



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13
1201 Surf Avenue – 3rd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11224
(718) 266-3001 FAX (718) 266-3920
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/bkncb13>

ANTONIO REYNOSO
Borough President

JEFF SANOFF
Chairperson

EDDIE MARK
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: April 23, 2025

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc. South Brooklyn Health

Members Present:

Gabriel Blinder
Lucy Mujica Diaz
Mohamed Elnaggar
Ronald Greenberg
Yuriy Krasner
Minnie Mankita
Robbin Paraison
Sam Rinkovsky
Fran Schwartz
Pat Singer
Joann Weiss

Deborah Carter
Lolita Divilova
Olga Fort
Linda Harrison
Angela Kravtchenko
Mark Mernyk
Nodira Pirmukhamedova
Michael Russo
Tatyana Segal
Sheila Smalls
Annette Wesley

Charlene Davis
Jennifer Dublin
Selina Grant
Jeanny Hernandez
Yelena Makhnin
Allen Newman
Milagros Quiles
Jeffrey Sanoff
Michael Silverman
Jack Suben
Sidra Zafar

Members Absent:

Anthony Batista
Patricia Brown(exc.)
Susan Flaschenberg(exc.)
Amarilys Herrera
Pervez Siddiqui
Svetlana Zelinskaya

Anitrius Bleau(exc.)
Marion Cleaver(exc.)
Taj Graham
Maria Montalvo
Vladislav Spektor

Lakeisha Bowers(exc.)
Joe Corace(exc.)
Erum Hanif(exc.)
Pat O'Brien
Dennis Vourderis

Guests :

Chan Lai, Connie Jones, Thomas Dougherty, Edwin Huero, Jarrod Barry, Cindy Yuen, Olga Fiore(SSSpanton), Daniel Satnarine(Brooklyn DA), Christopher D. Greif, Jamal McQuay, Fedrr Usmanov, Maksim Perezhogin, Thomas Hoefel(NIA), Barbara Guervil, Adriana Mitchell(BPL), Charlene Batts(CMBrannan), Roslyn Campbell(BBP), Tollulope Arasanyin(BCS), Aleksei Postuikov(BCS) Rachel Morrison, Judy Zhang, Antoinette Daley, Ann M. Valdez, Kimi Kong(Dack Consulting)

Staff Present :

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

Chairperson Jeff Sanoff opened the April Board meeting and welcomed all. He asked board member Gabriel Blinder to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation on a person's rights if approached by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) –

David Satnarine, Immigrant Affairs, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.

- Eric Gonzalez is the first Latino District Attorney in New York State.
- Eric Gonzales is the first District Attorney to hire an Immigration Attorney.
- Brooklyn has the second largest share of documented immigrants in NYS.
- Immigrants are essential to Brooklyn. 44% of immigrants are in the work force in Brooklyn.
- Most immigrants will lose their status over the next 4-18 months.
- D.A. understand that vulnerable population will be exploited.
- Policies drive fear and fear drives the economy.
- Everyone has rights despite immigration status.
- Two types of warrants – Judicial and Administrative.

- For ICE to enter a private home-they must have a Judicial Warrant. This type of warrant is issued by the court and must be signed by a judge. The warrant is very specific in what can be searched.

Board member, Milagros Quiles asked can ICE agents enter churches to find immigrants. Mr. Satnarine said that certain, public areas of a church can be entered by ICE. If non-profits have questions they can call 311 and will be transferred to the appropriate agency.

Presentation on Employment Opportunities at South Brooklyn Health

Vincent Martinos, Chief of Hospital Police, NYCHHC South Brooklyn Health

- The new building has had all the facilities updated. It is now a state of the art medical campus.
- Many types of positions available, both professional and non-professional.
- SBH is trying their best to recruit as many employees from the community as possible.
- Flyers with QR code are on the back table. Please use the QR code to access the employment opportunities. If interested in employment, send your resume and/or reach out to Mr. Martinos directly.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Adriana Mitchell – Brighton Beach Branch BPH

Ulmer Park Branch – Free ESL classes. Check the calendar of events for each library. The Coney Island Branch will have temporary closure.

Brighton Beach Branch – Poetry Showcase at the Freak Bar-Surf Avenue. Thursday 6 p.m.

Community Resource Fair – May 22nd

Flamenco Dancers – TBA

Tolulope Arasanyam- BCS -They are currently working out of O'Dwyer Gardens. They want to know what the community wants and needs.

Antoinette Daley – Project Director, Sanitation Foundation-not-for-profit DOS Partner

They will be doing a clean-up on Surf Avenue. Wednesday, May 7th from 10-12 noon.

Christopher D. Greif – Reminder to fill out MTA Survey for Accessibility. Sign up for OMNI Card.

June 7th & 8th Parade of Trains.

Charlene Batts – CM Justin Brannan- Earth Day Event – Saturday, April 26th. If rain, please check public media for further information. There will be a Marlboro Playground Information Virtual meeting for redesign on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. Coney Island Beautification in partnership with CM Brannan and NYC Parks will have Arbor Day Event, Friday, April 25th from 10-1 p.m. at Kaiser Park. They will be planting trees. Need volunteers. They will also have training for Park Care Captains. HPD will be at CM Brannan's Coney Island Office on May 8th from 9-4 p.m. to discuss housing issues. If you have any problems with housing, feel free to stop by. There will be a Sanitation Clean Up at Maimonides Park on May 7th from 10-12 p.m.

Olga Fiore – State Senator Jessican Scarcella-Spanton – The Senator is in Albany working on getting many bills passed. Part of the BQE has been renamed Ft. Hamilton Veteran's Memorial Highway. The Senator is partnering with Congressman Jeffries, Assemblyman Brook-Krasny and Councilmember Justin Brannan on a Juneteenth event. It will be held on June 19th at Nautilus Playground from 11-4 p.m. They have moved their office to 2875 W. 8th Street (next door to DMV).

Erica Koyfman – CM Inna Vernikov- The CM has listened to the community. Although her district is not involved directly with the proposed Casino, she has come out against this project. The CM is sponsoring a Family Day from 12-3 pm on Sunday, May 18th. There will be a Bike Helmet Give Away at P.S. 255 Schoolyard from 11-2:30 p.m. If you are under 18, you must be accompanied by an adult to receive a helmet.

Gabriel Blinder – AM Alec Brook-Krasny – The AM is in Albany, working on getting the NYS Executive Budget for 2025 passed. The budget has increased by 6% from last year. The AM is focusing on health care and education, which has been increased by 15% for K-12 education and increased funding for higher education. The Public Safety budget has been increased by 4%. The transportation budget increased by 16% for the upgrading of infrastructure. The budget for capital projects has been increased by 8%.

Roslyn Campbell-Office of Brooklyn Borough President- The BP is holding a Climate Future Workshop at BH on April 28th & April 29th. There will be a Youth Summit on Friday, May 2nd. The BP is again offering awards to graduating students in grades 3K-12. Please have your school submit the names of students who are being nominated for these awards.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Mark Mernyk, seconded by Joann Weiss to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025 board meeting.

VOTE: In Favor: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1 Recuse: 0

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Jeff Sanoff, Chair

Jeff explained that our committee meetings are hybrid. The committee members must be in person for quorum. All others may attend virtually. The dates of the committee meetings are posted in the newsletter and on our face book page. Our precinct is one of 6 precincts citywide to participate in the rollout of the Q Team (Quality of Life Team). They will follow up on 311 complaints on illegal parking, illegal vendors and all other quality of life issues that are reported. They will have operations for ticketing, and towing of illegally parked cars, etc. and summoning, and confiscating merchandise from illegal vendors in both Brighton Beach and Coney Island.

Jeff announced that the community board wrote a letter to the Commissioner of DHS about the proposed homeless shelter to be built at 1605 Mermaid Avenue. We found out about the shelter, not from DHS but from Sheila Smalls, a board member and community resident. We are concerned as we don't think a homeless shelter is needed on Mermaid Avenue, a well-used shopping corridor. CM Brannan also sent a letter to the Commissioner. We believe that there are enough shelters in our community.

The Brooklyn Half Marathon will take place on Ocean Parkway from Prospect Park and onto the boardwalk to West 16th Street on April 26th.

The ULURP for 58 Nixon Court has been certified. This project will be built across from SBH. The Public Hearing will be held at the May Board Mtg. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Official Opening of the Beach on

Thursday, May 22nd at 1 p.m. on the Boardwalk and Stillwell Avenue.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

CM Brannan will have an Earth Day Celebration, weather permitting, on Saturday, April 26th at Surf Avenue and West 25th Street. Eddie attended the opening ceremony for all the rides in the amusement area. The kids enjoyed all the festivities. There was a Street Co-Naming for Frank Trapodi, which was well attended by friends, family and community residents. The office staff, Eddie, Jeff and several board members joined a Zoom meeting held by the Mgr. of Trump Village West about the cleanup of West 6th Street. Talks will be ongoing. Discussion of both long and short term solutions.

The Coney Island Library will be closed from May 5th to May 18th. Tomorrow will be the opening of Seeds in the Middle, the farm stand that will be opened on Thursday afternoons from 2-5:30 in front of the Coney Island Library. It will be open for the next ten weeks. Students and a faculty member from Liberation High School and Ann Valdez will man it

At our next Board meeting, there will be three presentations – Public Hearing for 58 Nixon Court, NYCDOS presentation on Composting and OEM presentation on the upcoming hurricane season.

There has been no information from the BP's office on the appointment/reappointment of board members. The Summer Detail will begin on May 12th and will be here until sometime after Labor Day. We will have 85 officers.

Construction on Surf Avenue will be done by May 15th. Mermaid Avenue from W. 16th to West 17th will be done in two weeks. Neptune Avenue will be completed after Surf Avenue. April 28th to May 2nd the milling will be done in Brighton Beach, and Ocean Parkway from Brighton Court to Avenue Y. Selina wants to make sure that all avenues are done before the moratorium takes effect. Eddie will contact them tomorrow. Pat Singer wanted to know when Brighton Beach Avenue will be paved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Milagros Quiles, Secretary

- Climate Change Workshop – Part 6 – N.Y. Aquarium Education Hall – April 26th 9-2 p.m.
- Car Free Earth Day (Weather Permitting) – April 26th 1-4 pm. Neptune Ave. & W. 22nd St.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Yuriy Krasner, Treasurer

Third Quarter Report given. See attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environment & Sanitation Committee

Mark Mernyk, Chair / Taj Graham, Vice Chair

Beyond Plastics presented. They are a not-for-profit organization that wants a letter of support. There was much discussion about solutions, but no final solution was decided on. Yelena thinks that the board should know more about this project.

Motion made by Michael Russo, seconded by Lucy Mujica Diaz to table the request for a letter of support until more information is obtained.

VOTE: In Favor: 29 Opposed: 3 Abstentions: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Licensing Committee

Yelena Makhnin Chair/Olga Fort, Vice Chair

Yelena thanked all her committee members who attended. She appreciates that they give of their time when asked.

New full liquor license application for Tea Gvalia, located at 1001 Brighton Beach Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Motion to approve from committee: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Motion to approve – Full Board: In Favor: 21 Opposed: 3 Abstention: 1 Recusal: 0

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

Method of Operation for GS Hospitality Group, Inc., located at 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Motion to approve from committee: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Motion to approve – Full Board: In Favor: 21 Opposed: 6 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

New full liquor license for Island Art Walls LLC, located at 3027 West 15th Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

Motion to approve from committee: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Joann Weiss stated that previously, this applicant had the space at Kitchen 21 and there were problems with the noise. Yelena said that the 60th Community Affairs was at the committee meeting and they went over all the necessary information. The applicant signed the stipulations and said they would make sure the position of speakers were facing appropriately and if necessary they would change the position of the speakers again. P.O. Cetto advised that a City ordinance states that sound permits end at 10 p.m. and that a separate sound permit is needed for each event.

Motion to approve – Full Board: In Favor: 21 Opposed: 6 Abstention: 3

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

Street Closing Committee

Yelena Makhnin, Chair/Joe Corace, Vice Chair

#1 Event ID 847379 – **Yom Haatzmaut** – Thursday, May 1, 2025. West 10th Street between Surf Avenue and Boardwalk(Luna Park between Cyclone and the main park)(Full Street Closure) Applicant: Hana Hasson-Yeshiva of Flatbush

Vote from Committee: In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Vote from Full Board: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

#2 Event ID 848661 – **Christmas In July** – Saturday, July 26, 2025. Neptune Avenue between W. 29th St. and West 30th St. (Sidewalk and Street Closure) Applicant: Joel Matos-Holding Hand Ministries

Vote from Committee: In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Vote from Full Board: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

#5 Event ID 8421761 – **Dance Under the Sky: Folk Steps in the Park.** May 24, 2025. Brighton 1st place between Brighton 1 Lane and Brighton Beach Avenue (Full Street Closure) Applicant: Anastasiya Usmanova-Multiculture Center Kaleidoscope, Inc. There was NO VOTE because SAPO has already approved this event.

#6 Event ID 849101 – **Community Health Resource Fair** – DATE CHANGED TO May 18, 2025.

Brighton 7th Street between Neptune Avenue and Oceanview Avenue (Full Street Closure). Applicant: Erum Hanif-APNA Brooklyn Community Center.

Vote from Committee: In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Vote from Full Board: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

#7 Event ID 850792 – **Destination Healthy Skin Brooklyn** – Saturday, May 17, 2025. Brighton 2nd Street between Brightwater Court and Dead End. (Sidewalk and Curb Lane Closure) Applicant: Mary Gao

Vote from Committee: In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

Vote from Full Board: In Favor: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 0

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

New full liquor license application for **Explor Sea Gate LLC dba Sea Bites** located at 3716 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Michael Russo to approve full liquor license for Explor Sea Gate LLC dba Sea Bites

Vote: In Favor: 28 Opposed: 2 Abstention: 1 Recuse: 0

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

#3 Event ID 845021 – **O'Dwyer Gardens Family Day.** Saturday, August 2, 2025. West 33rd Street between Mermaid Avenue and Surf Avenue (Full Street Closure) Applicant: Sheila Smalls

This item was tabled in committee because the applicant was not present.

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Tatyana Segal, to approve street closing application for O'Dwyer Gardens Family Day.

Vote from full board: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recuse: 0

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

After extensive discussion about the moratorium which was put in place many years ago for events from Coney Island Avenue to Brighton Beach Avenue, including side streets and knowing that SAPO has a moratorium on all new multi-block events, Lucy suggested a motion be made to extend the old moratorium to include events on BBA from Brighton 7th St. to Ocean Parkway including the side streets to Brightwater Court and Oceanview Avenue. The new moratorium should extend to Neptune, Mermaid and Surf Avenue from West 37th Street to Stillwell Avenue. After further discussion, a motion was made by Yelena, seconded by Yuriy to withdraw the previous motion and replace with moratorium on new events on Brighton Beach Avenue from Coney Island Avenue to Ocean Parkway including side streets from Brightwater Court to Oceanview Avenue including Mermaid, Stillwell and Neptune Avenues from West 37th St. to Stillwell Avenue.

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Tatyana Segal to approve new moratorium as indicated.

Vote: In Favor: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 3 Recusal: 0

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

GOOD & WELFARE:

Linda Harrison – Invited everyone to National Day of Prayer at the Coney Island Gospel Assembly on Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 12-1.

Yelena Makhnin – She invited everyone to Brighton Beach Family Day on Sunday, May 4 from 12-5 p.m. Coney Island Avenue between BBA and Brightwater Court. BBBID will be honoring the local precinct and Russian-American Law Enforcement Agency.

Selina Grant – Asked why the board vote on a moratorium for all building and construction for the summer months can't, similar to the moratorium that was just voted on. Jeff and Eddie stated that they would follow up with the appropriate agencies as to the timeliness of completing the construction on Neptune, Mermaid as well as Surf Avenues. Michael Russo said one of the reasons it wouldn't work is that the board cannot control the contractors.

Motion to adjourn made at 9:40 p.m.

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

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator