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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022

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

**Loc.:** Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lucy Mujica Diaz  
Marion Cleaver  
Lolita Divilova  
Selina Grant  
Amarilys Herrera  
Cynthia Leveille  
Pat O'Brien  
Nodira Pirmukhamedova  
Jeff Sanoff  
Tatyana Segal  
Michael Silverman  
Barbara Teitelbaum  
Gregory Vayngurt  
Sam Rinkovsky

Zunera Ahmed  
Asad Dandia  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Ronald Greenberg  
Queenie Huling  
Yelena Makhnin  
Robbin Wright Paraison  
Milagros Quiles  
Priscilla Santos  
Pervez Siddiqui  
Jack Suben  
Fanya Vasilevsky  
Annette Wesley

Olga Fort  
Erum Hanif  
Doyin Isaac  
Allen Newman  
Boris Pincus  
Michael Russo  
Fran Schwartz  
Pat Singer  
Gloria Watkins  
Joann Weiss  
Kumali Zairee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Lakeisha Bowers(e)  
Mario Caggiano  
Bernard Kaufman  
Dennis Vourderis

Dionne Brown  
Joe Corace(e)  
Evelyn Strasser  
Svetlana Zelinskaya

Patricia Brown  
Michael Quinn  
David Wynn

**OFFICE STAFF:**

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

Jeff Sanoff, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President opened this meeting. He reminded everyone to be careful when using the chat because if the meeting is FOI'ed then whatever is in the chat is foiled as well.

Moment of Silence in memory of Retired Deputy Chief Charles (Chuck) Scholl.

**PRESENTATION:** Update on the ferry Tara Das, EDC

Plans had been made to do construction this year but will hold off and revisit later in June. Dredging on the site is greater than expected. Will reevaluate about having the ferry on the ocean side. Due to this situation, there will be a pause and reevaluate needs in reference to safety and cost. Most important is that ferry is safe. EDC will share results towards end of the summer.

Ida Sanoff stated that in early documentation it was not clear on what was needed for Oceanside ferry.

Lan Hu wanted to know if they were dredging sand from C.I. Creek, why does everything have to be destroyed. Must consider cost of having ferry on oceanside. We must consider the wildlife.

Tara stated that the study will inform us about dredging. What current conditions are and what future needs will be.

**PRESENTATION:** World-wide design competition, to re-imagine the Boardwalk, in celebration of it's centennial, by the American Institute of Architects Angela Kravachenko

This competition will open the community to explore ideas. Angela introduced Alesha Sainvil, President of AIA of Brooklyn (American Institute of Architects). She explained that this competition will benefit all in the community. Part of the competition is to get the community to reimagine the boardwalk. She will come back to speak and discuss how the competition is progressing.

Rob Burstein, BB/CI Alliance for the Boardwalk. He has been an advocate for preservation of the boardwalk as a wooden structure. He thanked Alesha and Angela for their work on the boardwalk.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Anthony Baptiste (AM Frontus) – He asked that the community reaches out if they need anything. He is always there to assist.

Samantha Ross (CM Kagan) – She reported that the CM had voted for additional garbage pick up in his District. He gave CBO's the same amount in discretionary funds that he gave them last year. He gave \$2.5 million to Warbasse for Capital Needs.

Ida Sanoff – She remarked that studies previously done for oceanside ferry had some information hidden and ignored. More truthfulness in formation is needed.

Christopher Greif – He reported that OMNI Program for Reduced Fare is in Step One Phase.

Chief Michael Mandala FDNY – He again reminded everyone to be careful with lithium-ion batteries. They are causing many fires recently. Lucy asked the Chief if he had any concerns from the Mermaid Parade. (He had none). Joann asked why there were fire trucks on the Boardwalk at Brighton 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Was there a problem or were they just getting lunch. The Chief didn't know. He will ask EMS if they had truck on the boardwalk.

Queenie Huling – She said that at the February meeting she requested the office find out who is the owner of the Omega Smoke Shop located at 3112 Mermaid Avenue and their hours of operation. The residents have not been able to find out what is going on. There is construction going on after hours. Also, a bench has been placed IFO the smoke shop. Eddie is still having a problem finding out owner's identity. Pat O'Brien said that the bench is creating a problem, people are hanging out. Eddie said that Alliance is trying to see if bench can be removed. Yelena said there needs to be a discussion about all smoke shops within the community board boundaries- Brighton Beach/Coney Island Avenue as well.

Lan Hu – She is concerned that cars do not move on the days when there is alternate side of the street, so street is not cleaned. Why are the cars not ticketed?

Tatyana Segal – On June 16 the Governor signed NYCHA Trust Act sponsored by Assemblymember Cymbrowitz. This will convert from Section 9 to Section 8 which will get more federal subsidies.

Fanya Vasilevsky – She remarked that the boardwalk is very dangerous and must be repaired.

Larissa – JCCGCI – We have a new COVID Disability Grant Program. It will be a community needs assessment on how the community weathered the pandemic. There will be a launch event sometime in July.

Joann Weiss – She was on the boardwalk IFO Shorefront Y and saw white Park's van on the boardwalk. She is requesting a Parks committee meeting. Lucy said that Joann should be invited to the Cabinet meeting in July.

Hanna introduced all the new members who will be on the Board for the 2022-2024 period.

**MINUTES:** Marion brought to the board's attention and error on page 4 of last month's minutes. Need addition of name of the Pastor whose mom passed away (Pastor Mobley).

Motion: Made by Jack Suben, seconded by Zunera Ahmed to approve the minutes as corrected.

VOTE: In Favor: 33                      Opposed: 0                      Abstention: 3                      No Vote: 3

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

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Lucy welcomed our ten new board members. She thanked the members who volunteered to be mentors for the new members. There will be a meeting next week to discuss the problems with Coney Art Walls. The new committee list has been distributed. Any issues, please contact Lucy directly. New members are assigned to one committee, may not be the one you indicated. After 6 months, if you want to change committees reach out to Lucy and she will discuss it with you. Tomorrow there is a Swearing In Ceremony at Borough Hall, both in person and virtual. There will also be another Swearing In Ceremony in July for those who missed this one.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

The Mermaid Parade was done on June 18<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended, but there were 300 less participants than previous parades. Eddie attended the Ribbon Cutting at Babyar Park after being under construction for 3-1/2 years. Alternate side of the street parking will return to twice a week beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Call 311 to report enforcement problems. Eddie introduced the new staff member, Lucia. She is starting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. In person committee meetings are scheduled to begin in September. District Needs – committees will meet in Sept. to formulate a wish list for the coming year and to review which needs have been taken care of. Fireworks begin on Friday evening, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Flicks on the Beach will begin Monday evening, June 27<sup>th</sup> and will continue each Monday during the summer.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Joint Transportation, Education & Public Safety

Report given by Lolita Divilova

Meeting was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. DOT presented information on Safety and Mobility Outreach Study. Asked for community to give areas where the Team could interview residents to get data. Also at the meeting presentation was done by SCA to explain why they need Brighton 7<sup>th</sup> St. between Oceanview and Neptune Avenues to be closed for the next two years from 1:30-3:45 p.m. to allow students to leave the building (P.S. 253) during the construction of an annex to the school. The committee voted not to approve this and not to give letter of support. Therefore, no further action is needed from the Board. At the committee meeting, it was stated that the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct will get Summer Detail of approximately 80 officers.

Nominating Committee

Susan Flaschenberg, Chair

The slate was presented to the Board at the May meeting. There were no additional nominations at the May meeting and the slate was closed. The slate included all the incumbents on the current Executive Board. The slate is: Lucy Mujica Diaz – Chair; Jeff Sanoff – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; Zunera Ahmed – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; Sam Rinkovsky- Secretary; Dionne Brown – Treasurer. Since there is only one candidate per position, the secretary will cast one vote for the Slate. Lucy asked Barbara, board secretary to cast one vote. Michael Silverman as the Parliamentarian stated that since Barbara is not a member of the board, she cannot cast the vote and Sam Rinkovsky, a board member and secretary, must cast the vote. Therefore, Sam cast one vote for the entire slate.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Selena Grant: She is still asking about the Stop sign on West 37<sup>th</sup> & Surf Ave. It is desperately needed. Eddie said that CM Kagan is meeting with the DOT Commissioner and Eddie and Lucy at the end of the month to discuss problems. Eddie will bring this up to the Commissioner.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Joann Weiss – We just lost Chief Scholl and the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct Community Council will be taking up a collection to make donation in his memory. Anyone interested in contributing or sending a card to his family, reach out to her.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

License Committee: Yelena Makhnin, Chair

Applicant: Georgian House 129 Brighton Beach Avenue – Alteration: Add one additional point of sale. Selena asked why an additional point of sale was needed. Michael Jones, Attorney for the owner explained that this would be used for a “To Go” bar. After discussion on the meaning of this, Michael Russo said that the additional point of sale is really an additional register at the same location as the location on the license. Tatyana said that this establishment is on BBA, next to a liquor store and drug store. This restaurant is a family-oriented place and having this added will be a problem to the area's quality of life. It will bring additional intoxicated people to an area that is filled with them.

Motion made by Marion Cleaver, seconded by Joann Weiss to approve alteration to the establishment, adding additional point of sale.

VOTE: In Favor: 36                      Opposed: 1                      Abstain: 1                      No Vote: 1

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

Motion to adjourn made at 9:00 p.m.

Barbara Santonas, Secretary