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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: Wed., Feb. 23, 2022

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Acevedo
Marion Cleaver
Mark Davidovich
Susan Flaschenberg
Amarilys Herrera
Yelena Makhnin
Michael Quinn
Jeff Sanoff
Michael Silverman
Barbara Teitelbaum
Joann Weiss

Zunera Ahmed
Joe Corace
Lolita Divilova
Ronald Greenberg
Queenie Huling
Pat O'Brien
Shimon Rinkovsky
Fran Schwartz
Pervez Siddiqui
Edita Volovodovskaya
David Wynn

Lakeisha Bowers
Nadine Dabney
Erum Hanif
Olga Fort
Bernard Kaufman
Milagros Quiles
Michael Russo
Tatyana Segal
Jack Suben
Gloria Watkins
Kumali Zairee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirley Aikens
Mario Caggiano
Brian Granoff
Priscilla Santos
Annette Wesley

Dionne Brown
Wanda Feliciano
Selina Grant(exc)
Evelyn Strasser

Patricia Brown
Brian Gottlieb(exc)
Joseph Packer
Dennis Vourderis

GUESTS:

Jessica Petrosino, Sam Moore, Craig Kligfeld, Bobby Ferazi, Mark Merynk, Ken Lazar, Craig Hammerman, Allen Newman, Mark Hanukov, Ida Sanoff, AM Mathylde Frontus, Tova Chazinoff, Ellie Houghtalling, Samantha Ross(CM Kagan), Michael Bowers, Chief Mandala, Inna Guzenfeld(BBP), Anastasia Yaskova(CAU), Sergei Chuprik(Comptroller's Off), Angela Kravitchenko, Asad Dandia, Martin Maher(Bklyn Parks Commissioner)

STAFF PRESENT:

Eddie Mark, Dist. Mgr., Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Barbara Santonas, Sec.

Chairperson Lucy Acevedo opened the February Board meeting. She reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded and anything placed in the Chat is public information and could be part of a FOIL.

She asked for a Moment of Silence in Memory of Max Guadalupe, a community resident/activist who passed away this week.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Craig Hammerman – "Tonight the Community Board is being asked to support the Park's plans to rehabilitate their Maintenance Compound building, storage yard and parking lot at West 25th Street and Surf Avenue. Parks is also looking to build a vehicular on-ramp at West 27th Street so they could drive their heaviest vehicles across the boardwalk to get from the street to the beach. Right now, to get to the beach, Parks has two places to go—a slip entrance under the boardwalk on West 25th Street or West 37th Street, as Joann Weiss pointed out, where you can drive straight onto the beach without using the boardwalk at all. But they want to change that to make it more convenient for them. Parks would like the Community Board to support the creation of a new vehicular on-ramp at West 27th Street so they could drive their vehicles the 80-foot distance along the fire break portion of the boardwalk, strictly for their convenience.

But once their vehicles are on the boardwalk there will be nothing to stop them from turning left or right to drive them up and down the length of the boardwalk, as pointed out at the meeting by Jeff Sanoff. And, Parks did not propose installing a locked gate with security cameras to monitor anyone else from using this ramp to drive up onto the boardwalk and beach.

I'm asking the Community Board to amend the Parks Committee's recommendation. Instead of supporting this project as a whole, I'm asking you to support the proposed rehabilitation of the Maintenance Compound building, storage yard and parking lot on the condition that they not build the West 27th Street vehicular on-ramp. If allowed, the extra vehicular trips will add to the wear-and tear of the boardwalk. It will accelerate the cycle of destruction they have created with their persistent driving on the boardwalk. Is that what we want our tax-payer Capital dollars spent on? More vehicles, more wear-and-tear, and an accelerated cycle of destruction? The Borough Commissioner did his very best to conceal this impact at the meeting. It took a combination of speakers questioning him to finally pry the truth out. This ramp will add traffic to the boardwalk. Is that what you really want? If you support the committee's motion is, that is exactly what you will be voting to support. Please amend this motion to add a condition that they not be allowed to build this vehicular on-ramp. The community needs you to continue to be our advocates for a car-free boardwalk."

Ida Sanoff – During Old Business at the January 2022 board meeting, there was discussion on the rehabilitation of the boardwalk at West 20th Street, plastic on top of concrete slab. This would be the prototype for other repairs. It is well known that concrete concentrates wave action with if there was a storm surge there might be major damage. During Sandy, in Rockaway, area with concrete slabs lifted up. During the same storm, the old concrete esplanade in Manhattan Beach, was picked up and poked a hole in the first building against the rocks. The buildings in Brighton Beach adjacent to the boardwalk would be sitting ducks and would present high risk.

AM Mathyilde Frontus – She thanked everyone for their well wishes. She is doing fine. Her office is finally opened. If there is a problem, do not hesitate to stop in. On Monday, Feb. 28th in honor of Black History Month she will be hosting a live stream event. If you are interested, please register on facebook. She explained about the NYCHA Buildings that were without cooking gas (O'Dwyer Gardens and Buildings 4&5). She partnered with Borough President Reynoso who was able to get a food truck at those locations and make sure the residents had hot meals. She thanked the Borough President for his assistance. In one to two, she will sponsor a Zoom event to discuss her 6 Point Economic Mobility Plan. Check for the information. She is sponsoring with C.I.H. Substance Abuse Workshop on Monday, March 7th. She was able to obtain \$1 million dollar Capital funding. She will allocate half of it to Renovating the BBQ area in Kaiser Park. Prior to making this decision, she discussed in length the needs of the community with Commissioner Maher. More information will be forthcoming.

Tova Chazinoff -representing CM Vernikov – The CM will attend next month's meeting. She has been getting to know the community and some of it's needs. She knows that sanitation is one of the problems and wants to fund an increase in litter patrols. She was able to assist in getting trash bins on Brighton Beach Avenue. She also knows homelessness is a problem and will work to assist in that issue. She also will meet with Parks Dept to find out walk funding is needed. She will be meeting next week with the MTA. She will also be visiting local schools and speaking with administration to find out funding needs. She has met with parents of special needs children to find out the issues. Trying to get funding for NYPD for surveillance cameras. Lucy said she hopes that the CM will attend the meeting next month.

Mark Schiff - He is interested in opening a dispensary on Brighton Beach Avenue (He was told by Lucy to call the board office tomorrow for further information).

Samantha Ross-representing CM Kagan – Our office is in the process of reopening, and we hope to welcome constituents to an updated space in mid March. CM Kagan and I had a conference call with NYCHA in reference to gas restoration to residents. Project will take longer than expected. Issue with piping, NYCHA says several of the pipes cross public domain and seeking work permits to gain access. NYCHA is waiting funding to bring external incinerators to Coney-as of now, Marlboro is the only development with this. C.I. Houses is scheduled to receive the 2.2 million dollar incinerator by 2023/2024. The incinerator will decrease trash bags in the street and increase sanitation within the district. C.I. Houses and Surfside (Site 4&5 "pink bldgs.") will share the incinerator. O'Dwyer Gardens is to receive funding for an incinerator soon. We also met with DI Besemiah Rogers to discuss safety concerns within NYCHA, CM Kagan's NYCHA Accountability Act & Collaborative, innovative events for the youth. Jimmy Prince and Charlotte Taylor's street co-namings have been approved. Working with families to schedule.

