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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc: SBH

Members Present:

Deborah Carter
Jennifer Dublin
Taj Graham
Barbara Guervil
Maxim Ibadov
Angela Kravtchenko
Mark Mernyk
Allen Newman
Nodira Pirmukhamedova
Jeff Sanoff
Jennifer Thorpe-Moscon
Dennis Vourderis
Jacqueline Johnson

Charlene Davis
Olga Fort
Selena Grant
Jeanny Hernandez
Yuriy Krasner
Viktoriya Krugolets
Christian Molieri
Pat O'Brien
Milagros Quiles
Fran Schwartz
Andrey Tikhomirov
Joann Weiss
Minnie Mankita

Lola Divilova
Roman Gitis
Ronald Greenberg
Thomas Hoefel
Yelena Makhnin
Melissa Mai
Maria Montalvo
Robbin Paraison
Sam Rinkovsky
Michael Silverman
Fanya Vasilevsky
Annette Wesley

Members Absent

Anitrius Bleau
Natasha Franklin
Tatyana Segal
Svetlana Zelinskaya

Lakeisha Bowers
Melissa Mai
Nicolas Seunarine

Marion Cleaver
Sheila Smalls
Vladislav Spektor

Guests: Laura O'Leary(BPL), Ronella Fraser(BPL), Connie Jones(UNS),
Lucy Mujica Diaz, Bridgette Purvis-Williams(AM Brook-Krasny), Olga Tkachenko,
Judi Barecca Linda Harrison, Faybal James

Staff Present: Eddie Mark, District Manager, Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

Eddie announced that the meeting is being recorded and anything in the chat may be part of a FOIL, if requested at a later date.

Jeff welcomed everyone to the last meeting of 2025. He asked board member Pat O'Brien to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Laura O'Leary, Ulmer Park branch BPL – She introduced Ronella Fraser, also from the Ulmer Park Branch. Ronella stated that the libraries in the area, Ulmer Park, Brighton Beach and Coney Island have many plans for events in the New Year. She suggested that the people in attendance take fliers that indicate the type of events that are being scheduled. She also suggested that everyone stop into the branch and get a library card, with which they can access Culture Pass, which gives free/discounted access to many attractions. Students can get live homework help. Information on the BPL website

Charlene Batts – representing CM Brannan – She brought Holiday Greetings from the Councilmember and Councilmember-Elect. Although the CM is termed out, he will always be available to help and advise. Charlene reported that \$1Billion dollars has been secured with the Mayor's office for boardwalk renovation. After years of advocacy, Coney Island will finally have the boardwalk it deserves. With Parks, and EDC and community input, design and construction will commence. The outgoing councilmember wishes the incoming councilmember well in the new year. The CM is partnering with other elected officials to offer free ice skating to the children on Dec. 29th and 30th at Abe Stark Rink from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The CM will also participate in "1 Island Christmas Toy Give Away for children in P.S. 188, 288 and 329. It will take place on Saturday, Dec. 20th from 1-4 P.M. If anyone is interested, the CM's office is distributing Cannabis Tool Kits. Just stop by and pick one up. The office is also distributing Tenant's Bill of Rights Packets with information on lead poisoning, etc.

Bridgette Purvis-Williams – representing AM Alec Brook-Krasny – She brings apologies from the AM for not attending tonight's meeting. He is attending a committee meeting in Manhattan. She also brings Warmest Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, Holiday Season. He is very happy that our community faced many challenges this year (casino), but was able to come out ahead with a NO vote for the casino. Also, he is very happy that the funding for the boardwalk has finally been approved. He is participating with Bright Starts of the Future in a Toy Drive and Give Away on Sunday, Dec. 21st, from 1 to 4 P.M. The AM has sent out a Survey on State issues, which should be filled out and returned to his office.

Olga Fiore – representing State Senator Scarella-Spanton – Olga announced that due to the illness of the State Senator, the Community Awards Ceremony has been postponed until after New Years. She also announced the Free Ice Skating for children on Dec. 29th and 30th from 8-10:30 a.m. On behalf of the State Senator, Olga wished everyone a Happy & Healthy Holiday.

Lucas Suhl – representing Brooklyn Borough President Reynoso – On behalf of the BP, he wished everyone a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season. He is also participating with the other elected officials on the Free Ice Skating at Abe Stark Rink. Community Board applications are open until Feb. 6, 2026. All interested parties can fill out the application on the BP's website. He discussed The Divine Dwellings Cohort for Brooklyn Houses of Worship. This is a project that empowers faith organizations to maximize the use of the buildings.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Mark Mernyk, seconded by Joan Weiss to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025 Community Board 13 meeting as submitted.

Vote: In Favor: 34 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1 Recusal: 0

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Jeff Sanoff, Chairperson

Jeff requested that any board member not sitting within the first four rows, move up, in order to be marked present. (As stated in the By Laws). There is a holiday cake and bottles of water on the back table. Everyone is invited to partake. This month has been very productive. Met with MTA to discuss problems on the West 8th Street subway station. Students waiting for trains have been throwing dangerous items off the station platform, barely missing, pedestrians or cars passing the station. The West 8th Street Station is deemed an "artistic" station with a specific design. The use of protective netting would interfere with the design. MTA will try to come up with a solution to the problem. We also met with EDC about Parcel A. RFP is in process, once the RFP is completed, there will be input by the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee. Also the scoping of West 25th Street has not yet been certified, but will be done in the near future. Then there will be a public hearing where the impact of this development on the community will be discussed. Finally, the city has \$1 billion dollars for renovation of the boardwalk. No specific details yet. The Community must have a seat at the table. On behalf of

the community board, Jeff thanked South Brooklyn Health for allowing us to use this facility for our meetings. Jeff wished everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season.

UPDATE ON BOROUGH BOARD MTG: Jeanny Hernandez, 2nd Vice Chair
Jeanny Hernandez, gave an update on what was discussed at the last Borough Board meeting. The presentation by Bridge Street Development Corporation was on affordable housing. This corporation is an advocacy coalition started in 1959 and is the largest one in Brooklyn. Their concerns are about the displacement of seniors during the repairs in their apartments. They need to complete the repairs quickly and not increase the rents because of the repairs. Jeanny wished everyone Happy Holiday and everyone stay safe, healthy and warm.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Eddie Mark, D.M.

Eddie thanked SBH for allowing us to use their auditorium and also for inviting us to have some refreshments from their holiday party. Last month the circus was here, and some of the NYCHA residents were given free tickets. The Thanksgiving Community Luncheon was a huge success about 700 meals served. The Alliance and the elected officials sponsored a Toy Give Away. Over 500 toys were given out. In case of a snowfall, seniors who are unable to shovel their property can call 311 and be connected to an organization that will assist seniors with that situation. The Mayor had a press conference on the boardwalk and announced his final legacy gift-\$1 billion to renovate the boardwalk. The Health Committee will have a meeting on January 14th at the board office at 7 p.m. Please remember people taking public transportation must change to the Omni card. This can be obtained at the Customer Service area in the Stillwell Terminal.

CORRESPONDENCE: Milagros Quiles, Secretary

- One Island Christmas Giveaway – Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025 11-4:30 p.m. @ P.S. 329
Students: P.S. 329 11:00-12:30 P.S./I.S. 288 12:30-2:00
P.S. 188 2:00-3:30 C.I. Community 3:30-4:30
- * Coney Island Winter Wonderland – Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025 1:00-4:00 p.m.
2911 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- BB/CI Kiwanis Toy Give Away – Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Coney Island USA – 1208 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. Pics with Santa 2:00-4:00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Joint Environment & Sanitation and Economic Development Committee

Mark Mernyk, Chair; Taj Graham, Vice-Chair Environment & Sanitation Committee
Allen Newman, Chair, Sheila Smalls, Vice-Chair Economic Development Committee
Mark Mernyk gave the report. It was an informational meeting on setting up for the Commercial Waste Program. There are three approved cartage companies. Not much other information was given. This Program came from a 2019 Council vote. There will be an RFP process for each potential vendor. The cartage company chosen has a ten-year lock on the contract. Dennis Vourderis said he believes that this program will be good for business, as some business owners don't abide by the current rules. Yelena Makhnin said that on January 8th Brighton Beach BID will have a special briefing with DSNY, and hopefully, they will get more information on the program.

Parks Committee: Dennis Vourderis, Chair/Jennifer Thorpe-Moscon, Vice Chair

Dennis gave an overview of the presentation by Brooklyn Parks Commissioner Mahr and his Design Team that the Parks Committee was given, about funding. The RFP will start after the New Year. Dennis reminded everyone that Marty had advocated for the boardwalk for four decades, and he is a huge asset to the Coney Island community. We must continue to fight for what the community wants and for a seat at the table. Dennis also reminded everyone that part of the \$1 billion dollars commitment is \$45 million for the renovation of Abe Stark Ice Skating Rink.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- APNA and Inglesia Pentecostal had a Coat Drive.
- January 1st Polar Bear Plunge from 11-1 p.m.
- Coney Island BID will begin in July, 2026

GOOD & WELFARE:

Maxim Ibadov – For the last two years, the community has had a RuPaul Viewing Party weekly, hosted at Coney Island USA. This year, Coney Island USA is not able to be the host. Maxim is looking for an alternative venue. Anyone who may have info on another venue, please reach out to him.

Angela Kravtchenko – She thanked all the community volunteers who are aware and involved. Coney Island is experiencing a residential boom – up by 30%. She is concerned that in case we have another SuperStorm, how will the community be able to evacuate and where will everyone go?

License Committee: Yelena Makhnin, Chair/Olga Fort, Vice Chair

Yelena again explained how we are a very unique board and we should feel lucky to work with each other. She wished everyone a great Holiday Season and explained how she appreciates all the members of the License Committee.

Olga then explained that there are two new applications, they are not new establishments, just a change of ownership for both. The committee voted unanimously to approve both applications.

Mark Mernyk made a motion to approve:

- Full liquor license application for DBH Concessions, LLC, MCU Park, located at 1904 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224
- Full liquor license application for DBH Concessions, LLC, The Coney Island Sand Bark,
- Located at 1904 Surf Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

Vote: In Favor: 36 Opposed: 1 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

This is not a verbatim account of the meeting. It is a synopsis of the discussions.

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

