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EDDIE MARK
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD 13 MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: Mon., Dec. 21, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc: Webex

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Acevedo
Lakeisha Bowers
Mario Caggiano
Nadine Dabney
Susan Flaschenberg
Selina Grant
Bernard Kaufman
Irene Olson
Milagros Quiles
Michael Russo
Shimon Rinkovsky
Michael Silverman
Fran Schwartz
Edita Volovodovskaya

Zunera Ahmed
Dionne Brown
Marion Cleaver
Mark Davidovich
Brian Gotlieb
Erum Hanif
Yelena Makhnin
Pat O'Brien
Michael Quinn
Jeff Sanoff
Tatyana Segal
Joseph Packer
Jack Suben
Annette Wesley

Shirley Aikens
Patricia Brown
Joseph Corace
Lolita Divilova
Brian Granoff
Thomas Hopkins
Barbara Teitelbaum

Pat Singer
Pervez Siddiqui
Shazia Watto
Gloria Watkins
Joann Weiss

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Evelyn Strasser
Orlando Mendez
Queenie Huling
Olga Fort

David Wynn
Priscilla Santos
Kumali Zairee

Dennis Vourderis
Amarily Herrera
Wanda Feliciano

GUESTS:

Christopher Greif, Rachel Atcheson(BBP), Frank Kopylov, Ida Sanoff, Mariyah Markh(CAU), Jenny Arcius (AM Frontus), Chief Michael Mandala(FDNY), Mark Mernyk, Bob Ferazi(DOT), Ronda Messer(DOT), Brian Fisk, Priscilla Fisk, Neil Weisbrod(Attorney)

OFFICE STAFF PRESENT: Eddie Mark, Dist, Manager, Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Barbara Santonas, Secy.

PRESENTATION: 606 Neptune Avenue – Drive Through McDonald's Restaurant – Neil Weisbrod, Esq Mr. Weisbrod, attorney for the owner discussed the issue at hand. For many years there has been a drive through at the McDonald's Restaurant located at 606 Neptune Avenue. It is located in a C1,2 Commercial District in the Special Ocean Parkway District. They are requesting a Zoning Resolution to issue a Special Permit. In 1982, 2002, permits were given which expired in 2014. The owner then filed a new application and BSA that at that time Special Permits were not available in the Ocean Parkway Special District. The restaurant opened in 1982 with drive through and functioned well until 2015 when BSA stated that they did not have the authority to grant this permit. Doing away with the drive through would cause a hardship for the restaurant and for the many customers who use the drive through, so they are apply for a rezoning

amendment to a C2-4 in which a drive through is permitted as of right. This would allow them to continue operating the drive through.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Craig Hammerman – Apologized for being late. Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Rachel Atcheson representing Brooklyn Borough President Adams – Asked C.B. to advise her office when Public Hearing for 606 Neptune Avenue will be held. Her office has to hold a hearing on this issue also and will await our Public Hearing. Reappointment letters are going out to members who need to reapply. Due to Borough Hall via email no later than Feb. 21st. The Borough President has instituted a Shower Bus which will travel the Borough allowing people in need to use for showering, etc. Board member Joann Weiss asked if the applications are online. (Yes, the Board office will send out email with the link to members who need to reapply.

Jenny Arcius representing AM Frontus – On behalf of the AM, Jenny wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday. She is happy to welcome 2021.

Mariyah Mark representing CAU – She is sorry to say but there will be no New Year's Eve Celebration on the Boardwalk this year. The Mayor's Office is helping to get more health care workers vaccinated as fast as possible. Effective immediately Mariyah will no longer be our CAU representative. She promised that her replacement will be available to us in the same way she was. She wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday.

Christopher Greif thanked Mariyah for all her help in the past. Board member Erum Hanif thanked Mariyah for her emails and wished her well in the future.

Board member Barbara Teitelbaum asked if a person undergoing cancer treatments will be given priority for the vaccine. Mariyah will find out and get back to her.

Councilmember Treyger – He thanked everyone who had sponsored toy distribution during the past few weeks. He said he appreciated the hard work by the Department of Sanitation in snow removal and garbage pickups in recent weeks. He noted that the proposed stimulus is not adequate; not what was stated in the Heros Act. The Senate made several changes. There is no aid to the State or City in the current bill. If money is not received by the State and City there will be massive cuts to hospitals, schools, NYPD, FDNY and basic city services. MTA will have to reduce services and an increase in the fare is very likely. The amusement area needs assistance, small business needs grants, not more loans that have to be repaid. People who make 75,000 or less will get \$600. There will be an additional \$300 added to unemployment benefits. Hospitals need help. When the vaccine gets here, needs medical professionals to give it to essential workers as well as residents of hospitals and nursing homes.

The Councilman stated that he values the input of the community on all ongoing projects. He was happy to have given part of the funds for the Holiday Lights on Mermaid Avenue and to have participated in the lighting of the Menorah on Neptune Avenue IFO Key Food. He wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Board member Jeff Sanoff stated that Senator Schumer had reported that Washington was giving 4 Billion dollars for the MTA, it will help a little bit.

Barbara Teitelbaum asked about testing sites in the area. There are sites at Ida G. Israel Medical Center and Coney Island Hospital, neither of these sites are drive through.

Board Member Erum Hanif asked the Councilman what will happen with the Middle School Admission Process. She is concerned because her child wanted to apply to the Bay Academy and although they are residents in District 21K and can apply for admission, but this year there will be no test, just lottery not based on skill set or talent. The Councilmember said there has been no update on the decision for middle school admission. He has asked for consultation with the Mayor and Chancellor. He also spoke to the District 21 Superintendent and she said that Mark Twain also will have citywide lottery for one year due to fact that there were no assessment tests last year. Mark Twain administration offered the DOE to train them how do have virtual portfolios. It seems the Mayor wants to make all decisions with no Checks and Balances. The Councilmember does not believe that one person should have such control over educational issues.

Board member Gloria Watkins remarked she is concerned about second COVID coming from the United Kingdom. The government should be prepared if it comes to the U.S. She thinks same protocol should be instituted as last time.

Assemblymember Mathylde Frontus wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She was glad to see everyone. Her office will be closed from Dec. 24th into the first week of January. The Assembly reconvened today to vote for rules change to allow remote attendance at meetings in the Assembly in the New Year. She also was happy to see that the Governor extended the moratorium on evictions.

Sergey Chuprik – On behalf of the Comptroller, Scott Stringer, he wished everyone Happy and Healthy Holiday.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Lucy Acevedo, seconded by Barbara Teitelbaum to approve minutes as presented.

In Favor: 37 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously: Roll call on file at C.B. office.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Lucy thanked everyone for working so hard the last 6 months. The community has done a great job. She is blessed to be a part of this community. She wished everyone a Happy & Healthy Holiday.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie thanked Lucy for the great job she has done under these circumstances. He reported that last week the community had it's Annual Caroling event. There were lots of people, Explorers, Girl and Boy Scouts and community residents. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. Thanks to the 60th Pct and TD 34 for their help.

The Office of Management and Budget sent an email advising all community boards that an additional cut of \$3600 will be made from each boards budget for this fiscal year. This is in addition to the cut that was made in June for a total of \$11,000.00. There will be an additional cut of \$8000 for Fiscal Year 2022. As of now there is still a hiring freeze, we cannot hire a replacement for Shirley. Hopefully there will be another stimulus which will help the City. There will be no fireworks for New Year's Eve this year and no Polar Bear Plunge. There will be a Land Use Committee meeting early in January to discuss 606 Neptune Avenue – the McDonald's Drive Through. Eddie wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Eddie said going forward the office will try and get minutes out in a timely fashion. We are working from home and doing the best we can.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Salt and Sea Mission is holding a Give Away at 3 p.m. on Dec. 22nd. The Coney Island Y is having a give away tomorrow at 3 p.m. and there will be a Christmas Food Pickup sponsored by the Alliance at Tom's Coney Island on Wednesday at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop and pick up a holiday meal to take home.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Joint Transportation & Environment

Jeff Sanoff, Selina Grant Co-Chairs
Wanda Feliciano/Lolita Divilova Co-Chairs

Please read the extensive minutes. Dredging will begin in January. The ferry service will begin at the end of 2021. Also, Charlie Denson has brought up Environmental Justice Issues and what this ferry will mean to people. Selina said that the minutes are self-explanatory.

Land Use Committee

Marion Cleaver, Shimon Rinkovsky Co-Chairs

At the meeting, in depth presentation on the Text Amendment was made by City Planning. City Planning will send out a PDF on the presentation to Eddie. If anyone wishes a copy, please reach out to him.

Board member Yelena Makhnin asked why this presentation was made in front of Joint Environment/Resiliency Committee and not in front of the entire board. (Anyone who was interested could have attended either of the committee meetings). Eddie said that this is the final step of the project and this is what they were presenting.

Board member Jeff Sanoff asked Parliamentarian Michael Silverman about the process. Being that the committee had voted to approve the motion on the text amendment, the full board needs to vote. To vote the recommendation down – vote NO; to approve the recommendation – vote YES.

VOTE: In Favor: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 4
Motion carried. Roll call on file at C.B. office

Recommendation from Committee to approve Co-Naming of East 2nd St. and Avenue Z as “Lawrence Fisk Way”, in memory of Larry.

VOTE: In Favor: 37 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0
Motion carried unanimously. Roll call on file at C.B. office.

Brian Fisk, Larry’s son, speaking for the family thanked the Land Use Committee, CM Treyger, Samantha Ross and the entire community board for their support. He remarked that this comes at a good time because yesterday was two years that Larry passed.

License Committee

Yelena Makhnin, Orlando Mendez, Co-Chairs

Meeting to approve two items.

Octoberfest – change of ownership – new license -beer license.

Recommendation from committee to approve.

Steamania – new application – full liquor license.

Recommendation from committee to approve.

One Roll Call for both licenses

In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motions carried unanimously. On file at the C.B. office

By Law Committee

Michael Silverman, Chair

The Committee began it’s work in Sept. 2019 to review and change where necessary our By Laws which were last reviewed in 2016. At our last two full Board meetings (October, 2020 and November, 2020) we reviewed and discussed each change. There is only one other short revision – page 10, Article VII-5b. Thanks to Irene Olson who brought this to our attention. It should read – District Manager in consultation with Executive Board....Executive Committee followed by vote at full board meeting.

Motion: Community Board 13 accepts and approves the revised By Laws as of this date. These revised By Laws will take effect on July 1, 2021.

VOTE: In Favor: 34

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call on file at C.B. office

Michael thanked Jack Suben for his incredible work keeping track of changes, and the rest of the committee members for their help during the long road getting to this point.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE:

Joann Weiss – She gave a shout out to Chief Scholl on his retirement. She thanked him for the great job he has done in Brooklyn South, but especially as a friend of Coney Island. Lucy said he will be missed.

Gloria Watkins – Happy Holidays

Selina Grant – She thanked the Staff and Executive Committee for all their efforts. She wished everyone a Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year.

Brian Gotlieb – Shorefront Toys for Tots was happy to distribute 1500 gifts to children during this Holiday Season including last week giving 250 gifts to Pediatrics at CIH. He also congratulated Lakeisha Bowers on her wonderful Winter Wonderland event last week.

Barbara Santonas