



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13

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COMMUNITY BOARD 13 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thurs., Sept. 23, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Loc.: Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Acevedo
Lakeisha Bowers
Mario Caggiano
Nadine Dabney
Susan Flaschenberg
Brian Granoff
Ron Greenberg
Queenie Huling
Pat Singer
Yelena Makhnin
Michael Quinn
Fran Schwartz
Evelyn Strasser
Milagros Quiles
Edita Volovodovskaya

Zunera Ahmed
Patricia Brown
Marion Cleaver
Mark Davidovich
Olga Fort
Selina Grant
Pat O'Brien
Barbara Teitelbaum
Dennis Vourderis
Bernard Kaufman
Shimon Rinkovsky
Tatyana Segal
Michael Silverman

Annette Wesley
Lolita Divilova
Jeff Sanoff
Joann Weiss
Kumali Zairee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirley Aikens(e)
Thomas Hopkins
Michael Russo
Pervez Siddiqui
Joe Corace(e)
Orlando Mendez

Wanda Feliciano
Erum Hanif
Priscilla Santos
Amarilys Herrera
Brian Gotlieb
Gloria Watkins

Dionne Brown
Joseph Packer
David Wynn
Jack Suben(e)
Brian Granoff

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Jeff opened the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded and that if FOILED, the chat box is included.

PUBLIC HEARING – DISTRICT NEEDS FOR 2023

Jeff stated that after the public hearing the vote on the District Needs FY2023 will be taken at the October Community Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Craig Hammerman – See attached statement in reference to having C.B. 13 request from Office of City Planning to undertake a comprehensive neighborhood wide rezoning study for Brighton Beach and the fact that after thinking about it further, he is withdrawing his prior request for the Community Board to include a budget request for the Brighton Beach rezoning. He also discussed Capital Project #33 about an abandoned building belonging to Parks Dept. with a passive recreational component.

Ida Sanoff strongly disagrees with including Brighton Beach in any rezoning study. She believed that it would open a Pandora's Box. Years ago a project to rezone Brighton Beach was voted down and this would be the worse time to start this again.

Currently we are exempt from mandatory inclusionary housing. This project would get significant upzoning. Sewer lines in the bungalow area are still not upgraded. We should review what was found when the study was done in the past.

Ida said that in all the years she has been a resident of this community, she has always stood up for it and did what had to be done. Our community is not like Manhattan or Williamsburg. Brighton Beach rezoning could be discussed and voted on and could destroy the community. It would be like sliding down a slippery slope and no promises that would be made would come to being.

Yelena added that rezoning would allow high rise buildings to be built without our input. Bungalows won't sell at a good price and the builders would build whatever they wanted without any community input.

Eddie suggested that we have a discussion on this issue at the committee level and we set up a meeting in October for this.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Christopher Greif – Reminded all present that masks must be worn on all MTA buses and trains.

Tatyana Segal - She reported that there have been major changes in Medicare Plans for NYC Retirees. The opt-out period is until the end of October.

Craig Hammerman – He thanked CM Treyger for voting and supporting the Straw Bill 11-1, which states that a customer will not be given a straw unless they ask for one.

Robert Bernstein – He wants to make sure that reconstruction on boardwalk will not be made of concrete. Perhaps before the Community Board gives Parks the letter of support for the boardwalk project, it should be tabled for one month and ask the Parks Department to do their own research to find out that material would be better to use for the boardwalk.

MINUTES:

Motion made to accept the minutes of the June meeting as presented.

VOTE: In Favor: 29 Opposed: 1 Connection caused 2 votes not to be heard.

Motion carried. Roll call on file at C.B. Office

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

There was an Executive Committee meeting last night where the two candidates for the Community Assistant position, Nino Maglia and Jeannie were interviewed.

VOTE: In Favor (Nino) 7 Opposed: 3 Abstention: 2

Motion carried to hire Nino. Roll call on file at C.B. Office.

Eddie will contact the Borough President's office and they must now approve all the paperwork. She will hopefully begin October 4th.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie welcomed everyone back for a new year. This summer all the rides were opened, lots of visitors came and in addition we have three new seafood restaurants here. Currently one is opened on Surf Avenue and one is on Stillwell between Surf and Boardwalk. Another restaurant will open soon on Surf between W. 12th and W. 8th Street.

Ferry – dredging has started.

27th Avenue foot bridge – There will be work done to build a new foot bridge over 27th Avenue. The old bridge will be taken down after the new bridge is constructed which will take about two years.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Street Co-Naming for Larry Fisk will be done on Monday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. on East 2nd Street and Avenue Z.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Dionne Brown gave quarterly report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee: Joann Weiss, Priscilla Santos, Co-Chair

Lucy thanked Thomas Hopkins for Co-Chairing this committee for the past year. The new Co-Chairs will be Joann Weiss and Priscilla Santos. A Moment of Silence was observed for Irene Olson, Co-Chair of this committee and board member for many years. May she Rest in Peace.

Parks Committee: Susan Flaschenberg, Barbara Teitelbaum, Co-Chairs
Marty Maher reviewed the new project for the boardwalk between W. 24th & W. 27th Street. Included in the project will include addition of several game tables, benches, water fountain. Barbara Teitelbaum asked if entrance will be done. Commissioner Maher said that it will be fully handicapped accessible. Chris Yandoli said that material will be plastic wood. The ramps will be on West 24th St. and West 27th Street. It is Parks Dept. policy not to use tropical wood.

Jeff asked if that was policy, why was tropical wood used on the Brooklyn Bridge and we can't get it used on the boardwalk. Chris Syett, Parks Dept. stated that the Dept. just doesn't use that type of material. The letter of support is needed as soon as possible.

Selina Grant asked if some type of sustainable wood was used in this project, would it be detrimental to health. Dennis Flynn said that this type of material as been used for decades in other places and was not found detrimental to health. Selina asked if the pier has the same type of material.

Motion made by Jeff Sanoff seconded by Dennis Vourderis to approve and send letter of support for Parks project as presented at the Parks Committee meeting.
VOTE: In Favor: 30 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 2
Motion carried. Quorum present. Roll call on file at C.B. Office.

Housing Committee: Pat Singer, Kumali Zairee, Co-Chairs

Pat suggested the members read the minutes.

Education & Library Committee Lakeisha Bowers, Annette Wesley, Co-Chairs

Good meeting. Suggested the members read the minutes.

Environment & Sanitation Committee: Jeff Sanoff, Chair

Discussion of what happened to the money that had been allocated for the Sanitation Garage which was to be used to house the garages for C.B. 13 and C.B. 15.

License Committee: Yelena Makhnin, Orlando Mendez, Co-Chair

Orlando explained that there were five applications brought before the committee, 3 new applications and one application for an alteration. All were approved by committee. Lucy explained that technically a description has to be given for each license, however if all board members agree, we can combine and do one vote.

After discussion of each, Lucy asked if any board members wanted to vote differently than in committee (one member said they did).

1. Alteration for Aquarium
2. Crab D' Jour – full liquor license
2. Hook & Reel – full liquor license
4. Steamania – full liquor license

VOTE: In Favor: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion: Carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file in C.B. Office

Application for full liquor license for Gosht located at 3225 Coney Island Avenue.

VOTE: In Favor: 29 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0
Motion: Carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE:

Pat Singer – Cast call for movie on Oct. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1002 Brighton Beach Avenue. Call Pat at 718-891-0800 for further information

Motion to adjourn: 8:35 p.m.

Barbara Santonas, Secretary