



**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13**  
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Chairperson

**EDDIE MARK**  
District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Thurs., April 18, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Loc.:** St. Paul's Church

**Members Present:**

Lucy Mujica Diaz  
Dionne Brown  
Asad Dandia  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Amarilys Herrera  
Angela Kravtchenko  
Mark Mernyk  
Robbin Paraison  
Sabina Pirmukhamedova  
Jeff Sanoff  
Michael Silverman  
Dennis Vourderis

Zunera Ahmed  
Patricia Brown  
Lolita Divilova  
Selina Grant  
Queenie Huling  
Yelena Makhnin  
Allen Newman  
Nodira Pirmukhamedova  
Sam Rinkovsky  
Fran Schwartz  
Pat Singer  
Joann Weiss

Lakeisha Bowers  
Marion Cleaver  
Jennifer Dublin  
Linda Harrison  
Yuriy Krasner  
Minnie Mankita  
Pat O'Brien  
Milagros Quiles  
Michael Russo  
Tatyana Segal  
Sheila Smalls

**Members Absent:**

Sonji Cephas  
Erum Hanif  
Jack Suben  
Edita Volovodoskaya

Joe Corace(exc)  
Pervez Siddiqui(exc)  
Barbara Teitelbaum(exc)  
Svetlana Zelinskaya

Olga Fort  
Pat Singer  
Annette Wesley

**Guests:**

Sergey Chuprik(Comptroller's Office), Hasaan Chaudhary(BP Office),Ron Greenberg  
Charlene Batts(CM Brannan's Office), Olga Fiore(SSSpanton's Office),  
Bridgette Purvis(AM Brook-Krasny's Office)

**Staff Present:**

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Lucia Knizhik, Community Assistant,  
Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

Chairperson Lucy Mujica Diaz opened this month's meeting of Community Board 13 at 7 p.m. The agenda includes votes that were postponed from the March meeting when quorum was not present. This meeting is being recorded and anything in the Chat can be part of a FOIL if requested.

**PRESENTATION:** From Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice  
Elijah M. Hutchinson, Executive Director

He explained about this office takes care of policy and planning. The office reports to the Chief Resiliency Office and Commissioner of DEP. They receive grants from the Biden Administration. They receive project ideas and submit the ideas for funding. The office is five offices combined into one.

Ida Sanoff asked if the Community Board will have a seat at the table. She hopes that all the agencies involved make sure that our community has a seat at the table. Elijah said he knows our community well and understands our problems and concerns.

Jeff Sanoff remarked that the DEC has a air monitoring project, however they left off southern Brooklyn, which encompasses Coney Island and Brighton Beach. Could we possibly be included in this project. Elijah said he would check and get back to the office.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Andrea Mitchell – Mgr. Brighton Beach Branch BPL – Discussed many special programs the Brighton Beach Branch has and invited everyone to visit. She requested that the board send a letter to the Mayor not to cut funding to the library. Some of the special classes held at the library – English class, resume help, tax help, home internet, Work Force 1, SNAP, Crochet Corner.

Ronald Greenberg – He said he served as a board member a year ago. He read the letter sent from his attorney, who is a constitutional lawyer and a free speech expert. Lucy said the office contacted Legal at Borough Hall and were told that the fifty members of the community board are covered by the Legal Department and if Mr. Greenberg continues his harassment on this topic, it will not be accepted.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Sergei Chuprik- Comptroller's Office- All reports can be found on the Comptroller's website. 5 Year Accessibility Plan on website. Anyone who wishes to file a claim against the City can find the form on the website.

Hasaan Chaudhary – Borough President's Office – Awards for Graduates Pre-K to Grade 12 are being done. Please visit the website to apply. Deadline for submission of applications is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Housing Clinic on April 27<sup>th</sup> being given by Flatbush Tenant's Coalition.

Olga Fiore – State Senator Scarcella-Spanton – The Senator sent a letter on illegal smoke shops to Office of Cannabis Management and Sheriff's Office asking them to join the Senator, elected officials, and NYPD, BBID in a walk through in Brighton Beach and Coney Island. She has not received any response as of this date. There is a shortage of Crossing Guards city-wide. Our Pct has 20 less crossing guards than are needed. The Senator is co-sponsoring a bill to have crossing guards at each corner near all schools. There are four upcoming events – free mammogram at Camba 9-4:30 p.m. call the office for an appointment, catalytic converter event sponsored by NYPD Auto

Crimes 10-2 p.m. at Manhattan Beach Parking Lot., May 19<sup>th</sup> – rain barrel give away from 11-1 p.m. at Homecrest Playground; June 1<sup>st</sup> – document shredding 10-12 p.m. Parking lot Liberation Diploma Plus H.S.

Bridgette Purvis – AM Alec Brook-Krasny - The AM will have a Clergy Round Table on June 13<sup>th</sup>. On June 19<sup>th</sup> the AM, partnered with State Senator Spanton will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration.

Izzy Weiss – CM Vernikov – No report currently.

SS Chu – No report at this time.

Charlene Batts - CM Brannan – She announced that their office has two new staff members – Sonji Cephas and Zunera Ahmed. The CM is happy to have them on board. She reported that CM Brannan voted in favor of the Gambling Text Amendment. There are many layers to the Amendment, it's not all about the casino. If anyone would like further information or an explanation, they should feel free to contact the CM's Bay Ridge office. The office is very close to signing a lease for an office in Coney Island. As soon as everything is finalized, an announcement will be made.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion made by Jeff Sanoff, seconded by Dennis Vourderis to accept the minutes of the February board meeting as submitted.

**VOTE:** In Favor: 31                      Opposed: 0                      Abstention: 2

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

Motion made by Marion Cleaver, seconded by Tatyana Segal to accept the minutes of the March board meeting as submitted.

**VOTE:** In Favor: 21                      Opposed: 1                      Abstention: 11

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

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Lucy advised that tonight is Zunera's last meeting. She is resigning from the board because she has taken a position as Deputy Chief of Staff for CM Justin Brannan. Lucy wished her the best on behalf of the Board members.

Lucy reported that the Gambling Text Amendment passed the City Council this afternoon. There will be an Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. A representative of the Gambling Commission will make a presentation. Everyone is invited to attend. Location to be determined.

Jeff reported that in Lucy's absence, she asked him to attend several events. On March 24<sup>th</sup> he attended the Blessing of the Rides. He thanked the Vourderis Family for their kindness to the community. He also attended the ribbon cutting for the JCCGCI Trauma Center. This is a very important facility. It will assist many people in our neighborhood. It will bring a safe space for families who are dealing with violence, crime or trauma. If anyone needs to contact them [TRCHealing@jccgci.org](mailto:TRCHealing@jccgci.org). At the Precinct Council meeting on Tuesday, the Deputy Inspector said the crime is down. Now the Precinct can address the quality-of-life issues. Thanks to our Community Affairs officers and the Auxiliary.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

We have several meetings in the month of May – 8<sup>th</sup> – Public Safety Meeting – update for summer, 13<sup>th</sup> - Transportation Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> Land Use Meeting, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.

Sheila Smalls brought up the situation with the 36 Bus, sometimes the bus stops at W. 33<sup>rd</sup> St. and Mermaid and sometimes it does not. This began during the construction and although it should not be a problem anymore, bus drivers are not consistent. They should be stopping there. The problem is that now that block will be closed daily beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eddie said he will talk to the MTA and get more clarification and advise the board.

Minnie Mankita brought up the incident where a 70 year old woman was hit by a bus on Stillwell Avenue and Mermaid Avenue. She wanted to know what could be done to make sure that this didn't happen again (crossing guard)..Eddie suggested she attend the Transportation Committee meeting.

**MINUTES:** Motion to accept minutes of the February Board Meeting.

Vote: In Favor: 31                      Opposed:0                      Abstention: 2

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

Motion to accept minutes of the March Board Meeting

Vote: In Favor: 21                      Opposed: 1                      Abstention: 11

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Eddie explained that there was a problem with the FMS System. The Treasurer's Report will be given at the May General Board meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**                      Sam Rinkovsky

Healthy Kids Day will be held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4 pm. at the Coney Island YMCA, Surf Avenue and West 29<sup>th</sup> Street.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

License Committee                      Yelena Makhnin/Olga Fort Co Chairs

Corporate Change Application for **Za Zaborom Inc.** located at 3701-3703 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

VOTE: In Favor: 31                      Opposed: 1                      Abstention: 2                      Recusal: 0

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

Corporate and Class Change Application for **EEE Albanese Inc. dba Teura** located at 1215 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

VOTE: In Favor: 31                      Opposed: 1                      Abstention: 2                      Recusal: 0

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

New full liquor license for **3145 Brevia LLC, ddba Brevia Restaurant** located at 3145 Brighton 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

VOTE: In Favor: 31                      Opposed: 1                      Abstention 2                      Recused: 0

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

New full liquor license for **Grand M Consulting Corp.** located at 1005 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

VOTE: In Favor: 31                      Opposed: 1                      Abstention: 2                      Recusal: 0

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

Discussion and amendment of current stipulations. **AASA Group LLC, dba Backstage**, located at 3052 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

VOTE: In Favor: 31      Opposed: 2      Abstention: 3      Recused: 1

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

New adult-use retail dispensary license application **Case Management Inc.**, proposed location 1223 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

VOTE: In Favor: 1      Opposed: 33      Abstention: 0      Recused: 0

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

By Laws Committee:      Michael Silverman/Susan Flaschenberg, Co-Chairs  
Michael Silverman stated due to situation, Law Department suggested we table the approval of the By Laws until the May Board Meeting.

Nominating Committee:      Nodira Pirmukhamedova, Chair  
Resumes have been received by the members of the Nominating Committee. On Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Committee will meet in person and review the resumes that have been submitted and decide on the slate. At the May 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting nominations will be accepted off the floor and resumes can be submitted. At the June 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting each candidate will be given 3 minutes to make a presentation and the secret ballot will be done, counted by the Nominating Committee and vote will be announced.

Land Use Committee:      Marion Cleaver/Shimon Rinkovsky, Co-Chair  
Marion explained at the Land Use Committee meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, motion was made to approve the Special Permit for Brighton 11st Street LLC.

At this time, Committee member Jeff Sanoff asked a point of order. He then made a motion to lay over (table), the Committee's vote on the question due to the applicant's recently submitted and revised supplemental EAS which was received after the committee had met and did not have enough time to read. He wants the Land Use Committee to reconvene prior to the General Board meeting to further discuss the Special permit for Brighton 11<sup>th</sup> St. LLC.

Motion made by Jeff Sanoff, seconded by Angela Kravtchenko, to table the motion.

VOTE: In Favor: 33      Opposed: 1      Abstention: 0      Recusal: 0

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

Motion made to table the request for a letter of support for Future Development at Oceangate Apartments 2955 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. until further clarification is received.

VOTE: In Favor: 31      Opposed: 3      Abstention: 0      Recusal: 0

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Sheila Smalls – Discussed situation with Arthur Melnick in 2016 when she did video with him. He is now using the video again for a presentation. She asked him to take her name off the flyer and he had not done so. She will not be at the event and many of the people on the flyer has not been asked.

Linda Harrison – For many years she has been coordinator for Annual National Day of Prayer. Invited everyone to stop and pray for our country, your neighbor, etc. Local event at Coney Island Gospel Assembly on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12-1 p.m. and lunch from 1-2:30 p.m. RSVP is needed for this part, payment via Zell in advance.

Amarilys Herrera - The video that they are showing with Arthur is from the past, there will also be live performances.

Lucy Mujica Diaz – I did a little dinner for the board members, I'm sorry for all who could not attend due to weather. I want you to know that it was paid for out of my pocket, not from the board. Hopefully in June we will have a little something as thank you from the Board.

Welcome back to Lucia.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

New full liquor license for **GL Solutions NY Inc.**, located at 2006 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Motion made by Michael Russo, seconded by Michael Silverman to approve both applications.

VOTE: In Favor: 30                      Opposed: 3                      Abstentions: 0                      Recusal: 0  
Motion carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

New beer and cider license for **Brooklyn Deli 18, LLC, dba Classic Brooklyn Deli & Café** located at 1077 Brighton Beach Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

VOTE: In Favor: 30                      Opposed: 3                      Abstentions: 0                      Recusal: 0  
Motion carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

Motion to adjourn made at 9 p.m. by Jeff Sanoff, seconded by Lucy Mujica Diaz

Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator