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Community Board 13 – General Board Meeting Minutes. (REVISED)

Date: April 22, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc: Zoom

Members Present:

Lucy Acevedo	Zunera Ahmed	Lakeisha Bowers
Dionne Brown	Patricia Brown	Mario Caggiano
Marion Cleaver	Joe Corace	Nadine Dabney
Mark Davidovich	Alfie Davis	Lolita Divilova
Wanda Feliciano	Susan Flaschenberg	Olga Fort
Brian Gotlieb	Selina Grant	Erum Hanif
Thomas Hopkins	Queenie Huling	
Bernard Kaufman	Yelena Makhnin	Orlando Mendez
Pat O'Brien	Irene Olson	Michael Quinn
Shimon Rinkovsky	Michael Russo	Jeffrey Sanoff
Francis Schwartz	Pervez Siddiqui	Michael Silverman
Pat Singer	Evelyn Strasser	Jack Suben
Barbara Teitelbaum	Sheikh Ullah	Dennis Vourderis
Gloria Watkins	Shazia Wattoo	Joann Weiss
Annette Wesley	Kumali Zairee	

Members Absent:

Shirley Aikens(e)	Alexander Chadaev
Amarilys Herrera(e)	David Wynn(e)

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Office Staff Present:

Eddie Mark, D.M., Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Shirley Grant, Secretary, Barbara Santonas, Secretary

Joann Weiss Chairperson opened this Zoom Board meeting. She asked for a Moment of Silence for Sandy (owner of Sneaker Town), Judge Noach Dear, Chief William Morris(NYPD) . She also asked for prayers for all who have passed during this horrible pandemic.

PUBLIC SESSION:.

Christopher Greif – He is concerned that since people are entering from the rear of the bus, how will people in wheelchairs have accessibility. He will follow up and let us know.

Debra Greif – She asked that anyone who needs assistance with mobility issues contact her through the website.

Ida Sanoff – She is concerned as she has not seen people obeying social distancing on Brighton Beach Avenue as well as Ocean Parkway. There are still homeless with dogs sitting in front of Duane Reade on Brighton Beach Avenue and Ocean Parkway. She also wants to know how, if the beaches are closed, how this will be taken care of.

Alexandra Silversmith(Alliance) – The Alliance has launched a website for all open businesses in Coney Island. Alliance.org. If business needs assistance they should email the Alliance.

Frances Leopold(Human Rights Commission) – There have been 155 complaints and 8 have been resolved. There have been complaints from the orthodox Jewish community about bias attacks. To report complaint call 311 or the HR office. There have been many complaints about price gouging. If unable to apply for unemployment, call 311. Many complaints about family members not being allowed in the hospital.

Craig Hammerman – He asked the board to considering a time sensitive motion to be made tonight having to do with the social distancing problem by all the

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fruits and vegetable stores on Brighton Beach Avenue. He has sent email to city agencies and elected officials on this. Chairperson Joann Weiss stated that the board has been in contact with Brighton Beach BID and the City Agencies and the Mayor's Office. We will make decision on resolution after we hear from the City. Mariya Mark from the Mayor's Office said she is working on this and will advised the Board. If the food is confiscated they will work with the necessary agency to put the food into the food programs, not just have it thrown out. Yelena Makhnin from BBBID thanked all the City Agencies for their assistance and asked that the press not be notified yet.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

AM Mathylde Frontus – She hopes that residents and safe and healthy, but she is very concerned that Coney Island has taken a bad hit, losing many people. She said that many people besides the ones mentioned during the moment of silence have passed away. Joann suggested that she create a tribute list and email it to Joann so that we can have it on file. The AM mentioned the loss of Mr.Ellis from the Coney Island Sharks. The Assemblywoman said she mobilized her social media presence and has asked for volunteers to distribute hot meals to seniors and disabled and parents with young children. She will be distributing beginning Saturday been 100 and 150 meals. If you are in need of food you can call her office and the office is sending a list to GetFood NYC every 48 hours.or email her office at foodhelpAD46@gmail.com. Also there are Grab & Go meals at P.S. 288. C.I. Mission has limited dry food boxes being delivered through DoorDash. She has also been able to get face masks to distribute to community members. Her office is also trying to assist community members who are having problems with unemployment insurance. There will be an announcement in the next few days about location for testing for NYCHA residents. Board

Member Lucy Acevedo thanked Mathylde for helping seniors with food. She asked if there is a way to assist seniors with hygiene products (AM will look into it). Also Halal meals are need during Ramadan for Muslim families. Board member Jeff Sanoff asked for an update on the 19 billion dollar hole in the NYS budget and how it will effect education. Mathylde said things are hard to explain. Certain items are bundled together and in order to get one you might have to vote for one. It is not the way to go.

Congressman Max Rose – The Congressman just assisted in his capacity as a member if the National Guard, in setting up Covid 19 only facility. He said he is

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on his way to D.C. to vote on new spending package. This pandemic is not only a health crisis but an economic crisis as well.. Additional stimulus package will be needed all over the country not only in NYS and NYC. Board member Michael Silverman thanked the Congressman for his service. Board member Barbara Teitelbaum asked since the Hope ship does not have all the beds with Covid 19 patients, why can't the other beds be used by pregnant patients. (Joann said she believed the Governor has returned the ship to Washington).

New York State Senator Diane Savino - She said that all her staff are working remotely. The State Budget is 177 billion, however the State is spending money they had not anticipated. Submitting income tax has been postponed until July 1st. No sales tax or property tax is being collected. The State is broke. Will we rebound in July? We definitely need help from the Federal government. No money has been given directly to the State. 80 MTA workers have died due to the virus and their families will each be given ½ million dollar death benefit. Washington needs to give us the money. She is concerned with how we will enforce closing of the beaches, if this has to be done. Also she is wondering if Coney Island can survive both financially and economically after this.

Councilmember Mark Treyger – Board Chair, Joann thanked the CM for all he is doing, and for getting DSS to allow a pregnant mom to have someone with her during labor. The CM said that we have been through crisis before. We have a network of people who care. We will get through this. He has been checking on hospital demand; we need more Federal assistance. There was a severe shortage of EMT's and paramedics, it has improved slightly but Nursing homes are now receiving Covid19 patients when they are discharged from the hospital. We may still need the beds on the ship and at the Javits Center. Feeding families and people who have lost their jobs has become a very bad problem. Some families can't go to pick up food so DOE has signed a contract with Door Dash to deliver. There is inequality of foods being delivered to seniors. DFTA has dropped the ball. New food czar, Dianne Garcia (DOS). Problems with getting food contact Mark's office. Also contact the office via email if there is problem on obtaining unemployment. Also a reminder, any student who is entitled to a tablet and has not received it, family must fill out the form on the DOE website by 5p.m. tomorrow. The Federal government must pass relief for states and cities. He talked to Congressman Jeffries who is working hard on this issue. The opening of the beaches is a decision that must be made by the governor. It will be a regional decision. The CM is requesting a high level meeting with NYPD, Parks, Mayor's Office, C.B. and elected officials to be done NOW.

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Board member Lucy Acevedo reported that P.S. 288 is placing the Grab and Go Food in coolers outside the school for pick up. There is no Security. (CM will look into this). Mark believes

There is a staffing issue in the school cafeteria. CM will also look into the need for increased police presence on the boardwalk. Mark said he will continue in his efforts to help residents of public housing get masks.

D.I. Haywood reported that basketball hoops have had their nets removed in all parks. Board member Jeff Sanoff said that he feels people will bring their own nets. If this happens police will cut down the nets and confiscate them. However, as the weather gets warmer, crowds will build up. Wearing masks and keeping socially distance will become harder once the weather warms up. Summer detail is still scheduled to arrive. Already there is a problem on the Pier. PEP has car riding around. As of now, life guard positions have not been advertised. Really no money to pay them. There will definitely be a shortage of lifeguards if and when the beaches open. The handball courts on West 5th Street have been chained closed, but the chains were cut and handball is still being played. The Inspector said he will have a detail at the handball courts on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Board member Gloria Watkins suggested that dollar cabs should decrease the number of riders allowed in each cab. Gloria is also very concerned about stores that have raised their prices. If you see this, call 311.

Councilmember Chaim Deutsch – The Councilmember extended his condolences to all of the families that have lost loved ones due to the virus. Hospitals are well over capacity. Several families have reached out to CM Deutsch to assist their loved ones that are in need of pulse oxygen assistance. If the patients that have been placed on oxygen therapy at home are in need of hospitalization down the road, they will be admitted with the record of their vitals. Also, if people are having problems applying for unemployment benefits, they should send email to the office. The application process has been streamlined. The CM's office has been instrumental in assisting with distribution of thousands of meals to seniors and the disabled.

Brighton Beach Avenue has several pressing issues having to do with social distancing. He has had a conference call with the Mayor's Office and several agencies in the district and also with Department of Health.

The City is in need of bail out monies in the range of between \$5 and \$15 billion to get us out of the economic crisis. It is up to the Federal government to assist with this.

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Mariya Markh from the Mayor's Office will send email blasts on new information. She can be reached via email at mmarkh@cityhall.com.

Masks and hand sanitizers will be distributed to all seniors in NYCHA houses. Food distribution has been changed from Grab and Go to distribution program. Once you begin to get the food, it will not stop and you will not have to reapply.

Board member Kumali Zairee remarked that she is in a building with disabled seniors and mothers with young children but they are not a NYCHA building what can she do to help these residents (email Mariya Markh).

Board member Michael Silverman asked the CM about the board voting on Craig Hammerman's proposal for Brighton Beach Avenue. The CM remarked he did not believe any

action by the Board was necessary, as the matter is being handled by the Mayor's Office and by the 60th Pct. D.I. Haywood reported that 2 Criminal Court Summonses were issued for obstruction in addition to 2 sanitation summonses which were given last week. The DOH also has been notified on the situation.

Michael Silverman thanked the D.I. for the update. He said none of the board members were aware of these summonses.

The CM remarked that the situation on Brighton Beach Avenue has escalated due to Covid19. Immediate resolution of the problem is needed. NYPD has been notified. The CM is in constant contact with Yelena from Brighton Beach BID. Yelena remarked she is in constant contact with all involved (Mariya Markh, DCA, DOS, NYPD). She thanked the CM for his assistance.

Board member Pat Singer is concerned that many people on Brighton Beach Avenue are not wearing masks or gloves nor practicing social distancing. Also, there are 3 trailers on Coney Island Avenue, one is in the center of the Avenue and one on either side of the street. (Joann will let the D.I. know).

Sergei – representing Congressman Jeffries – The Congressman is very busy working to make sure things are being done for Covid 19 countrywide.

Inna Guzenfeld – representing Brooklyn Borough President. She is working very hard to create information packets for residents in public housing.

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MINUTES: Motion made by Lucy Acevedo, seconded by Yelena Makhnin to accept the minutes and submitted.

VOTE: In favor: 42 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried – Quorum Present. Roll call on file at C.B. Office.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

Joan gave brief overview of how the Board office is working during this time. She extended her condolences to all who have lost friends, family and acquaintances due to the virus. She said we will continue to assist wherever, whenever and however we can. She gave a shout out to the office staff, Barbara, Hanna and Shirley for doing such a good job remotely. Stay Safe.

DISTRICT MANGER’S REPORT:

Eddie reported that the office is working remotely. He asked members to send information for the weekly newsletter to him at emark@cb.nyc.gov. As of May 4th DOS will not be picking up organics for the future. He is waiting to hear about what will be going on in the area this summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

License Committee Lucy Acevedo/Orlando Mendez Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Orlando Mendez thanked everyone who joined us on April 2nd for the Zoom License Committee Meeting. A quorum was present. There was one new application and two applications for alterations.

New Application: La Tombola 3052-3078 W. 21st Street- This business is taking the place of Kitchen 21. Full restaurant and bar. Committee vote, with quorum present was In Favor 9, Opposed 0, Abstention: 0 Motion carried.

There were no questions from members of the Board.

Vote: In Favor: 38 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recuse: 1

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

Alteration: Legends (Ford Amphitheater) – Eliminate license for Kitchen 21. Change location of venue to ground floor-in amphitheater. Full finger food

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concession & alcoholic beverages in amphitheater. Committee vote, with quorum present was In Favor 9; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0 Motion carried.

Board member Selina Grant wanted to make sure that Legends will no longer operate Kichen 21. Alan Newman agreed.

Vote: In Favor: 38 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recuse: 1

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

Alteration: Terazo NYC – To change location of bar from left side of the restaurant to right side of the venue. Liquor license currently in place.

Committee vote with quorum present was In Favor 9; Opposed 0; Abstentions: 0. Motion carried.

There were no questions from members of the Board.

Vote: In Favor: 39 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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

BY LAWS COMMITTEE: Michael Silverman, Chair

The review of and change in the By Laws is finally coming to an end. The Committee met last night for what is hoped will be the last time. The plan is to move forward and present to the full board beginning with the September Board Meeting. The changes need to be presented for two consecutive months (Sept. and October) including discussion, if needed and then presented for a third time (November), at which time a vote of the full Board will be taken. Prior to the Sept. Meeting each Board member will receive a copy of both the old and new By Laws, so that the members will be able to see the changes made.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Michael Silverman, Chair

There have been five bios received for the seats up for election.

- Chair – Lucy Acevedo
- 1st V ice Chair – Jeff Sanoff
- 2nd Vice Chair – Zunera Ahmed
- Treasurer – Dionne Brown

Recording Secretary- Shimon Rinkovsky

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Nominations from floor for those interested in running for office will be allowed during the May meeting only. Bios of all candidates have been submitted and will be sent to Board members prior to June meeting. At the June meeting; candidates may offer a brief 3 minute speech for their candidacy. The vote will take place at the June, 2020 meeting via Zoom. A roll call will be done on Zoom. Tabulation will be verified by the Nomination Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Barbara Santonas