

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13

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COMMUNITY BOARD 13 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Zunera Ahmed Lucy Mujica Diaz Dionne Brown Lakeisha Bowers Patricia Brown Olga Fort Marion Cleaver Mark Davidovich Lolita Divilova Wanda Feliciano Brian Gotlieb Susan Flaschenberg Selina Grant Ronald Greenberg Erum Hanif Queenie Huling Pat O'Brien Amarilys Herrera Yelena Makhnin Joseph Packer Jeff Sanoff Milagros Quiles Michael Quinn Jack Suben Michael Russo Shimon Rinkovsky Pat Sing Fran Schwartz Tatyana Segal Joann Weiss Barbara Teitelbaum Michael Silverman David Wynn **Evelyn Strasser** Edita Volovodovskaya Gloria Watkins Pervez Siddiqui Annette Wesley Kumali Zairee

ABSENT:

Patricia Brown Mario Caggiano Joe Corace(e)
Nadine Dabney Bernard Kaufman Brian Granoff
Priscilla Santos Dennis Vourderis

GUESTS:

Larissa Boas(JCCGCI), Troy Olson(CM Vernikov), Christopher Greif, Arthur Melnick, Ida Sanoff, Maria Navarro, Priscilla Fisk, Brian Fisk, Sergey Chuprik, Chief Mandala(FDNY), Bobby Ferazi, Anastasia Yaskova(CAU), Craig Hammerman, Nodra Pirmukhamedovic, Angela Kravachenko, Ken Lazar(DOB), Sandra Sanchez (FDNY), Alec Brook Krasny, Byron Todman, AM Frontus, Charmaine Mangaroo(AM Frontus), Jahi Rose(CCRB)

STAFF MEMBERS

Eddie Mark, Dist. Manager, Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Barbara Santonas, Secv.

Lucy opened meeting of Community Board 13 at 7:05 p.m. There was a Moment and Silence for all who died or were injured in the terrible shoots in Buffalo, New York and Uvaldi, Texas

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

<u>Jahi Rose</u>, Director of Outreach CCRB – This office takes complaints of police misconduct, investigation and mediation between the public and the precinct. Any community group who would like a presentation on the "Right To Know Law" should contact CCRB. CCRB will also volunteer in any community that needs them. Call 917-208-9320 or email rose@ccrb.nyc.gov.

<u>Chief Mandala</u> (FDNY) – Brighton 5th St. fire – private dwelling, heavy fire condition. One person succumbed to fire. Seemed to be due to clutter in apartment, or possible situation with lithium ion battery.

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<u>Barbara Teitelbaum:</u> She asked what the City is doing about the problem with lithium ion batteries.

<u>Sandra Sanchez</u> (FDNY) – She will send one page information document about how the number of these types of fires have almost doubled.

AM Mathylde Frontus – Thanked everyone who came to P.S. 329 for the Town Hall meeting about the ferry. At the meeting EDC shared their information they had. Next Tuesday, 5/31 6-8 p.m. there will be a Town Hall meeting with NYCHA residents to discuss her RAB – Blueprint for Change Preservation Trust. She is also having Naxoene Training where extra kits will be distributed, also test kits for COVID 19. Date to be announced. The Assemblymember was able to get funding for the following CBOs JCCGCI & Jewish Board of Family Services -\$100,000; BNA-\$50,000 and GEC-\$75,000. There was a question asked about getting summer parking for the residents. The AM said she believed it was through legislation in the City Council. She will look into it and let the community know. Pat Singer asked the AM to thank her community outreach person Anthony Baptiste for all his assistance to the BB community. Craig Hammerman thanked Community Board 13 for sending the information on the ferry meeting on their Community Board Newsblast. EDC has put an indefinite hold on the ferry. They are doing an engineering study at the oceanside of Coney Island. Ida said it is not just a Kaiser Park issue, but it's a Coney Island issue. The sand has come back from last summer. It is a health and safety issue. Calvert Vaux Park is built on a toxic mess and might fall into the creek. There are 7 safety violations-the special conditions of the permit have been ignored. There is a lack of monitoring for the air quality.

<u>Christopher Greif</u> – Discussed the new Omni reduced fare card which starts in June. It is also used for Access-ride as well.

Byron Todman – NHS – He briefly discussed the Emergency Housing Voucher Program for houses of 1-4 units. The city pays 70% of the rent. This program supports the tenants and the landlords. There is a one month hold while the unit is processed. The landlord can get a small repair loan to bring housing up to its quality standard. The landlord can also get a grant from Affordable Housing Corporation up to \$20,000 to upgrade repairs.

<u>Samantha Ross</u> – CM Kagan is scheduling public hearing for NYCHA residents in June. <u>Craig Hammerman</u> – He discussed issue of fruit/vegetable vendors on BBA that have their produce well beyond the allowable space. DCWP is very lax with their enforcement measures. Troy Olson – representing CM Vernikov. On Monday, the CM went with DOS Supervisor on a walking tour of BBA.

<u>Yelena Makhnin</u> – She does not believe it is lack of enforcement. We need a meeting because when she yells and screams, it does no good.. She asked the CM to arrange a meeting with the concerned members.

Hassaan – representing BBP office (CAU). There are several public programs at BH. Haitian Heritage event Thurs., 6-8 p.m. The Office will get a list of new appointees in mid June. Inna Guzenfeld – representing BBP. She said that according to the City Charter, new members must be appointed by May 31st.

<u>Angela Kravachenko</u> – She thanked the Assemblywoman for the Town Hall meeting. She made a complaint on the very loud music etc coming from Coney Art Walls. Perhaps the location of the speakers can be turned. Alexandra from the Alliance said she would look into this situation. Joann said that DEP will take a reading next week. It will be used as a base reading. If there is a problem with the sound call 311 and register complaint. Barbara Teitelbaum suggested that as many residents as can, call 311. The more complaints and complaint numbers the better.

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PRESENTATION: Information on Summer Youth Employment. Cherine Anderson, DOE She is involved in TCAC – Transit and College Access Center which assist students with IEP. Anyone who wants further information should contact her.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Pat O'Brien to accept minutes of April, 2022 meeting as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 39 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Lucy answered a previously asked question about whether a board member could also be a District Leader. It was check with Borough Hall and the answer is yes, they can be board member and District Leader. We will get several new appointees as board members. Lucy would like board members who have history in this community to act as mentors. Please reach out to her if you would like to volunteer for mentoring.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie remarked there have been many events in the community. There was a children's event at the Coney Island Y, Carey Gardens had a health fair, there was the Half Marathon which ended on the boardwalk in C.I. Also, there was a Creek Clean Up and the Horseshoe Crab Count. The official opening of the beach will take place tomorrow at 12 noon on the boardwalk and West 12th Street. There will be a Joint Transportation, Education and Police meeting in early June about the situation to close Brighton 7th St between Neptune and Oceanview Avenue to assist in the construction of an addition to P.S. 253. There is Swing Dancing at the Coney Island Library on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 2:00-3:30 p.m. There will be free makeup and hair cuts for 5,8,and 12th grade graduates RSVP by 6/7. The makeup and hair cuts will take place on 6/22 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Guardian must be present. RSVP Lakeisha.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee: Susan Flaschenberg, Chair

On May 12th there was a meeting of Nominating Committee where the slate of officers for the 2022-2024 term was decided. Lucy Mujica Diaz-Chair; Jeff Sanoff – 1st V.C.; Zunera Ahmed – 2nd V.C.; Shimon Rinkovsky – Secretary; Dionne Brown-Treasurer. The floor was opened for nominations and no nominations were put forth. Nominations were closed. Public Hearing/Executive Committee:

- Discussion of new staff member. There were five applications, 2 no-shows and 1 cancellation.
- The committee voted unanimously to approve the hire of the applicant presented.
- Discussion of update for removal of board members.
- It is in OATH's hands. They are having hearings. The decision will come down within a month.

OLD BUSIINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Gloria Watkins – Neighborhood Advisory Board is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested, please reach out to me.

GOOD & WELFARE:

<u>Joann Weiss</u> – representing BB/CI Kiwanis thanked Board members for their donations for our dinner that was held last week. Shout out to Congresswoman Malliotakis AM Frontus and Assemblymembers Colton and Cymbrowitz who always supports our organization. <u>Joseph Packer</u> – There will be a funeral on Wednesday for the mother of Pastor Reminder South Brooklyn/Staten Island Community Services has food distribution on June 2nd and 16th in the parking lot on West 17th St. between Neptune and Mermaid Avenues from 1-6 p.m.

Brian Gotlieb – Shorefront Toys for Tots joined in the EID celebration at Apna. They distributed hundreds of toys and PPEs. He was happy to partner with APNA in this celebration. Lucy Mujica Diaz – She received information from Steve Golden, NYS Law Dept. in reference to the NYS Emergency OML. There will be virtual meetings until the State lifts the emergency order. We will be purchasing equipment for hybrid meetings, if needed. She believes the full board meeting will be in person. Jeff suggests that in person should be for committee meetings. We will purchase Hepa filters to purify air. We will encourage mask wearing. If no masks, member will be asked to sit in the back of the room. Marion suggested we reach out to other boards to see what they're doing. Eddie said he has checked and some will do hybrid because they have the technology. Joe Packer stated that St.Paul's has the technology. Brian Fisk suggested that if needed the Board purchase a remote hot spot.

There being no further discussion, motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m.

Barbara Santonas