



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>

ERIC L ADAMS
Borough President

LUCY ACEVEDO
Chairperson

EDDIE MARK
District Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Date: Wed., Jan. 27, 2021

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: Webex

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Acevedo
Pat Brown
Mark Davidovich
Wanda Feliciano
Brian Granoff
Amarily Herrera
Pat O'Brien
Michael Quinn
Jeff Sanoff
Michael Silverman
Barbara Teitelbaum
Dennis Vourderis
Kumali Zairee

Zunera Ahmed
Mario Caggiano
Lolita Divilova
Susan Flaschenberg
Selina Grant
Thomas Hopkins
Irene Olson
Shimon Rinkovsky
Tatyana Segal
Evelyn Strasser
Edita Volovodovskayor
Annette Wesley

Dionne Brown
Nadine Dabney
Olga Fort
Brian Gotlieb
Queenie Huling
Yelena Makhnin
Milagros Quiles
Michael Russo
Pat Singer
Jack Suben
Gloria Watkins
Joann Weiss

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joe Corace(e)
Shirley Aikens(e)
Bernard Kaufman
Fran Schwartz

Orlando Mendez(e)
Marion Cleaver
Pervez Siddiqui
Lakeisha Bowers

Erum Hanif
Priscilla Santos
Joseph Packer

OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

Eddie Mark, Dist. Manager

Hanna Glikman, Community Assoc.

Barbara Santonas, Secy.

Board Chair, Lucy Acevedo opened the January, 2021 meeting at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENTATION: WIN Shelter located at 2201 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Meghan Lineham representing WIN began the presentation. The site is scheduled to open and accept residents the beginning of March 2021. There will be 198 units, Tier 2 Family Shelter which will offer child care, recreation, Case Managers, Social Workers, workshops on income building and how to apply for residential permanent housing. There will also be a Specialist Program where clients in the DHS System will be surveyed, residents who previously lived in zip code 11224 will be given option to return the area. After that, the facility will be filled with families from other zip codes. The residents will be mostly single mothers with children. One-third of the children will be attending the local elementary schools, the rest will remain in the schools they are currently attending. Transportation to those schools will be provided by DOE. There will also be a computer lab on site, 24 hour Security. The facility will be known as the Dr. Susan McKinley Stewart Residence. Once the residence is opened, and totally occupied, WIN will link with local elected officials and Community Board 13 to get together a Community Advisory Board.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Monique Chandler-Watterman – Brooklyn Outreach Director Test & Trace – Her department along with CB 13 and members of the community gave out masks, literature, hand sanitizers at the Stillwell Avenue Terminal. They were also able to advise the public as to where to get tested. They have partnered with Brighton Beach BID to set up a table in Brighton Beach in the near future. Monique reminded everyone that even if they have received the vaccine the must continue to use the CORE 4 – wear a mask, wash hands often or use hand sanitizer, and of course practice social distancing whenever possible.

Craig Hammerman – He remarked that the meeting last week on the proposed men’s homeless shelter which is to be located at 100 Neptune Avenue was a great meeting. Lucy ran the meeting efficiently and fairly). See his statement.

Ida Sanoff – she stated that we face many problems. Sand in streets in the West End of Coney Island, ferry coming to the area, still many questions, some are about the dredging. She is very afraid that our community will get screwed again.

Inessa Vilther- Coalition for Safe Housing – this is a new committee put together in response to the proposed homeless shelter. Troubled about environmental issues. Need remediation before this location becomes a homeless shelter. This committee is in favor of supportive permanent housing. They currently have 7 active members and want a total of no more than 12 members. Lucy asked if anyone from C.B. 13 was a member. Inessa said if anyone wants to join, they can email her and the committee will consider the applicant.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Assemblymember Mathylde Frontus – She reported that both her offices are open and observing necessary precautions. She told a story about Victor Quinones son who was stopped at a train station and was accused of not wanting to pay. They filed a Title 6 Complaint and a complaint was filed with MTA who started their own internal investigation. She also discussed her Economic Mobility Plan which she has been working on with the community for over a year. This will promote upward mobility in the community. Some families need help to move to the next level...home ownership, or how to generate incoming building assets. Coney Island has highest unemployment rate then in the City itself. She is working on this in conjunction with Kingsborough Community College. She is meeting with EDC this week and supports Ida Sanoff’s comments. The Assemblyperson’s position has not changed. She feels it’s a bad idea and EDC is making a serious mistake.

Inna Guzenfeld- representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams. The BP held Public Hearing on January 15th for both the issue of 606 Neptune Avenue and the project on West 16th St. The Hearing will be up on U-tube soon. Applications for reappointment are due at the BP’s office by February 12th. If there is a problem filling out the application, email Inna. Lucy asked about the 4 term limit. She understood that the clock started last year. Does that mean a member can apply 4 times and then must wait 2 years to reapply? (Yes)

Frieda Menos- representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries. She reminded everyone that office is still closed, and that staff is working remotely. If any concerns about grants, unemployment problems, feel free to reach out via email or phone to the office. Someone will get back to you. PPEs are being released through the CARES Act. On behalf of the Congressman, Frieda thanked law enforcement for working so hard to protect the community and the Nation. As Democratic Caucus Chair, the Congressman has reintroduced several Bills – one of which is The Eric Gardner Bill which will ban the choke hold and made it a civil rights violation. Lucy sent prayers from the Community Board to the Congressman and his family. Frieda reminded everyone that if they had not received the stimulus checks, when they file their taxes, they should file a recovery rebate credit on their tax formed. The IRS will begin looking at filings on February 12th.

Sergei Chuprik – representing Comptroller Scott Stringer. He brought greetings from the Comptroller. Their office is still closed and staff is working remotely. Do not hesitate to reach out via email if needed.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Jeff Sanoff to accept the Minutes of December, 2020 meeting as submitted:

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

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

In reference to 100 Neptune Avenue, proposed male homeless shelter. Meeting was held and many people voiced their concern regarding the location of the proposed facility. Our office sent letter to DSS Commissioner, requesting presenters to return to another meeting. Thanks to the more than 450 people who attended via Zoom. Lucy briefly discussed again how board members will be excused. This is base on the By Laws and nothing else.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie assisted Test & Trace event at the Stillwell Avenue Terminal. He thanked Dionne for helping out. Apna also had Test & Trace event in Brighton Beach. He thanked Mariyah Markh for helping. New Open Culture Program is being overseen by SAPO. Groups will apply for permits to have outdoor programs. More information will be forthcoming. These programs will be done in designated locations in the community. We will find out these exact locations. Will have 15 day application process. Eddie discussed the new skateboard park near the parachute. He announced that hopefully by next month the Board will have permission to use Zoom instead of Webex.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dionne Brown, Treasurer

Dionne reported that she will not be giving Report this evening. There are some discrepancies. She, Eddie and Lucy will be reviewing and she will give Report at next month's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use Committee -

Marion Cleaver/Sam Rinkovsky, Co-Chairs

Sam thanked Barbara for minutes. All four applications were approved

McDonald's Drive Thru – 606 Neptune Avenue – Zoning Change.

Committee Vote: In Favor 7 Opposed 0

VOTE: In Favor: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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

2706 West 16th Street – Special Use Permit To use for storage of building materials.

Committee Vote: In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

VOTE: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1

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

Letter of Support for Alliance-RFP study how to attract new business to the area. In order to clarify, Dennis Vourderis explained that this study would show how the area could better attract businesses.

Committee Vote: In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Recusal: 1

VOTE: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0 Recusal: 1

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

Co-Naming of West 28th St. & Mermaid Avenue as Charlotte Taylor Way

Committee Vote: In Favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

VOTE: In Favor: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1

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

Environment and Sanitation Committee

Jeff Sanoff/Selina Grant Co-Chairs

Presentation made by Resilient Schools Consortium on Connecting Schools to Coastal Climate. Jeff would like this organization to present before the board. Lucy said will try to calendar it for next month.

Discussion was also held on continuing the creek to become a Superfund Site. The Community Board is on top of the situation. Although Eddie said the board is on top of the situation, Jeff would like another letter or resolution to be adopted. No one has stepped up since then. No should be time to restart push for Superfund.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on where the money is that was supposed to be used to purchase building for Sanitation Garage. There is a problem with the South West Marine Transfer Station. Parks Department wanted to leave garbage at Transfer Station, but they were told to go to the site in Northern Brooklyn to drop trash. Eddie said he will contact Parks Department to find out particulars.

Lucy said that there will be an Executive Committee meeting with Chairs and Co-Chairs in February to discuss several pressing issues.

Some discussion about grouping together votes on similar issues from Committee to make it easier at full board meetings.

GOOD & WELFARE

Dionne Brown reported that Councilmember Treyger has put forth an equitable vaccination plan for seniors and homebound individuals. He has informed City Hall about this and they are now working on specifics.

Brian Granoff- He has brought up previously about heavy vehicles on the boardwalk, he still sees them there, nothing has been done. Councilmember Treyger responded that having emergency vehicles on the boardwalk is ok. He does not support trucks being on the boards all day. He asked that if trucks are seen on the boardwalk, please take pictures and send them to him. The boardwalk does need better maintenance as well. The Board must reach a consensus on this issue.

Lolita Divilova- She believes that home care workers could be spreaders. Do home health care aids get tested, what are the home care agencies doing on this important issue? CM Treyger said that Senior Care givers should qualify under Health Care Workers eligibility and should be tested and given priority for vaccines. The families of seniors who have health care workers should have this discussion with the agency involved.

No further discussion, motion to adjourn made at 9 p.m.

Barbara Santonas, Secretary