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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: Wed. Sept. 24, 2024

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: Education Hall

Members Present:

Anitrius Bleau
Patricia Brown
Lucy Mujica Diaz
Olga Fort
Ronald Greenberg
Amarilys Herrera
Maria Montalvo
Nodira Pirmukhamedova
Leonard Maurice Robertson
Fran Schwartz
Vladislav Spektor
Joann Weiss

Gabriel Blinder
Deborah Carter
Lolita Divilova
Taj Graham
Erum Hanif
Angela Kravtchenko
Allen Newman
Milagros Quiles
Michael Russo
Michael Silverman
Jack Suben
Annette Wesley

Lakeisha Bowers
Charlene Davis
Mohamed Elnaggar
Selina Grant
Linda Harrison
Mark Mernyk
Robbin Paraison
Sam Rinkovsky
Jeff Sanoff
Sheila Smalls
Dennis Vourderis

Members Absent:

Anthony Batista
Jennifer Dublin(exc.)
Yuriy Krasner
Pat O'Brien
Svetlana Zelinskaya

Marion Cleaver(exc.)
Susan Flaschenberg
Yelena Makhnin(exc.)
Pat Singer(exc.)

Joe Corace(exc.)
Jeany Hernandez
Minnie Mankita(exc.)
Sidra Zafar(exc.)

Guests:

Keith Suber, L. Jaye, Thomas Hoelel, Boris Ioselev(BPL),, Sami Marsheik, Dr. Louis Joseph Packer, Joey Saban, Antonia Francois, Theresa Munis, George Phifer, Erica Turner Rachel Morrison, Roslyn Campbell(Brooklyn BP), Charlene Batts(CM Brannan), Chris Greif, Ida Sanoff, Judi Barreca, Jarrod Barry, Erica Koyfman(CM Vernikov), Zunera Ahmed(CM Brannan), Nictoria Fuzit, Olga Fiore(SS Spanton), Jonathan Marable, Jamal McQuay, Sean Fortune, Dan Murphy(Alliance), Renee Regnier, Steven P. Solomon, Daniel Lluisi, Sonji Cephas(CM Brannan), Jamal McQuay

Staff : Eddie Mark, District Mgr., Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Lucia Knizhik, Community Assistant, Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

Chairperson Jeff Sanoff opened tonight's meeting and welcomed everyone back from the summer hiatus. Lucy Mujica Diaz led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silence was taken for Board member Wanda Feliciano who passed away over the summer.

Jeff reviewed some housekeeping rules for the board members and members of the community who attend the meetings.

- There is a basic format for the meetings, he needs the cooperation of those in attendance to get through the agenda. Presentation – after the presentation, there will be a Q&A for all, including the public. Please keep your question short.
- The public should sign up via email if they wish to speak at the meeting. However, if they have not signed up and there are not many speakers, the Chair can allow them to sign up at the meeting and their names will be added to the list. Each speaker will have 3 minutes to speak.
- Once the public speaking session is over and the meeting begins the Executive/Business portion of the meeting, only board members may speak or ask questions.
- All meetings are open to the public and the public may speak during the Public Speaking portion.
- If a member of the audience becomes disruptive, they will be asked to leave.
- A community board member cannot use their position on the board to confront or try and handle a situation.
- All complaints should be called into 311. Then call the office and provide the 311 number to the office for follow up.

PRESENTATION:

Diversity Compliance and Community Outreach & Engagement Team for Luna Green, the 23-story residential building to be located at 3027 West 21st Street. – Nictoria Frasier and Jamal McGray gave a brief overview of the project. Within the next two years a 23 story building will go up as HUD Section 3-affordable housing. The amenities will include lounge, gym, community roof space, terrace and all apartments will have ocean views. Currently, pilings are being placed in the ground. There will be 282 residential units; 171-studios, 110-1 bedroom and 1 apartment for the superintendent. The purpose of this presentation is to let the community know there will be opportunities for employment for construction. The project will be completed in February, 2027.

In November, 2024 Section 3 compliance employment opportunities will begin in our location. It will be in a one mile radius from W. 21st Street and Ocean Drive to Ocean Parkway near Starbucks. These residents will get priority employment. There will be a need for laborers from Aug. 2025 to October, 2026. The project will probably end in November of 2026. The opportunities will be available to all members of the community.

Joann Weiss asked for clarification on what 1 mile radius looked like. Taj Graham asked if these were union jobs-open opportunities for all individuals. Taj said that from what was said these apartments look like for seniors because there are so many studios and 1 bedrooms. Nictoria answered that originally the plan was for the apartments to be for seniors, however, the project guidelines have changed but the plans for the apartments have not changed as of yet. Leonard Robinson asked if trade school students could be considered for some positions. The answer from Mr. McGray was that "it might work". Lucy Mujica Diaz asked for the actual number of employment positions that would be available, Ms Frasier said at this time there were no exact numbers available. Lucy also asked what education level would be needed for the positions. She was told that each position would require different education level depending on which contractor was doing the hiring.

PUBLIC SESSION

Steve Solomon – He has a musical group and would love to play in the Stillwell Avenue Terminal. If anyone is interested in assisting him in this, email him at sps2411@aol.com. He has many other attributes. Contact him if interested in being informed.

Dr. Dulande Louis – Director, JCCGCI Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) – She came before the Board last year to discuss the services of this Center. Today she is here to thank the Community Board for putting TRC on the map. The Center opened in August, 2023 at 1906 Mermaid Avenue, Top floor. They see clients in person 4 days a week and on Friday they see clients virtually. They are a multi-generational Trauma Center. Tomorrow they are sponsoring a Suicide Prevention Awareness “You Matter” Party beginning at 1 p.m. at the center. They will continue to work to prevent suicide in our community. The building is handicapped accessible. It was brought up that perhaps some of the events could be scheduled in the late afternoon or evening, when working people might be available. Dr. Louis said she would take this into consideration when scheduling future events. Sheila Smalls said she had attended some of the events, likes the program and has taken information back to her tenants. This center is greatly needed in the community. Dr. Louis thanked Sheila for getting the word out.

Christopher Greif – Reduced fare does exist through the OMNI card. It is illegal to sell Omni cards anywhere but at the train station. Anyone selling them can be arrested. The next two weekends there will be NO train service into Manhattan from Stillwell Avenue Terminal.

Fran Schwartz – She is speaking for herself and the residents of BB who pay fees quarterly to use the municipal parking lot adjacent to the boardwalk in Brighton Beach. Besides the ongoing problem of people parking in the reserved spots and the residents who pay for those spots always have trouble parking, now DOT has increased the fees for the reserved spots in municipal lots, citywide and the BB lot has the largest increase from \$500 to \$625 quarterly. Before this increase, Fran had spoken to Keith Bray and he promised a meeting with her. Still no meeting. Not even a senior discount. The seniors who pay this fee cannot afford the increase, most are on a fixed income. Something has to be done. State Senator Spanton sent a letter to Keith Bray and promised to send a letter to Commissioner Rodriquez. CM Vernikov is also working on this issue.

Renee Regnier – ACS – The American Cancer Society is available for people and the families of people who are battling cancer. There is a hotline for people who need to speak with someone who understands. There is also transportation for those who are undergoing treatment and need to get to the place for the treatment. There is a new initiative, Voices of Black Women which is a study on cancer in Black women and how it differs from other groups. Board member, Leonard Robertson said that he had gone to one of the events and the Dr. who is running the study needs help getting the information.

Jonathon Marable – Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce – Promotes small business support services advocacy. He explained about the NYC Small Business Resource Network, which is a free service on line which gives the small business owner a 1:1 meeting with a specialist who can assist them in building a website for their small business.

Antonia Francois – NYC Citizen Action Program Director Supportive Housing – She reported that several of her clients have brought to her attention that Con Edison bills have gotten enormous, most of which is not from the electricity but from the fees associated with services. She is asking the Community Board for assistance and is requesting that Con Edison revisit their billing practices. She believes that Con Edison is not reading the meters, although they say they are. Eddie will bring this up during this month’s District Cabinet meeting on Thursday, October 3rd. Lucy mentioned that if a person has SNAP, they do get a discount on Con Edison bills.

AM Alec Brook-Krasny – He wished congratulations to the new Chairperson, Jeff Sanoff. He mentioned that at the meeting he attended, the State Comptroller spoke about Southern Brooklyn and their good schools and the increase in the number of jobs in the area. Alec discussed the ongoing problems in apartments in the NYCHA buildings in Coney Island. He again wished Fran Schwartz a Happy Birthday. He said that he had spoken to DOT about the

increase in quarterly charges at the Brighton Beach municipal parking lot. Discussed about the need for a gate to separate the two parking areas. This would be very expensive, but probably the only way to take care of this situation. Possibly to give a senior discount. The Assemblyman's office is located at 2002 Mermaid Avenue and is opened Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-5 p.m.

Olga Fiore – representing State Senator Spanton – The Senator has been able to give funds to Marlboro Senior Citizen Center, Holocaust Memorial, APNA, Coney Island Seaside Older Adult Center. Any 501C3 community-based organization wishing to request discretionary funds submit letter to the office by the end of December. There will be a mammography truck at Coney Island Cathedral 2816 Mermaid Avenue on October 19th. There will be a catalytic converter event at Manhattan Beach Parking Lot on October 5th from 10-2 p.m. The Senator will have her Empire Awards Ceremony at John Dewey High School on Sept. 26th at 5 p.m.

Erica Koyfman-representing CM Vernikov – Mammography truck IFO the office, 1711 Gravesend Neck Road 9-4:30 p.m. DOB will be in the office on Oct. 29th from 3-7 p.m., please call the office for appt.

Zunera Ahmed-representing CM Brannan – There will be a pet adoption van IFO our Bay Ridge office.

Rosalind Campo-representing BBP Reynoso – Hassaan, who usually comes representing the Borough President is on paternity leave. His wife had a baby, boy 8 lb. 1 oz., they named him Jabril. He will be back in 6 weeks. Rosalind said that this month is Latino Heritage Month (from 9-15 to 10-15). The BP will be having a luncheon event for HS students on Oct. 16th. Anyone interested please call Borough Hall. The Borough President will continue to host the Community Baby Showers Boroughwide with a \$50,000 fund. CBO's can apply for grants of \$5000 from those funds. Call Borough Hall for more information. The BP's office will be doing an Air Quality Workshop. Date TBD.

MINUTES:

Leonard Maurice Robertson corrected the minutes of the June, 2024 meeting. He stated that not all he said was included and some of what he said was incorrect. Jeff stated that the minutes are not verbatim, but a summary of what was said. Jeff also suggested that if Mr. Robertson saw a problem with the minutes, he should have called the office, spoken to Barbara and the situation would have been rectified. Mr. Robertson said that he wanted the information that he gave the board members in June, to be added to the minutes. Jeff agreed to this. Mr. Robertson made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections as indicated. Mark Mernyk seconded the motion.

VOTE: In Favor: 34 Opposed: 1 Abstention: 1

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Jeff Sanoff

Jeff welcomed everyone back from what he hoped was a restful summer. He thanked all the board members for working so hard for our community. He then introduced all the new Executive Board members: 1st Vice Chair – Angela Kravtchenko, 2nd Vice Chair – Linda Harrison, Treasurer – Yuriy Krasner, Secretary – Milagros Quiles. He introduced the new Parliamentarian, Mark Mernyk. He thanked the former Parliamentarian Michael Silverman for his service to the board. He thanked the previous Chair, Lucy Mujica Diaz, for all her hard work for the community. Jeff explained that most new members were only given one committee assignment so as not to overburden them. They can attend meetings of any of the other committees.

We have been searching for other locations for our monthly board meetings. Jeff reported on NNOAC, which he attended. Despite the rainy day, the event was a huge success.

The fire in the Children's Playground at Asser Levy Park is still under investigation. The office wrote a letter to the Parks Department and our elected officials requesting that the playground equipment be replaced before the beginning of the 2025 season.

The escalator at the W. 8th Street subway station has been out of service many times this summer. This situation will be discussed at our Transportation Committee meeting on Oct. 1st.

Jeff attended the State Comptrollers meeting at Education Hall. Comptroller DiNapoli discussed how jobs in our area have doubled at twice the rate of the remainder of the Borough. The number of businesses has increased 29.9%.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Eddie Mark

Eddie welcomed everyone back from the summer hiatus. He discussed the new DSNY Garbage container initiative which becomes effective in November, 2024. DSNY will make a presentation on this at the October meeting. There was a water main break on West 5th Street between Surf and Mermaid Avenues. There is a sink hole reported to be on West 28th Street and Mermaid Avenue. There were fireworks every Friday night during July and August. There were several community activities during the summer. A Beach Clean Up at Coney Island Creek Park and Daffodil Planting at Asser Levy Park among other events.

A list of future monthly community board meetings will be sent out. Locations will be decided on and listed on our website. Two committee meetings are coming up. The Transportation Committee is meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1st and the Education Committee will meet on Oct. 9th. Both committee meetings will take place at the board office.

Board member Lucy Mujica Diaz asked why the Oct., Nov. and December board meetings were changed. Eddie said that the Oct. meeting was changed to Oct. 30th due to a Jewish Holiday and November was changed due to Thanksgiving and December was changed due to Christmas/Hanukah.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Due to Treasurer, Yuriy's Krasner's absence, Eddie gave the report)

This report was for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. See attached.

COMMUNICATIONS – Milagros Quiles

Free Skin Cancer Screening – Oct. 28th, 29th at Brighton Playground

State Senator Jessica Scarcella Spanton is hosting her Awards Ceremony at John Dewey High School on Thursday, Sept. 26th at 5 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan on attending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

License Committee

Olga Fort (in absence of Yelena Makhnin)

New full liquor license application for Kpot Coney Island LLC dba Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar, located at 1217 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224. This is a new application, but the business has been in our community for several years. Application is due to change of ownership.

VOTE: In Favor: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 5 Recusal: 1
Motion carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

License Renewals (FYI)

Full liquor license: Hennessy Park Mgmt, LLC dba Visa-A-Vis, located at 3100 Ocean Parkway, Store #7, Bklyn, N.Y.

Full liquor license: MHF Surf LLC dba Taco Bell, located at 1047 Surf Ave. Bklyn, N.Y.

Full liquor license: Georgian Bread Inc. located at 265 Neptune Ave. 1st Fl., Bklyn, N.Y.

Full liquor license: Tom's Coney Island Corp. located at 1229 Boardwalk West, Bklyn, N.Y.

Full liquor license: Beercom Inc, dba Oktoberfest, located at 3087 Brighton 4th St. Bklyn, N.Y.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selina Grant – She reminded the members that at prior board meetings she had discussed disseminating information about crossing the street safely. She noticed now that there are advertisements on T.V. about this. She also mentioned previously about asking that signs be posted about curbing dogs. This is a big problem in our community.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

GOOD & WELFARE:

Joann Weiss – She suggested that if there is an emergency that needs attention, **call 911 first**; then you can call one of the community affairs officers who will follow up.

Linda Harrison – She is looking forward to a good year. She discussed Proposition 1 which will amend the State constitution to put in discriminating language towards certain groups and to take away parental control. In other words, to allow the State to take control of your child. After several minutes, Lenoard Robertson asked that the Chair shut down Ms Harrison's comments as it is making a political statement. The Chair asked that she end her comments, which she did. Mr. Robertson continued to speak and was told by the Chair he was not recognizing him and he would therefore have to stop. He continued to speak and Mark Mernyk, the Parliamentarian told him that since the Chair did not recognize him, he must stop-he was out of order.

Motion to adjourn.

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator