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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, Nov.29, 2023

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: St. Paul's Church

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Mujica Diaz
Sonji Cephas
Lolita Divilova
Erum Hanif
Yuriy Krasner
Minnie Mankita
Pat O'Brien
Nodira Pirmukhamedova
Jeff Sanoff
Pervez Siddiqui
Sheila Smalls
Edita Volovodovskaya
Svetlana Zelinskaya

Zunera Ahmed
Marion Cleaver
Jennifer Dublin
Linda Harrison
Angela Kravtchenko
Mark Mernyk
Robbin Paraison
Sabina Pirmukhamedova
Fran Schwartz
Michael Silverman
Jack Suben
Joann Weiss

Lakeisha Bowers
Asad Dandia
Olga Fort
Queenie Huling
Yelena Makhnin
Allen Newman
Milagros Quiles
Sam Rinkovsky
Tatyana Segal
Pat Singer
Gregory Vayngurt
Annette Wesley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dionne Brown
Joe Corace(exc.)
Amarilys Herrera
Barbara Teitelbaum(exc.)

Patricia Brown
Susan Flaschenberg(exc.)
Emil Pursic
Dennis Vourderis

Mario Caggiano
Selina Grant(exc.)
Michael Russo
Gloria Watkins

GUESTS:

Linda Smith, Christopher Greif, Adriana Mitchell(BPL), Ida Sanoff, Olga Fiore(SSSpanton), Arthur Melnick, Michael Colacurto(DSNY), Zoraid Santiago(DFTA), Boris Ioseluv(BPL), Anna Haye(St. Paul's), Craig Hammerman, Sergey Churpik(Comptroller's Off), Bobby Feruzi, Erica Koyfman(CMVernikov), Diane Martinez(JCCGCI), Victor Malyar, Michael Mandala(FDNY), Sonia Martinez(IHOP), John Lyons, Nadezda Shpichak, Tracey Lee, Dayana Mirzalev, O. Kruyazo, Ron Greenberg, Anastasia Yaskova(CAU)

STAFF PRESENT:

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Gabriel Blinder, Community Consultant, Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

Chairperson Lucy Mujica Diaz opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. She introduced the members of the Executive Board and the office staff seated on the dais. This meeting is being recorded so if you don't want to be recorded, you can leave the meeting. 1st Vice Chair Jeff Sanoff led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lucy noticed the new Councilmember Justin Brannan was seated in the audience. She asked him if he needed to leave, if so, she would have him speak then. He stated he wanted to wait and listen to the community.

PRESENTATIONS:

Diana Martinez – JCCGCI – Programming in Coney Island Schools

Program Seagull – It takes place in P.S./I.S. 288 – The Shirley Tanyhill School where Ms Martinez was an Assistant Principal for 29 years. The school is named after her mother. It is a violence prevention program for extended day. It has been at the school for three years in grades 4-8 and it targets 200 students and 60 students in its Afterschool Program. During the school day there is a Performing Arts component 200 students in P.S./I.S. learn African Drum and Dance and give three performances per year, December, January and June. They have extended day 3-6 p.m. for 75 students. They also have mental health counseling services.

Program Hope – It takes place at Rachel Carson H.S. It is a restorative justice program. It targets student's mental health and emotional health. It's main goal is youth enrichment services.

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In answer to the question will more schools get serviced, Ms Martinez, yes they will try to service more schools with less money.

This JCCGCI Program started in 2021 in schools with high incidence of violence – P.S./I.S. 288, P.S. 329, I.S. 303, Liberation Diploma Plus H.S. and H.S. of Sports Management. Hopefully John Dewey and Abraham Lincoln High Schools will be added.

Safe Passage – at dismissal. The program tries to recruit youths who have chronic absenteeism for conflict resolution. This program tries to prevent youth violence and improve school safety in and around the school buildings.

B.R.Y. – Building Resilience in Youth – This program meets students where they're at. Focus on mental health for students ages 13-21.

Christopher Greif said he supports this type of program as they work with students with all types of disabilities. Minnie Mankita wanted to know if the program can follow up the students after graduation. Ms Martinez said they track the students from grades 6,7,8 to High School but without new funding they will be limited and won't be able to track students after they graduate from high school. To keep this program going, they are in need of community support.

Craig Hammerman – See statement below

"The City's Zoning Resolution does not currently include a definition for Gaming Facilities. Consequently, the City has no framework for reviewing them. Normally we would expect an applicant to go through ULURP(uniform land use review procedures), conduct reviews that would include traffic and environmental studies, and give us all more information about how such a facility could impact a host community. The community would have a direct role in the review process and an opportunity to participate as the project wends its way through the land use review process.

On Monday, November 27th, the City Planning Commission heard a proposal from the Department of City Planning that would establish a definition for Gaming Facilities and suggests a review protocol for considering them. City Planning effectively said that they will use the State's definition of a Gaming Facility, which doesn't specifically limit the types of related uses that could be included but does specify a limit of up to 3 permitted facilities within the NYS Downstate region. Furthermore, City Planning is proposing to simply abide by the State's review process. This means for each proposed site there will be a 6-member local review board appointed. The six appointing members include representatives for the Governor, Mayor, Borough President, State Senator, Assemblymember and City Councilmember. For proposals to advance to the full NYS Gaming Commission for final consideration, each proposal will need at least four out of the six members to support it.

Why should we be concerned? City Planning's proposal effectively cut every affected community out of a formal role in the review process. There will be no local community seat at the table—only the elected officials who represent the community. They will not be reviewed as a ULURP team.

Whether you are for the casino or not, to take the community out of the equation means that there will be no way that the people most affected will have an opportunity to formally negotiate any potential negative impacts such a proposal may have on a host community. There's no opportunity to say, "it's too big" or "it's not big enough". There's no chance to say, "there's not enough parking" or "there's too much parking". There's no formal way the community can express its concerns and minimize any foreseeable consequences of such a proposal. **And that's just not right.**

This matter was referred out by the City Planning Commission on November 27th, so all 59 community boards and 5 borough boards will have a chance to weigh in.

I would strongly encourage you-the members of Brooklyn CB13-whether you are for or against a casino- to oppose the proposed process, encourage the Borough Board to oppose it, and tell the Department of City Planning that the community deserves a seat at the table. Especially those of you who support a

casino. Because if the City is going to silence the community on this matter today, who knows what they will try to silence us on, tomorrow. We are still one community, and we deserve to be heard.

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Department for the Aging:

Zoraida Santiago/David Brown, Senior Job Developer

Ms. Santiago gave an overview of the types of programs DFTA has to help seniors get back into the work force.

1. Silver Stars – this program is for retired city workers who are collecting a pension.
2. SCSEP – this program helps older adults 55+ to prepare to return to the work force.

They must live in the five boroughs, be unemployed. Follow low-income guidelines.

3. Reserve – this program is for adults who are retired and wish a career in Public Service.

All these programs give adults skills training, resume writing, and interview skills. DFTA has relationships with private business, as well as government agencies and non-profit organizations and is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, so DFTA does not anticipate budget cuts.

All classes are given in the DFTA offices in Tribeca. Each person will receive a stipend of \$15/per hour. If interested reach out to ZSantiago@aging.nyc.gov or D.Browns@aging.nyc.gov

Craig Hammerman shared that when he was a District Manager, he had a participant from a DFTA program working in his office and they were exceptional. It is a wonderful program.

Pat O'Brien asked if there was a maximum age for participation. The answer was "no". If the person received social security, then can still participate in the program. Adriana Mitchell asked if the person has immigration status can they work "yes if they are cleared to work.

Michael Colacurto – DSNY Community Assistance Unit

He updated us on the new rules for Containerization – Curbside composting. It is mandatory, but no fines will be given until 2025. You may use clear plastic garbage bags. Put out large items, furniture, etc., on non-recycling days. This new program is being instituted to reduce the number of black bags. Food businesses must set out their trash in bins with tight fitting lids. All businesses must use this type of container, beginning March 1, 2024. The containers can be stored at the businesses' building line. They must be put out one hour before closing. An apartment building with 1-9 families must begin containerizing trash in the Fall of 2024.

Yelena thanked Anastasia from the Mayor's Office for assistance in getting DSNY to Brighton Beach Avenue. On four corners on Brighton Beach Avenue the garbage is not being disposed of in the proper manner. How come the city sees all this illegal dumping and getting rid of it is not priority #1 in the war against rats.?

Mark Mernyk questioned whether garbage receptacles with a secured lid should be used instead of black garbage bags.

Councilmember-Elect Justin Brannan – He said officially he will become our Councilmember on January 1st. He is a public servant. Currently he is the Chair of the Finance Committee in the City Council and he will be able to bring more resources to our community. He needs to listen to the residents and understand the problems they have. He also asked that everyone keeps Julia Daniely in their thoughts and prayers. He is looking for an office in this part of his district, perhaps on Mermaid or Surf Avenue. Pat Singer told Justin that Brighton Beach Avenue desperately needs repaving. Also, she would like to see the community constituent grants be reinstated so that more staff can be hired to assist with problems. He said he looks forward to working with our community.

Anastasia Yaskova, Community Assistance Unit from the Mayor's Office presented "The Mayor's Pillar of the Community" Award to Pat Singer. Pat thanked The Mayor for the award.

Lucy asked Anastasia to extend to Mayor Adams the thanks of the Community Board for having the Town Hall meeting in our community.

Sergei Chuprik – Office of the Comptroller, Brad Lander

He suggested that anyone interested check the Comptroller's website. There is a new climate dashboard, "Capital Projects NYC". The Comptroller did an audit of The City Bike Program and found that the program is not as successful as it appears. The Office also did an audit of "Fair Share", the language access program. Also, Sergei followed up on a question that was asked at last month's meeting. Erum Hanif asked about who did the translation during an audit. Sergei said that the Comptroller's office has translation services in ten languages, however, the company that does the translation must be vetted by the Court System prior to the translation being done.

Erica Koifman – representing CM Inna Vernikov

The office had many requests for turkeys. The demand exceeded their expectations. The CM was able to provide 100 turkeys to constituents.

Olga Fiore – representing SS Spanton

The Office also did a turkey give away, with AM Brook Krasny. It was a great event. On behalf of the State Senator, Olga thanked all parts of the community that was involved in the giveaway. She her excitement that Luna Park now has a "Frost Fest" that opened last week and will be open on weekends until January 7th.

Pat Singer thanked Anastasia for presenting her with the award from the mayor. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Adriana Mitchell – Brooklyn Public Library, Brighton Beach

The Brighton Beach Branch has many programs for all ages. ELL Class-Monday and Thursday, Art Hour on Tuesdays, Storytime for young children on Friday. SNAP Assistance on Friday and Teen Time/Game Time for teenagers. She asked that the residents of the community board support the library with advocacy. Jeff Sanoff hopes that the city does not cut funding to the library.

Dayana Mersly – Graduate Student in Public Health

She asked that the public supports Assembly Bill 84424 which is targeted towards kids being made aware of the problem with junk food. This bill, if passed, will have a positive impact on communities and hopefully would be able to assist in lowering childhood obesity. One in five children who reside in Coney Island in grades K-8 have childhood obesity.

Christopher Greif – He reported that the track work scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled due to the fatal accident. It is rescheduled for tomorrow. The shuttle bus will run tomorrow as previously scheduled. There will be no Q train service from 9:30-3:30. MTA is partnering with the BPL, Brooklyn Heights Branch, to do a presentation on Jan. 12, 2024 about OMNI.

Natya She is the applicant for a cannabis adult dispensary that will be located at 1511 Neptune Avenue. She has lived in the community for about 20 years. She is a nurse and special education teacher. She is requesting approval of application for a store at this location. She believes using the right approach, she can create the proper atmosphere for the store. She will comply with all laws, security, age of purchaser, and all safety requirements. It will also be a good base for tax revenue for the city.

MINUTES – November 29, 2023 meeting.

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Marion Cleaver to approve the minutes as submitted.

MINUTES – Meeting November 29, 2023

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Marion Cleaver to approve the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: IF: 35 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Lucy thanked all the community-based organizations and elected officials for their give aways for Thanksgiving. She also thanked Anna and St. Paul's Church for allowing us, at the last minute, to use their meeting room for our November meeting. She also thanked the office staff for getting everything together with the change of location. Again, Lucy asked for thoughts on additional locations for future meetings. Please contact the office with any locations.

Lucy again stated that attendance will be going to the Borough President's office at the end of December. Please contact the office to discuss any problems with your attendance. If you have been absent 25% from board meetings, you may be remove from board membership.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie reported that lots of turkeys have been distributed during the weeks prior to Thanksgiving. He thanked APNA for distributing over 640 turkeys. We also attended the opening of Frost Fest at Luna Park Amusements and on November 22nd, Gargulio's had their Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by The Alliance for Coney Island, Gargiulo's Restaurant and Coney Island Gospel Assembly, serving over 1000 meals.

On Dec. 7th at 7 p.m. there will be a Joint Land Use/Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss The City of Yes and the upcoming Text Amendment having to do with the casino. The meeting will be held at the JCCGCI on West 37th Street. On Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 7 p.m. there will be a Housing Committee meeting at the Board office. The application process for lottery for low-income housing will be explained. The application process for the lottery on the new building for Coney Island Phase II is opened and will close on January 8th.

The application process for reappointment to the Community Board is currently underway. Those members who are up for reappointment have been sent emails from the office. Please fill out the application on the Borough President's website and once submitted, please advise the office that you have done so. Also, if you have decided not to reapply, please let the office know that as well.

The deadline for articles/information for the newsletter is Fridays at 2 p.m.

There will be two caroling sessions. Friday, Dec. 8th at 5 p.m. at PSA 1. Friday, Dec. 15th at 5 p.m. at 60th Pct. Everyone is invited to attend.

Julia Daniely has resigned from the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health Committee – Queenie Huling, Amarilys Herrera

Queenie suggested everyone read the minutes. She thanked the community board.

License Committee – Yelena Makhnin, Olga Fort

Yelena thanked her committee for always coming to committee meetings. She welcomed a new board member who was placed on this committee, Jennifer Dublin. At our last committee meeting there were three applications which were voted on together.

Full liquor license – Augustine and Providence Quiles -1039 Surf Avenue (6,0,0,1 from Committee)

Wine,beer, cider – GZA Enterprises Corp. dba Shaurma Factory – 3086 Br. 2nd Street (7,0,0 from Committee)

Alteration – Aramark Sports – 1904 Surf Avenue (7,0,0 from Committee)

VOTE: (Full Board)	1039 Surf Ave-	In Favor: 26	Abstention: 5	Recusal: 2	(Motion carried)
	3086 Br. 2 nd St.	In Favor: 28	Abstention: 5		(Motion carried)
	1904 Surf Ave.	In Favor: 28	Abstention: 5		(Motion carried)

There were 4 “No Votes”

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The committee received 5 applications for adult cannabis dispensaries. Four applications/locations were denied, and one was approved. After the vote this evening, the community board will send a letter stating our opinion to OCM. We have been told that OCM will take the board’s opinion very seriously. The two applications on Surf Avenue were denied due to their proximity to family oriented attractions. The two locations on Neptune Avenue were denied due to their proximity to each other. The location on Cropsey Avenue was approved based on the answers given by the applicant to the questions asked.

Vote: (from committee) 1019 Surf Avenue – (1,5,1,0) denied 1223 Surf Avenue – (1,5,1,0) denied
1525 Neptune Ave- (3,1,3,0) denied 1511 Neptune Ave –(2,4,1,0) denied
2851 Cropsey Ave- (5,1,1,0) approved

Until OCM does real enforcement of smoke shops, it is premature to give licenses in our community. We are planning to have inhouse stipulations for the dispensaries similar to what we use for the liquor licenses, which will assist us to respond to complaints from the community.

Lucy said that once the stipulations are signed and notarized, they are binding. NYSLA wants the stipulations. If the community does not have them, SLA will use their own and have the applicant sign and notarize them. An individual can apply for three different locations. OCM will give the opportunity for people who have out of state dispensaries to apply for one in NYS.

VOTE: (from full board) 1019 Surf Ave. IF(Deny) 29 Opposed: 2 Abstention: 1 “No Vote” 5
1223 Surf Ave. IF(Deny) 29 Opposed: 1 Abstention: 1 “No Vote” 5
1525 Nept.Ave IF(Deny) 28 Opposed: 2 Abstention: 2 “No Vote” 5
1511 Nept.Ave IF(Deny) 28 Opposed: 3 Abstention: 1 “No Vote” 5
2851 Cropsey IF (9) Opposed: 18 Abstention:5

Motion to deny all applications (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

Letter will be written to OCM giving board’s opinion according to the vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE:

Joann Weiss – Det. Bulzoni Community Affairs Officer at 60th Pct has been transferred to the Anti-Terrorism Unit. P.O. Ray DeMaria is now the contact person at that office.

Pat Singer – BNA gave out 116 turkeys. Thanks to the stores that made this possible. Happy Chanukah to all who celebrate.

Yelena Makhnin – Brighton Beach BID will be giving out calendars. Once they are received, Yelena will distribute to the stores on Brighton Beach Avenue. Happy Chanukah to those who celebrate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Olga Fort, Co-Chair of the Licensing Committee explained that these four applications were received after the last Licensing Committee meeting and to make sure they were approved in a timely manner, it was decided to present them at this time.

The following applications were received from Central Amusement International (Luna Park)

Full liquor license – B&B Carousell located at 1615 Boardwalk West Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

Wine, beer and cider – Luna Park at Stillwell Avenue, located at 1205 Boardwalk West Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223

Wine, beer and cider for Luna Park at West 10th Street, located at 1000 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

Full liquor for Salt & Sizzle located at 1301 Boardwalk West, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

Since they are all from Central Amusement International, it was decided to vote on the four applications together.

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Yelena Makhnin to approve the application for license for B&B Carousell as submitted.

VOTE: (B&B Carousell)	In Favor: 24	Opposed: 5	Abstentions: 3	Recusal: 0 (motion carried)
Luna Park at Stillwell	In Favor: 25	Opposed: 3	Abstentions: 2	Recusal: 0 (motion carried)
Luna Park at W10th	In Favor: 25	Opposed: 3	Abstentions: 2	Recusal: 0 (motion carried)
Salt n Sizzle	In Favor: 25	Opposed: 5	Abstentions: 2	Recusal: 0 (motion carried)

Motion to adjourn made by Lucy Mujica Diaz, seconded by Yelena Makhnin at 9:30 p.m.

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator