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COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: Wed., May 27, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc: Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joann Weiss  
Zunera Ahmed  
Patricia Brown  
Nadine Dabney  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Brian Gotlieb  
Bernard Kaufman  
Irene Olson  
Jeff Sanoff  
Pat Singer  
Barbara Teitelbaum  
Kumali Zairee

Lucy Acevedo  
Lakeisha Bowers  
Marion Cleaver  
Mark Davidovich  
Wanda Feliciano  
Selina Grant  
Yelena Makhnin  
Shimon Rinkovsky  
Fran Schwartz  
Evelyn Strasser  
Gloria Watkins

Shirley Aikens  
Dionne Brown  
Joe Corace  
Lolita Divilova  
Olga Fort  
Queenie Huling  
Orlando Mendez  
Michael Russo  
Michael Silverman  
Jack Suben  
Annette Wesley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mario Caggiano  
Erum Hanif  
Pat O'Brien  
Sheikh Ullah  
David Wynn

Alexander Chadaev  
Amarilyis Herrera  
Michael Quinn  
Dennis Vourderis

Alfie Davis  
Thomas Hopkins  
Pervez Siddiqui  
Shazia Wattoo

OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

Eddie Mark, Dist. Mgr. Hanna Glikman, Comm. Assoc. Shirley Grant, Secy Barbara Santonas, Secy

Joann Weiss, Chairperson opened this Zoom Monthly Board meeting with a Moment of Silence for all who have been lost or who have lost family, friends, acquaintances due to this pandemic. Also, a Moment of Thanks for all who have survived and a Moment of Prayer for all to stay strong.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Christopher Greif – On MTA buses access front the front of the bus is accessible for handicapped persons with walkers, canes, wheelchairs. These riders must show their Metro cards. Any problems should be emailed to [accessibility@MCT.com](mailto:accessibility@MCT.com). Also keep in mind that from 1-5 a.m. there is no subway service, only bus service is available. Board member Lucy Acevedo asked when non-payment will stop. Chris said date for resumption of payment has not been made. The MTA will advise.

Craig Hammerman – He is asking for resolution calling for NYPD to allocate additional bicycles and gators to be given to the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct. (See attached statement)

This resolution should be done while NYPD is still intact. Get the equipment to keep public safe.

Ida Sanoff remarked that the Social Distancing Ambassadors on the boardwalk are not wearing masks. They truly are not effective. Volleyball players not wearing masks, walkers not wearing masks, PEP personnel by the jetty also not wearing masks.

Evie Strasser agrees with Craig Hammerman's statement about Parks and NYPD cars/trucks on the boardwalk. This has been a problem for many years. Something must be done.

MINUTES: Marion Cleaver questioned the fact that in last month's minutes, it was stated under Nominating Committee Report, that bios of the members running for election would be sent to all board members prior to this month's meeting. Michael Silverman, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee had sent Secretary an email correcting the prior minutes, saying bios are not going out until prior to the June board meeting. Marion stated that changing the minutes that were taken and sent out, cannot be done; if problem the correction should be an addendum.

MOTION: To accept the minutes, as corrected was made and seconded by Irene Olson.

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

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Shout out to Deno who changed one of his machines to make face masks. Shout out to "our" Shirley who has gone into the office by train once a week to make sure all bills are paid. There will be an Education Committee meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. CM Treyger will be one of the guest speakers. Update on Summer School and opening of school next Fall.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

CM Treyger, just came from Chairing a seven hour Education Committee meeting in City Council. He stated he is quite concerned about the number of lives lost in our community. The Health Department is reporting that our community has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest death rate per capita in the City. We have an abundance of nursing home, adult care homes in our Community. We are making sure that we give voice to all the people whose lives were lost to this virus. We need information to make informed decisions going forward. It has been difficult to get correct information.

As a reminder; the plan to open beaches impacts our community like no other community. We cannot have streets opened for extra space due to fact that most of our main streets are bus routes. The beach/boardwalk plan must take into consideration that our residents use the beach/boardwalk as part of their lives. We need outdoor handwashing stations installed, however even if we could get them, they are on back order. City agencies are not modelling good behavior. Some personnel not wearing masks or socially distancing themselves. Mayor has told NYPD not to enforce. City personnel giving out free masks. Schools serving meals giving out masks. In our District the schools are I.S. 202, P.S. 288 and P.S. 90.

Testing sites include Ida G. Israel (Diagnostic site) M-S 8-3:30 p.m. No appointment necessary. Free of charge. They are working with the state to get an antibody testing site in the neighborhood. It is important what lab is doing testing. Bioreference Lab has a 98.5% accuracy in results.

The CM will be working with community boards and Education Committee in reference to Summer Learning. He does not believe there can be total reopening of NYC without opening of NYC School System. There will not be enough Social Workers for the 177,000 students who will be attending Summer School. He believes SYEP should be reinstated but we are in a difficult budget situation.

The City is looking at \$2 billion dollars in budget cuts to City (not specified by agency yet) if there is no help from the Federal and if Albany doesn't approve issuance of bonds, which will help pay for basic services. We are currently facing the worse fiscal crisis in modern times. There will be cuts to most Core Services (seniors, children, fire, police, EMS) very serious situation.

Jeff Sanoff wanted to know, how can EDC place priority on ferry over the education of our children. The CM agreed but said the ferry means more to residents of Coney Island than to residents of Dumbo or Brooklyn Heights. The ferry is a multi-pronged issue dealing with resiliency and the fact that our community is disconnected from other parts of the city. Residents of our community need multiple modes of transportation.

Pat Singer asked a question about whether the bonus in unemployment will continue in place over the summer. CM suggested she email him directly with specific information.

Olga Fiore-representing State Senator Diane Savino- She reported that the Senator sends her best wishes. She is in session in Albany. Her office has been working in conjunction with the other elected officials to distribute food and masks (in S.I. as well). She is very happy to see that hospitalizations and ICU admission are down Statewide. Wearing masks and social distancing is certainly helping. It is okay now to have small gatherings of less than 10 people which still social distancing. Olga reported that people are bringing their own volleyball nets and playing without masks.

P.O. Bulzoni reported that Parks has been putting up signs on the boardwalk. Jeff said that at last month's meeting, it was stated PD would confiscate the nets. If people bring their own nets, the only way they can be confiscated is if the players walk away and leave the nets, then PD can confiscate, cannot take in middle of a game. Joann asked if poles can be removed. They cannot as they are cemented into the ground below sand.

Sergei-representing Congressman Jeffries- Best wishes from the Congressman. He just left to return to Washington. The staff is still working remotely. If there is a problem contact the office 718-373-0033.

Despina-representing Congressman Max Rose- The Congressman has been able to get two Nation Guard units to Brooklyn VA Hospital to assist with testing.

Charlene Batts-representing AM Mathylde Frontus- The AM has just completed 9 weeks of distributing cooked meals to seniors. She has also donated 1500 PPE items, and assisted 300 people with unemployment issues. She will be distributing 400 PPE items at Key Food on W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. & West 35<sup>th</sup> St.

Inna Guzenberg-representing BP Eric L. Adams – Community Boards will have list of new appointees by May 31<sup>st</sup>. The BP is working to distribute PPE to residents of public housing (18,000 gloves and 100,000 fask masks) They have put up a website with updated information on Covid-19.

Inna wanted to know about the board's feelings on the Signal Modernization Project. Eddie explained that originally the project was to stop the F train from going to Coney Island on the weekends for 10 weeks. One weekend has already passed, there are 9 weekends left (until July 27<sup>th</sup>). We sent letter to Chavez from MTA in March, with copies of elected officials and stakeholders. No answer except BP Adams. If there is a silver lining, its that people are not coming in large numbers to the amusement area now. Additional buses will be put on, if needed.

Lolita Divilova reported that the B36 bus towards SeaGate, during peak hours in the morning run every 25 minutes. So crowded, no social distancing in bus, is it possible to have additional buses during the morning rush hours? Chavez will try and get answer.

REPORTS:

Nominating Committee

Michael Silverman, Chairperson

The Chairperson presented the names of the members who have submitted their bios for election for the upcoming election.

- Lucy Acevedo – Chairperson
- Jeff Sanoff – First Vice Chair
- Zunera Ahmed – Second Vice Chair
- Shimon Rinkovsky - Secretary
- Dionne Brown-Treasurer

He then opened the floor for nominations.

- Chairperson – no nominations from the floor
- First Vice Chair – no nominations from the floor      Nominations closed
- Second Vice Chair – no nominations from the floor      Nominations closed
- Secretary – no nominations from the floor      Nominations closed
- Treasurer – no nominations from the floor.      Nominations closed

Elections will be held at the June board meeting. Prior to that meeting all board members will be receiving the bios for each of the candidates. Vote will be by roll call.

Joann questioned that if there is no opposition to any position, can the Secretary cast one vote for the slate. (Yes)

OLD BUSINESS:      None

NEW BUSINESS:

Board member, Orlando Mendez wanted to introduce resolution to restrict vehicular traffic (60 Pct. Parks) of heaving vehicles on the boardwalk. Irene Olson said that such a resolution would restrict emergency services. Should use bikes, segways and gators on the boardwalk. Decision was to amend Orlando's motion and refer to the Public Safety Committee. Evie Strasser remarked that Atlantic City has no heavy vehicles on the boardwalk. She has been bringing this issue up for years. A Public Safety Committee meeting will be scheduled shortly.

P.O. Bulzoni agrees with the resolution, in theory, but can't request that PD use equipment they done have. No chance of getting any new equipment now.

Selina Grant discussed the need for a Stop Sign on Surf Avenue & West 37<sup>th</sup> St. Joann spoke to Hanna and Hanna said can't have Stop sign. Hanna to write letter to DOT Commissioner that not having Stop Sign is unacceptable to the community. Selina said at least there should be more illumination at the corner for safety.

Michael Silverman asked about the status of the traffic light/left turn signal that was to be installed on West 5<sup>th</sup> St. & Neptune Avenue. (office will check)

Barbara Santonas