

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13

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ANTONIO REYNOSO Borough President

> Lucy Acevedo Chairperson

EDDIE MARKDistrict Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD 13 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zunera Ahmed Lucy Acevedo Lakeisha Bowers Marion Cleaver Joe Corace Nadine Dabnev Mark Davidovich Lolita Divilova Erum Hanif Susan Flaschenberg Ronald Greenberg Olga Fort **Amarilys Herrera** Queenie Huling Bernard Kaufman Milagros Quiles Yelena Makhnin Pat O'Brien Michael Quinn Shimon Rinkovsky Michael Russo Jeff Sanoff Fran Schwartz Tatyana Segal Michael Silverman Pervez Siddiqui Jack Suben Barbara Teitelbaum Edita Volovodovskaya Gloria Watkins Joann Weiss David Wynn Kumali Zairee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirley Aikens
Dionne Brown
Patricia Brown
Mario Caggiano
Wanda Feliciano
Brian Granoff
Selina Grant(exc)
Priscilla Santos
Annette Wesley

Dionne Brown
Patricia Brown
Brian Gotlieb(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:

<u>Craig Hammerman</u> – "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 ill 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."

<u>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.</u>

AM Mathylde 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.

<u>Tova Chazinoff</u>-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.

<u>Mark Schiftt</u> - 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.

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MINUTES:

Motion made by Zunera Ahmed, seconded by Joann Weiss to accept the minutes as submitted. VOTE: In Favor: 34 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Motion carried (quorum present). Roll call on file at C.B. Office.

(Agenda was changed on the request of Parks Co-Chair Barbara Teitelbaum and the approval of Chair Lucy Acevedo)

Parks Committee Report: Barbara Teitelbaum/Susan Flaschenberg Co-Chairs Commissioner Maher explained the situation. Renovation of Parks maintenance compound on W. 25th St. and Surf Ave. Move and renovate playground to West 27th Street. This will be renovated with future funding. It will be the twin of the playground across the street. Before playground rebuild begins, will get input from the community. Build ramp on West 27th Street over the boardwalk. Some of the larger Park"s equipment cannot access from under the boardwalk. Also, will move the compacter off Surf Avenue and place behind the building. AM Frontus thanked the Commissioner for the presentation and for his assistance on what the community needs at Kaiser Park. He said that he looked at C.B. 13 Capital Needs list submitted by the Community Board and found what would fit the amount that the Assemblymember had to spend. Joann Weiss remarked that if trucks did not fit under the boardwalk then could go to W. 37th Street to get on the beach. Why must the go over the boardwalk. The Commissioner said that with the ramp on W. 25th Street, the trucks could go onto the ramp and make a left. The equipment that would use the ramp was the van for the carpenter crew and materials and the Burhill basket vehicle. Jeff Sanoff - remarked that at the Parks Committee meeting he didn't hear anything about barriers or bollards at the entrance or swing gates at the base of the ramp. The Commissioner said that there is no design yet for the barrier, it is only a concept. Lucy Acevedo requested that Parks state, in writing, that there will be some sort of gate at the base of the ramp. The Commissioner said that that recommendation can be in the support letter to the Parks Department. Sam Moore asked if there was a timeline for the project and was told probably two seasons away, 2024-2025, which will be in the next

Motion made Barbara Teitelbaum, seconded by Lucy Acevedo to approve the support letter as amended, for the renovation of the Parks Maintenance Compound on West 25th St. and Surf Avenue.

VOTE: In Favor: 26 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 3

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

Brief discussion of the proposed installation of a wiffle ball court on one of the tennis courts at Kaiser Park. <u>Tatyana Segal</u> objected to the removal of a tennis court. <u>Commissioner Maher</u> explained that wiffle ball is played on a smaller court and so one tennis court can fit 4 wiffle ball courts. Kaiser Park has 12 tennis courts so can lose one. This is a hugely popular sport in the City of New York and the change can be done without Capital funding and with inhouse funding. <u>Gloria Watkins</u> said she has never seen all 12 courts occupied at one time.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Lucy Acevedo, Chairperson reported that Thomas Hopkins resigned from the Community Board. She wished him well. He will be missed. She asked David Wynn to be Sargent-At-Arms. He agreed. Lucy changed the Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee – the new Co-Chair is Gloria Watkins. Joann Weiss remains as the other Co-Chair. There is a possibility that the meetings will go hybrid effective March 15th. As soon as we get confirmation, we will send out email.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie Mark discussed the meeting we had earlier in the month with City agencies about the illegal vendor problem in Brighton Beach and Coney Island. We will have another one on March 9th. CAU will speak with Commissioners of the agencies involved to ask for their assistance. There is a new Subway Safety Plan put out by Mayor Adams. We are concerned that since one of the trains mentioned, the N train has it's last stop at Stillwell Terminal. What will happen when the homeless are asked to exit the train and the

station? Hopefully answers will be forthcoming. There will be an Education Committee meeting on March 8th where the SCA will report on the proposed new middle school which will be built on the John Dewey

Campus. The Mask Force reported they gave out 20,000 masks the last time they were at the Stillwell Avenue terminal. The Environment Committee will meet and EPA will discuss C.I.Creek as a possible Superfund Site.

Lucy said that a request will be sent to all board members to see if they are available to be on the Nominating Committee. If interested contact board office prior to the March General Board meeting. Currently we have 8 on the nomination committee. If you are thinking about running for office, let the office know. If you are on the Nomination Committee, you cannot run for a position. Reappointment applications must be submitted to BH by the close of business on Friday, March 4th.

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Shimon Rinkovsky, Secretary

C.B. 13 has a vacancy for a Community Assistant. Submit resume before Mach 4th.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

License Committee

Yelena Makhnin, Chairperson

Yelena reported that the committee met on Feb. 8th to approve one application. It was a corporate change and renewal for: Pete's Clam Stop on Surf Avenue. There were no negative reports from the 60th Pct

Motion to approve from Committee: In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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

Motion to approve from Full Board: In Favor: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Yelena Makhnin – St. Closing C.I. Community Health Kids Day – April 30, 2022. West 29th St. between Surf Ave. and Mermaid Ave. Applicant: Sam Moore

Pat Singer asked why this application is being voted on and the application for Brighton Jubilee is not. Lucy explained that this is for April 30th and if we waited to the March meeting, it would be about 30th days and it is very difficult to get an event together in such a short period of time.

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Marion Cleaver

VOTE: In Favor: 34 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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

Marion Cleaver – Land Use – Street Co-Naming for Frank Giordano - Mermaid Ave. & West 15th St. Barbara Teitelbaum said it was a pleasure to know him. He was a caring individual who was involved in this and other communities for many years. It is a pleasure to vote for this. He was a real mensche. Pat Singer made a motion, seconded by Marion Cleaver to approve.

VOTE: In Favor: 34 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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

GOOD & WELFARE:

<u>Joann Weiss</u> – Reminded everyone to come to tomorrow's Environment Mtg. We need all the information we can get.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. made by Lucy Acevedo, seconded by Zunera Ahmed.