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COMMUNITY BOARD #13  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: Wed., Oct. 27, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Loc.: Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lucy Acevedo  
Mario Caggiano  
Nadine Dabney  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Selina Grant  
Amarilys Herrera  
Yelena Makhnin  
Joseph Packer  
Shimon Rinkovsky  
Fran Schwartz  
Michael Silverman  
Barbara Teitelbaum  
Gloria Watkins  
David Wynn

Zunera Ahmed  
Marion Cleaver  
Mark Davidovich  
Olga Fort  
Ronald Greenberg  
Queenie Huling  
Orlando Mendez  
Milagros Quiles  
Michael Russo  
Tatyana Segal  
Pat Singer  
Edita Volovodovskaya  
Joann Weiss  
Kumali Zairee

Shirley Aikens  
Joe Corace  
Lolita Divilova  
Brian Gotlieb  
Erum Hanif  
Bernard Kaufman  
Pat O'Brien  
Michael Quinn  
Jeff Sanoff  
Pervez Siddiqui  
Jack Suben  
Dennis Vourderis  
Annette Wesley  
Lakeisha Bowers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dionne Brown  
Brian Granoff  
Evelyn Strasser(exc)

Patricia Brown  
Thomas Hopkins

Wanda Feliciano  
Priscilla Santos

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Hanna Glikman, Community Associate,  
Nino Magali, Community Aide, Barbara Santonas, Secretary

Lucy Acevedo, Chairperson, opened the October Board Meeting at 7:10 p.m. She reminded everyone that anything written in the chat room is opened to FOIL, if a FOIL is requested. She welcomed our new staff member, Nino Magali. Tonight, EDC and DDC will give updates, not a full presentation, on the status of the ferry and Coney Island Creek. Due to the large number of speakers, there is no guarantee that everyone who

requested to speak, will be called on. In addition, speaking time will be two minutes, not the usual 3 minutes.

Lucy asked that the speakers do not disrespect the presenters from the agencies, be respectful and listen.

**Radhy Miranda** from EDC introduced the members of his group, James Wong, NYC Ferry and Max Champo, Transportation Port NYC Planning, Sokewo, EDC Management Group and Jennifer Stacy.

The ferry will run 365 days/7 days a week service to NYC. The cost will be \$2.75. MetroCard cannot be used on the ferry.

**James Wong** – The ferry will be on the west side, away from the subway. Originally it was to be on the eastern side of the fishing pier, it was moved to the right side to allow for fishing. The pier was reoriented so vessels would be perpendicular to the pier. It was more feasible to have ferry landing on the oceanside. Best for transportation.

Rehabilitation and Repairs – The concrete was repaired, handrails were replaced, piles and cross beams were stabilized and lighting on the pier was improved. There was permit compliance of the inwater construction. Additional safety measures will be done going forward.

Dredging – There was two locations: 6300 cubic yards and 35 cubic yards dredged down 1-2 feet of material was removed. 99.5% of material is uncontaminated.

Piledriving – Completed. Dredging will be completed this week. Pier Rehabilitation will also be completed this week. Barge Delivery and installation will be done next week. Training for employees has begun. Public use will begin by end of the year.

**Jennifer Stacy** discussed precautions – turbidity curtain was installed to give extra coverage where needed as well as environmental bucket installed. They will avoid doing work during spawning seasons; Winter-flounder 2/1 – 5/20; horseshoe crabs 4/15-7/15.

Question was asked about mitigation. Usually it is required, however not required for this project.

EDC explained that they responded to the public comments from PDC. Responses were given to PDC, not to people who asked the questions.

Questions asked:

Why Calvert Vaux Park was included in EAS although it was not adjacent, EDC did the sampling in that area. Where can the information from the EAS be found.  
(This information is in the environmental review appendices).

Will community residents be hired for ferry jobs? (Yes, they will be. The jobs are stable and long term jobs).

EDC Update: Rodney Rivera, Special Assistant, Region 2; Jane O'Connell,  
**Susan Maresca.**

Report from Assemblymember Frontus, including photos showed gray sheen in the water. When the team came to the area, they observed nothing in the water, no sampling was done.

Susan Maresca explained that there was nothing to sample so they couldn't determine the source. Staff returned for several days, did not see anything, so couldn't take samples.

**Assemblymember Frontus** thanked C.B. 13 for hosting and paying attention to the community. She also thanked the two agencies for their updates. She gave the background of numerous quality of life concerns she has received from the residents. She received many emails and letters at her office. She wanted to hear from the community tonight.

Radhy said he understands her position, but once the OK was given, the applicant applies for the permit and if it is within regulations, the permit is given.

EDC said they had many conversations with the Assemblyperson and she has voiced her concerns. The agency appreciates their ongoing communications.

**Charlie Denson** remarked that Kaiser Park is the wrong site for the ferry terminal, one of the problems is that the area is not being mitigated.

**CM Treyger** thanked the Community Board for hosting. He stated that EDC received an email from his office about the creek problem. Susan Maresca stated that the technicians that came to the site the next day did not see anything.

Both the Councilmember and the Assemblymember explained how they were made aware of the creek situation.

**Ida Sanoff** discussed the ferry situation. She had notice from ACE that DEC had approval to dredge up to 19,600 cubic yards. Ida saw the pictures of the water. She said that 48 hours had elapsed between the time the initial problem was seen and when it was reported. ACE never gave the community answers on other issues. She hopes there is a better dialogue in the future.

**Michael Quinn** (comments as stated) “Many of you here know me as a business man. Well I’m primarily a Coney Island born historian and educator. In nearly 50 years of being engaged with this neighborhood in which I was born, I have never in that amount of time seen collectively at this moment a total disregard for human life. After my younger brother died on 9/11 while working on the top floor of Tower One, I spent months searching for him at Ground Zero. A series of CAT scans have indicated numerous spots that have recently appeared on my lungs as a result of exposure to toxic air that was deemed safe. After graduating West Point, my surviving brother reluctantly spent 12 years in Iraq and Afghanistan being exposed to the toxic air caused by burn pits which were once again deemed safe. In these two instances you could somewhat give our government the benefit of the doubt about the lack of knowledge regarding the harmful effects. However in this situation we have directly in front of us clear as the private parts on a tall dog harmful chemicals originating from gasoline, coal and crude oil, dyes and where in recent years 200,000 gallons of raw sewage per day annually has been dumped. Leaving vulnerable residents exposed to these dreadful toxins summoned up to the surface and air which will have long term effects to their health. What you are doing is criminal. Besides residents being put at risk for cancer and other lung and breathing diseases, no doubt there will be thousands of people daily who will be disturbing the residential area and adding to the already crippling seasonal traffic”.

**Craig Hammerman** stated that “Superstorm Sandy showed us that the Coney Island Creek poses the greatest threat to flooding on the peninsula. The community will continue to be at-risk until the highly toxic legacy contaminants disclosed in EDC’s environmental study are remediated. These contaminants are a ticking time bomb that have the potential to cause great harm to Coney Island, particularly when new exposure pathways are created. Under the Federal Superfund program, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can perform the necessary remediation to ensure that the creek will be cleaned and safe for us, for our children, and for our children’s children. Right now, the EPA is actively considering adding the creek to their list of Superfund sites.

Several weeks ago, EDC began dredging a portion of the creek near the fishing pier in Kaiser Park. That means they are digging up the bottom where the legacy contaminants are. They are disturbing these legacy contaminants, but they are not dredging with the intention of cleaning the creek. They are dredging to make the creek

navigable. And this dredging is not a one-time activity. EDC's environmental study said they may have to return every 3-5 years to keep the creek contaminants which places humans and the environment at risk. Tick. Tick. Tick.

Coney Island deserves a ferry. It deserves a creek that's safe and clean too. The City has had decades to act, and they've failed us. We need the EPA's resources to get it done. So, tonight I reiterate my previous request for us all to call upon the EPA to Superfund the Creek, and I ask you now to encourage EDC to relocate the ferry landing from the creek to the ocean side. Join the growing chorus of voices that are saying YES to the ferry, and NO to the creek."

**Alexandra Silversmith** stated that she had people collecting signatures and they have a total of 7,000 signatures in favor of the ferry.

**Aaron Sanders** – NAC – He wanted to know how the ferry will slow down when it is in the channel. During peak hours the ferry will run every 30 minutes. Off peak, or in inclement weather the times will be extended.

**Joann Weiss** – She said that she is in favor of having a ferry, but not in favor of the location, which will destroy Kaiser Park, that we worked so hard to build. Not doing mitigation on the material that is being dredged up is a mistake. Twenty years ago, no mitigation was done at the WTC site, people are still dying from that mistake.

**Nadine Dabney** – stated that she agrees we need a ferry, not at Kaiser Park. It is the only space where families can enjoy the summer, go in the water, play, fish and have baptisms.

**Edwin Huero** – The ferry should not be located there. He thinks it should be on the pier off the boardwalk.

**Abbey Jordan** – There are several projects that take place at C.I. Creek. She is worried about what will happen to them (Million Oyster Project). She was disappointed in the condescending attitude of the agencies and the elected officials.

**Patricia Saner** – There is a need for serious remediation before the ferry is put in.

**Daniel Ioannou** – He thanked DDC for bringing the ferry to Coney Island. He feels it will have positive impact on the neighborhood.

UPDATE: Eddie will contact EDC, DDC, the coast guard and our elected officials to have a meeting. After which we will have a public meeting on this topic.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

**Byron Todman** – Project Mgr. NHS – A new program is being rolled out – Brooklyn Homeowner’s Property Management Program for 1-4 units. For more information call 718-469-4679 or go to NHSBrooklyn.org

**Marion Aleman** – Chief of Staff Congressman Jeffries – He is working hard in D.C. Had the Equality Act passed. It is a criminal justice bill which differentiates possession of crack and cocaine for sentencing. The Congressman will have a Town Hall event the end of December and an event in Coney Island sometime next month

**Assemblymember Mathylde Frontus**- She announced that a Bill she introduced in the Assembly was signed by the Governor. She thanked residents of Brightwater, Angela Kravachenko and others who walked her through to the train and she heard the noise. She reported that her office has been closed for two weeks due to a mold situation. Her staff is working remotely and hopefully will be back in the office next week.

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Lucy Acevedo, seconded by Zunera Ahmed to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 42                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried unanimously (quorum present). Roll call on file at board office.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:**

Orlando has submitted his resignation due to person issues, effective tomorrow. Lucy sent an email to all board members asking who would like to fill the vacant positions on the committees Orlando was a part of. She stated that she will send emails out next week on who will fill the committee vacancies. Lucy thanked Orlando for all his work for the community.

Lucy reported that she and Eddie reached out to the Borough President’s Office and CAU to find out if when voting, resolutions can be bundled together. They were told yes if all members are voting in favor. If one or more board members are voting opposed, then those board members vote, and the rest of the vote is bundled together.

Lucy welcomed and wished our new staff member, Nino Maglio good luck. Our November board meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Eddie attended two street co-naming events, one for Larry Fisk and one for Lula Vourderis. Both were well attended.

Eddie gave update on Dangman Park. It has been excavated where Luna Park was. Did as much as could be done. Put tarp over so they can build on top. There will be a second section – no timeline yet.

There was a Transportation Meeting with C.B.11, C.B. 13 and DOT to update the project for construction of the bridges over 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. On 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue the bridge will be built side by side-the old one will be demolished after the new one is completed. The one on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be built on the footprint of the old bridge, so it must be taken down before the new bridge is constructed.

There is early voting until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Office is closed Election Day 11/2; Veteran's Day 11/12-office is closed. This Saturday, Oct. 30 11-2 will be Children's Halloween Parade at Maimonides Field. Our office is still not taking walk ins. Please call for an appointment.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dionne will give the report next month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Land Use Committee Marion Cleaver, Shimon Rinkovsky, Co-Chairs  
Co-Chair Marion Cleaver reported on what was discussed at the meeting, removing Item #45 study for Brighton Beach area -motion was made and seconded, no one against, to not have study. This will be removed from Capital Expense for District Needs.

Motion made by Lucy Acevedo, seconded by Jeff Sanoff to approve The Capital & Expense Budget for the District Needs without Item #45.

VOTE: In Favor: 38                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lucy discussed the situation which necessitated her reaching out to OATH for the removal of a board member. Barbara Teitelbaum asked for more information. Lucy said that the vote is only to allow OATH to handle the case. Once OATH gives findings the board will vote to remove the member.

Motion made by Lucy Acevedo, seconded by Jeff Sanoff to approve the resolution to allow OATH to take the case for removal of a board member.

VOTE: In Favor: 31                      Opposed: 1                      Abstentions: 5

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

During Roll Call for approval on this motion, when his name was called for his vote, Ronald Greenberg said “absolutely not. Error on my application has been already corrected with the office of the Borough President”.

When Final Roll Call was done, Ronald Greenberg answered “Yes for truth and justice and no against exclusion and slander politically motivated”.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Eddie reviewed about District Needs. It is the same as last year, since last year nothing received funding , the needs are still the same. We are removing Item #45- need for Land Use Study for Brighton Beach. There was no questions and no further discussion. Motion made by Michael Russo, seconded by Barbara Teitelbaum to approve District Needs.

Vote: In Favor: 38

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Motion to adjourn made at 9:10 p.m.

Barbara Santonas, Secretary