, the meeting will be adjourned and the issue is added as New Business at the monthly board meeting. Lucy and Eddie met with the Manager of Coney Artwalls. He said there are no more events this season. He apologized for the last event, other than that one it was a good summer. He meets often with Community Affairs at the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct. We now have this cell number. Lucy also discussed the Lifeguard situation. Although the season is over, we now have to try to get people to take the lifeguard course so they will be ready to apply for the job in the Spring/Summer season. Lucy reminded everyone that all board members have a mandatory meeting with the BP office on Thursday, virtually. If you cannot attend, please let Ms. Church know. The office staff cannot give out contact information of real estate owners/management of buildings in the community. If there is a problem, the office staff will assist the constituent to rectify the situation with the building owner/building management. If this is not agreeable with the constituent, they can FOIL the information and will receive it by the end of the FOIL period (180 days).

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

There have been illegal vendors all over the amusement area. DSNY and DCWP have been made aware of this situation. The HRA building on West 21<sup>st</sup> Street has been demolished to make way for new street, Ocean Way. This street may have angle parking. We have hired a new staff member, Gabriel Blinder as our Community Assistant Consultant for the next few months. He will be working on Monday,

Wednesday and Friday. West 16<sup>th</sup> Street will be constructed by end of 2023 with partial porous pavement. Anyone who has information for our Newsletter, please get the information to me by Friday, 2 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

10/3 – Land Use Committee  
10/11- Executive Committee  
10/16- By Laws Committee  
10/19- Education Committee  
10/22- Cancer Walk  
10/28- Halloween Children’s Parade

District Managers met with Chairpersons and Borough President Reynoso. In their discussions, the BP stated that as a Chairperson, they do not have to recognize everyone to speak. Chairpersons of a committee do not have to give a report for each committee. If a vote is needed, committee must discuss the issue.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

FY ending 6-30-2023 Monies expensed for new laptops and end of year celebration.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Sam Rinkovsky

Halloween Crawl – 10/14 at 1904 Surf Avenue to Coney Island USA.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Executive Committee

Yelena, Co-Chair of the Licensing Committee opening tonight’s meeting and explained about the two applications for opening Cannabis Dispensaries in our community. She briefly explained what happened at the meeting and because of how the meeting ended, nothing was voted on. (See minutes for full explanation).

License Committee - Yelena Makhnin/Olga Fort, Co-Chairs

Yelena thanked the members of her committee for always coming to the meetings and having quorum.

Corporate Change 1205 on Surf dba Red Doors Bar & Grill

Vote: In Favor: 25      Opposed: 0      Abstention: 3

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

New full liquor license – GS Hospitality Group 3200 Coney Island Avenue

Discussion on stipulations – Sun-Thurs. 12 noon – 2 a.m. Fri.-Sat. 12 noon to 4 a.m.

No one under 21 allowed in after 8 p.m. unless accompanied by adult. Last call one hour before closing. Security personnel 1 downstairs, 2 on floor of establishment

Vote: In Favor: 22      Opposed: 3      Abstention: 3

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

Health Committee

Queenie Huling/Amarilys Herrera, Co-Chair

Interborough Developmental and Counseling Center is requesting a letter of support from the Community Board that their grant-funded Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic at 2846 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. is approved to participate in NYS's federal CCBHC Demonstration.

Vote: In Favor: 28                      Opposed: 0                      Abstention: 0

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Full liquor license – DJB Restaurant dba Limon located at 825 Surf Avenue

Hours of operation Sun. – Thurs. 12-10:45 p.m. Fri. – Sat. 12-11:30 p.m.

Food will be served up to 1-1/2 hours before closing

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Michael Russo

Vote: In Favor: 28                      Opposed: 0                      Abstention: 0

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

**GOOD & WELFARE**

Joann Weiss – 60<sup>th</sup> Pct Community Council meeting Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Location TBD

Presentation by South Brooklyn Medical Center on Narcan

Traffic problem on Neptune Avenue & West 5<sup>th</sup> caused by deliveries to new shopping center. Trucks double parked, buses cannot get through.

need to discuss with businesses on scheduling deliveries

Allen Newman – Coney Island Amphitheater – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 p.m.. free Succoth performance. Next year there will be six free concerts.

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

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator