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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc. St. Paul's Church

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Mujica Diaz
Dionne Brown
Marion Cleaver
Susan Flaschenberg
Amarilys Herrera
Minnie Mankita
Robbin Wright Paraison
Sabina Pirmukhamedova
Fran Schwartz
Pat Singer
Jack Suben
Edita Volovodovskaya
Svetlana Zelinskaya

Zunera Ahmed
Patricia Brown
Julia Daiely
Olga Fort
Yuriy Krasner
Mark Mernyk
Nodira Pirmukhamedova
Sam Rinkovsky
Tatyana Segal
Sheila Smalls
Gregory Vayngurt
Gloria Watkins

Lakeisha Bowes
Sonji Cephas
Lolita Divalova
Linda Harrison
Yelena Makhnin
Allen Newman
Milagros Quiles
Jeff Sanoff
Michael Silverman
Evelyn Strasser
Joann Weiss
Annette Wesley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mario Caggiano
Selena Grant(exc.)
Angela Kravchenko
Pervez Siddiqui

Joe Corace(exc.)
Erum Hanif
Emil Purisic
Dennis Vourderis

Asad Dandia
Queenie Huling
Michael Russo(exc.)

GUESTS:

Ida Sanoff, Orlando Mendez, Ron Greenberg, David Weissglass(City Planning), Emily Sun(City Planning), Tashina Buffaloe(City Planning), Emilia Clark(City Planning) Christopher Greif, Anna Daratany, Craig Hammerman, Ann Valdez, Bobby Ferazi, Raymond Herrera, Jennifer Dublin, Greaz Wise, Ramon Guadalupe, Alex Chadaev, Daniel Luisi, Shana Kelly, Salina Bolda, Stuart Ellison

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Troy Olson(CM Vernikov), Olga Fiore(SS Jessica Spanton), Ayana Williams(CM Ari Kagan), AM Alec Brook Krasny, Bridgette Purvis(AM Brook Krasny), Zunera Ahmed(SS Chu), Charlene Batts(CM Justin Brannan), Hassaan Chaudhary(BP Reynoso), Emmitt Sklar(Public Advocate), Sergei Chuprik(Comptroller Lander)

OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

Craig Hammerman – (prepared statement) Lately I've been thinking more and more about what happens when it rains. We live in a coastal community where everyone is within a mile or two of a waterbody. I came here for the beach, and I've been watching it degrade in the short time I've lived here. So it can be super frustrating when others don't connect what impact human actions have on our local environment. We may be living in the largest city in the United States, but our actions still have consequences on the natural world we live in. So, what happens when it rains? 72% of NYC is impervious surfaces here water is prevented from being absorbed into the ground. 8% of this impervious area is parking lots. When the rain hits impervious surfaces like rooftops, streets, and parking lots it's prevented from soaking into the ground. Instead, it runs off into our corner catch basins where it is transported and discharged into the nearest waterbody. Along the way, this stormwater picks up litter and contaminants which are deposited into those waterbodies. The Coney Island Creek is an impaired waterbody. In their recently issued annual stormwater report, DEP has identified that the two primary sources of contaminants in the creek come from pet waste and from litter. Pet waste carries pathogens like E. coli which can cause sickness in humans and other animals. Litter becomes "floatables", a form of pollution that clogs our waterbodies. The most common form of floatable pollution is plastic waste which makes up 80% of marine pollution. DEP is responsible for coming up with a plan to address the pet waste and litter that ends up in the creek from stormwater. The trouble is, as Ida Sanoff and others have pointed out, DEP does not do litter enforcement or clean the streets. Sanitation does. Here's a clear case where two agencies should be working closely together. But jurisdictional differences prevent them from leveraging the strengths and the resources they individually bring to the table. In bureaucratic terms we call this "working in silos". So, I'm asking if perhaps over the summer we can pull together the good people at DEP and Sanitation, maybe even include the State Department of Environmental Conservation as well, for a conversation about reducing litter and pet waste in our community and improving water quality in our impaired waterbodies. By bringing these forces of government together, we can get them to do a better job coordinating so they can do a better job serving us. Remember that old Jon Mitchell Song, Big Yellow Taxi, "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot?" Next time it rains think about the path that stormwater is taking, where it ends up and what happens to it along the way. Maybe you'll agree that there's something more we can do to have a positive impact on our natural environment. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by trying.

Christopher Greif – Reminder that the F1 shuttle bus ran during the Mermaid Parade. Thanks to the NYPD all buses got in and out. F1 shuttle only stopped at the train station. Remember, still time to look at and make a statement on the Bus Redesign. Happy 4th of July to all.

Ida Sanoff – Thanks to NYPD for helping with illegal parking in Brighton Beach.

Anna Daratany – She discussed the fact that enforcement of illegal vendors on the boardwalk is ZERO. She is also upset that for the last two years she has been trying to get work from any of the businesses on the boardwalk and has not been successful. If anyone knows of any work available, please reach out to her.

PRESENTATION: District Needs for Fiscal Year 2025 Presenter: Dept. City Planning
Emilia Clark, Department of City Planning, explained the procedure. The City needs overview of what each community board needs for the upcoming fiscal year. The City Charter requires that each board submits a Needs Statement (both for Capital and Expense Budgets). The Community Board meets with each committee to discuss what each committee feels the community needs for the upcoming fiscal year. Then all the needs are divided into Capital and Expense. The deadline for submitting the Community needs is October 31st.

Eddie will schedule committee meetings after July 4th. So that all the committees have met and discussed District Needs prior to the start of our meetings in September.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Assemblymember Alec Brook Krasny – Alec thanked the community for allowing him to be active on the Community Board. He began as a board member in 1997. He was Treasurer of the Board when Bernie was Vice Chair and Marty Levine was Chair. He thanked Bernie for his more than 40 years as a member of the Community Board and presented him with an Assembly Citation. He thanked everyone who came out to the Juneteenth event sponsored by Congressman Jeffries, Senator Scarcella-Spanton and himself. They will also be sponsoring a Back to School Event on August 18th. Location to be announced. Alec is meeting with DOT Commissioner to discuss refurbishing of Ocean Parkway. He also wants to hear the community's opinion about making Neptune Avenue from SeaGate to Cropsey Avenue a 3 lane thoroughfare instead of having 2 lanes and a bike lane.

Ayana Williams – representing CM Ari Kagan:

Street Co-Naming for Jimmy Prince - will take place on Saturday, July 8th at 1p.m. on Mermaid Avenue and West 13th Street.

Paper Shredding Event: Coney Island Site 4&5 – July 12 11-2
Warbasse Houses July 25 11-2
Lot Stop 86th St. Aug 10 11-2

Hassaan Chaudhary – representing Brooklyn Borough President Reynoso

The Borough President is holding a Maternal Health Expo on Saturday, July 15th from 1-4 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Sergei Chuprik – representing Comptroller Brad Lander

Anyone interested should look at the Interactive Map on the Comptroller's Website in reference to the Climate Control Task Force and how buildings impact the environment. There will be training with a presentation by one of the Climate Control specialists that worked on the map.

Emett Sklar – representing Public Advocate Jumane Williams.

The Public Advocate is trying for greater safety for e bikes, by putting more regulations on the batteries used. Also, The Public Advocate is working with CIH to get better pay for their nurses.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Evelyn Strasser, seconded by Pat Singer/Marion Cleaver to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE: In Favor: 37 **Opposed:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairperson Lucy Mujica Diaz thanked everyone who attended the earlier event honoring Bernie Kaufman and those members who left during the years 2020-2023. She thanked Councilmember Vernikov who gave discretionary monies to C.B. 13 after Lucy asked if she might have funds to give stipends to board members or at least so that, if necessary and they had to pay for parking to attend meetings, the board members wouldn't have to pay out of pocket. Since most of the meetings were on Zoom this past year, the \$1000 was never touched. Lucy reached out to CM Vernikov to see if the monies could be used for an end of year event. The CM agreed. So, thanks to the CM for her generosity. Lucy also thanked Chef Cream, for donating the hors d'oeuvres. Lucy thanked St. Paul's for the use of the space for tonight's meeting. She also thanked the 60th Pct for always being there and keeping the community safe. Lucy reminded everyone that this is her last year of her second term. In March, 2024 the nominating committee will be selected. If you want to run for a position, you cannot be a member of the committee. A member who is term limited from their position, can

run for another position on the board. If no one runs against them for the position they are currently in, they can run for that position again. She thanked everyone for allowing her to be a member of the board for the past 10 years.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie reported that since May, he has attended many community events; beach opening, 100th Birthday of the Boardwalk, Coney Island History Project Display, Mermaid Parade. Problems on the boardwalk are continuing with illegal vendors, which are increasing in number every day. We have been working with PEP officers and DSNY Task Force, which show good results, when they are on the boardwalk. We have applied, with BBID, for a grant from City Hall NST; Neighborhood Support Team, which will deal with quality of life issues in both parts of the community for six months to a year. One of the issues are illegally parked cars, both in BB and CI. Deputy Inspector Smirnov has been having cars and dirt bikes towed. Another problem in both areas are several homeless encampments. This Friday, June 24th we will be meeting at Mermaid and Surf Avenue with Breaking Ground at 4 p.m. Eddie announced that Lucia is on Maternity Leave, and she gave birth to a baby boy. The office is looking for a temporary person to work until Lucia returns. Upcoming events: 4th of July Hot Dog Eating Contest, Friday Night Fireworks, Sand Sculpting in August and weekly Movies on the Beach, weather permitting. If you need to report any type of problem, first call 311, obtain the complaint number and then call the office with the complaint number and we will follow up. We will have committee meetings during the summer to discuss the District Needs Statement. The meetings will either be in person or remote. Lucy said she wants the meetings to be in person. Marion asked if Eddie or Lucy will ask CM Vernikov again for funds this year to defray the cost of parking for board members if they need to pay for parking when attending meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

License Committee Yelena Makhnin, Olga Fort Co-Chair

Yelena explained that we will be voting on 2 licenses now, which came before the committee and under New Business, we will be voting on 2 licenses which came in after the Committee meeting and we don't want them to have to wait until September to have their licenses approved.

1. Candilejas Restaurant 1509 Mermaid Avenue – new full liquor license application.
2. World of Wonder Café 12 Brighton 11th Street – new full liquor license application. This is an old business, has bootka outside. We have received their application and stipulations.
3. We will be voting on both applications together. If you don't want to approve both; state which you want to approve and which you want to opposed.

Vote: In Favor: 30 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 4 No Vote: 1 (member stepped out)
Motion carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

New York Aquarium - Class Change (from beer to wine) for World Conservation Society (WCS) Cafeteria at located at 508 Surf Avenue. No problems.

Doner Wise House LLC - New Application – wine, beer and cider) located at 242 Brighton Beach Avenue. Hours of operation 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fast food, grab and go. No live music. They have applied for Open Street permit with DOT. Bringing Israeli food to Brighton Beach. Yelena mentioned that they have a bootka on Brighton 1st Street. Pat Singer stated that this is taking up space on the side walk.

Motion made by Lucy Mujica Diaz, seconded by Joann Weiss to approve applications for both locations (if not approving both, state which is approved and which is opposed).

VOTE: WCS: In Favor: 34 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 2

WISE: In Favor: 33 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 3

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

There is a legal cannabis dispensary which has been approved for the amusement area. We sent a letter to Mayor Adams and all our elected officials notifying them about it. We will also post on our facebook page and in our newsletter. Eddie distributed this letter with a cover letter from the Chairperson to all the merchants on Stillwell Avenue and Surf Avenues.

Joint Land Use and Housing Committee Pat Singer/Tatyana Segal Co-Chair Housing
sMarion Cleaver/Shimon Rinkovsky Co-Chair Land

Use

City Planning presented proposed Text Amendment to implement changes to the City's Zoning Resolution to remove impediments to, and expand opportunities for, decarbonization projects within all zoning districts, and across all 59 of the City's Community Districts.

Motion from Committee to approve made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Jeff Sanoff

Vote from Committee: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 3 Recusals: 0

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

Vote from Board: In Favor: 26 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 6 No Votes: 2

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

Joint Economic Development and Environment and Sanitation Committee:

Allen Newman/Michael Russo Co Chair Economic Development

Mark Mernyk/Jeff Sanoff Co Chair Environment and Sanitation

The Committee asked the Chair to write a letter to the NYC Department of Sanitation opposing the proposed New Commercial Garbage Collection Law.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Eddie announced: Street Co-Naming for Marty Bromberger: Saturday, July 16th 1 p.m. W. 19th St. Surf Avenue. Street Co-Naming for Jimmy Prince: Saturday, July 8th 1 p.m. W. 15th St. & Mermaid Avenue.

Lakeisha Bowers announced that as of June 30th Workforce I in Coney Island will cease to exist.

Pat Singer announced on August 27th they will have the Brighton Jubilee.

Joann Weiss announced on Tuesday, Aug. 1st NNOAC will be held IFO the 60th Pct on West 8th St. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Lucy announced Mayor did not extend the State of Emergency for Covid and therefore remote meeting situation has expired. Earlier this year the board voted that Committee meetings would be hybrid and full board meeting would be in person. This will be brought up at a By Laws Committee meeting early in September. Our staff would prefer all in person, no hybrid. We must take an official vote so we can go forward with putting the decision officially in the By Laws.

VOTE: To have hybrid committee mtgs and in person board meetings.

In Favor: 19

VOTE: To have both committee mtgs and board meetings in person.

In Favor: 16

Motion carried to have committee mtgs hybrid and board meetings in person.
(quorum present) Roll Call on file at C.B. office

Motion to adjourn made at 9:30 p.m.

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

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