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COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: Wed., June 24, 2020

Time: 7 p.m.

Loc.: Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lucy Acevedo  
Dionne Brown  
Marion Cleaver  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Brian Granoff  
Thomas Hopkins  
Orlando Mendez  
Joseph Packer  
Shimon Rinkovsky  
Priscilla Santos  
Michael Silverman  
Jack Suben  
Dennis Vourderis  
Annette Wesley

Zunera Ahmed  
Patricia Brown  
Joe Corace  
Olga Fort  
Selina Grant  
Queenie Huling  
Pat O'Brien  
Milagros Quiles  
Michael Russo  
Fran Schwartz  
Pat Singer  
Barbara Teitelbaum  
Gloria Watkins  
Joann Weiss

Lakeisha Bowers  
Mario Caggiano  
Nadine Dabney  
Brian Gotlieb  
Erum Hanif  
Bernard Kaufman  
Irene Olson  
Michael Quinn  
Jeffrey Sanoff  
Pervez Siddiqui  
Evelyn Strasser  
Edrta Volaroyaska  
Shazia Wattoo  
Kumali Zairee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mark Davidovich(e)  
Yelena Makhnin(e)

Wanda Feliciano  
David Wynn

Amarilys Herrera

**OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Assemblywoman Mathylde Frontus gave an update of what she and her office had been doing in the last month. She stated that during these difficult times her office has been deal with assisting many of her constituents. They have helped at least 500 people with problems dealing with unemployment benefits. She and members of her staff took part in the recent peaceful demonstration in Coney Island. This is a very stressful time for African Americans. She has been in session and is hoping to complete the budget process in the near future. Anyone needing assistance should contact her office.

Chairperson, Joann Weiss, opened the June meeting (her last as Chair) with a Moment of Silence for community resident Delores Deloesch who passed away recently. She also asked for prayers for the continued recover of Rocco Brescia, former board member, community resident and friend, who has been ill, but is doing better.

She then introduced and welcomed our new board members, Brian Granoff, Erdita Volaroyaska, Joseph Packer, Milagros Quiles and Priscilla Santos.

**PRESENTATION:** Clifford Laroche - Equity Engagement Unit, Test and Trace DOH

Mr. Laroche begins by stating this Unit is run by the City of New York, Department of Health. Its purpose is to give free and easy tests to find people who have Covid-19, safely isolate them to prevent the spread of this disease. There are at least 180 test sites open. If the person is unable to isolate safely in their home, they should contact 311 and City will provide health care and will protect privacy. All information is confidential and has nothing to do with immigration status. He asked the community to get the word on testing out. The test is quick and easy.

Board member Jeff Sanoff asked if they also test for antibodies (YES). Gov. Cuomo said that if people come to NY from states with high incidence of virus, they must quarantine for 12 days.

Board member, Kumali Zairee said there are people who live in her building dying and no one is doing anything. Mr. Laroche said that this is a public health crisis and so many are affected. Difficult to follow all deaths.

Board member, Selina Grant asked if contact tracing is done only in person or using other devices as well. Mariyah Markh (CAU) said only way to get information is to contact person who is found positive for virus and then follow up with people as possible.

Board member Susan Flaschenberg feels that the tracers are not getting the information needed because they are not trained to ask appropriate questions.

Any further questions that need answers can be emailed directly to Clifford.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Jason Chen – NYC DOS – Alternate Side of the Street Parking is being changed from 6/29 to end of summer. Streets that have two days a week, will have only one day (later day on sign). There will be no pickup on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Put garbage out late on July 4<sup>th</sup> for pick up on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ida Sanoff-community resident- During a demonstration there were hundreds of bike riders on the boardwalk. The NYPD was aware of the demonstration, why were the riders allowed on the boardwalk? P.O. Bulzoni said that there was no way to stop the protest without physical altercation. There was no obedience problem noted. There will be a Round Table meeting at the Amphitheater tomorrow night with members of 1 PP to discuss this and similar problems. Joann Weiss suggested that people who have a problem with this or any issue attend the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct CC meeting tomorrow night. Orlando Mendez stated that the Parks Dept. had painted over the "No Bike Riding after 10 a.m. signs on the concrete at the entrance to the boardwalk. Everyone should contact the Parks Dept.

Christopher Greif- Any customer who uses a walker, cane or other assisted device has the right to enter the bus on the front entrance. If there is a problem contact [access@nymta.com](mailto:access@nymta.com). There will be extra B68 buses on the weekend routes beginning this weekend.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:**

CM Mark Treyger- Congratulated Dionne Brown as the new Female District Leader for the 46 CD. He also congratulated State Senator Diane Savino for her win in the Primary. He also commended the first responders on their actions for the apartment house fire. The CM also discussed the Mayor's opening of the Beaches on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The public toilets on the boardwalk will be staffed and cleaned. SYEP will be hiring local youths. Social Distancing Ambassadors will be on the boardwalk giving out masks and educating the public on social distancing. On the budget, there is a gap between the Mayor and the City Council. There is no guidance on opening schools and with the huge cuts to the education budget, it will be impossible to do what is necessary to open the schools in September. Licensed educators will be needed now, more than ever before. The Mayor and Council are very far apart in budget negotiations. The CM will not support the firing of 5500 SSA. There must be school based solutions to obtain a safe, responsible reopening in the Fall.

As of now the Principals are in the dark about their budgets and how the need to set up their schools for the Fall. The CM is working very hard for full restoration of the school budgets. The Budget is due before July 1<sup>st</sup>. NYS has a big role to play. The Gov. needs to give the City an additional \$2million in State Aid. Christopher Grief asked if the SSA's are trained to deal with special needs children. Barbara Teitelbaum said that the need for additional Social Workers and Guidance Counselors in the city schools are greater no then ever before. The CM asked that if any SW or GC are cut in a particular school please let him know. Damien Charles advised the CM that 5G apparatus is being put in and the B74 bus should have their route changed due to this construction. The CM will look into this, he was not aware of the situation. Gloria Watkin reminded the CM that 20 years ago City had Safe Streets, Safe City and worked closely with Teamsters Local 237.

Francesca Gallela-representing Congressman Max Rose – On behalf of the Congressman, she congratulated the new board members. She will assist everyone in whatever way she can.

Mariya Markh – representing CAU- Wished everyone a belated Happy Father's Day, especially Eddie who celebrated his first Father's Day. On behalf of CAU she welcomed all the new board members. She thanked Eddie for allowing the presentation on the Trace Team. There will be a special fireworks presentation on July 4 on NBC TV. There have been small fireworks in each of 5 boroughs during the last week. They have been taped and will be presented on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. Going into Phase 2 – opening Houses of Worship at 25% capacity, using social distancing and wearing masks. On June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. on Channel 11, there will be a virtual graduation for all students who graduated in NYC. There will be celebrity speakers.

Sergei-representing Congressman Jeffries- The staff is still working remotely. All calls being answered as quickly as possible.

Inna-representing Brooklyn Borough President Adams- The BP wishes everyone a Happy & Healthy 4<sup>th</sup>. The staff has been distributing Covid-19 packets and masks to public housing. The BP congratulates all new board members.

#### **MINUTES:**

Motion made by Michael Russo, seconded by Evelyn Strasser to accept the minutes as submitted:

VOTE: In Favor: 37                      Opposed: 0                      Abstention: 0

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

Dionne Brown- She thanked CM Treyger for his support and to all the community residents who signed her petitions and she also thanked Lucy for hosting. She has a deep desire to serve the people in the district. She wants to see change and use all the resources available for the community. There is lots of work ahead and she looks forward to working with all members of the community.

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

Joann gave her final report as Chairperson. She said she enjoyed working with the community as Chair for the last four years. She will continue to work as a board member for the betterment of the community and the quality of life for all it's residents.

#### **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Eddie wished everyone a belated Happy Father's Day. We are entering Phase 2 with restaurants opening outdoor seating. Beaches will open with lifeguards on July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be committee meetings during the month of July to decide on District Needs. Schedule of these meetings will be emailed to members. Most probably in the Fall our meetings will still be virtual but will be on Web-X instead of Zoom. Eddie will do a workshop for all members, on using Web-X by mid July.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Land Use Committee

Marion Cleaver, Shimon Rinkovsky, Co-Chairs

The Committee had informational meetings:

- Nixon Court – potential building – Lawyer Eric Palatnik made presentation. Will come back to board once it project is certified.
- McDonald's Drive Thru- West 8<sup>th</sup> St. Vote for approval of Zoning Change (committee approved)

VOTE: In Favor: 36                      Opposed: 0                      Abstention: 0

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

Parks Committee

Barbara Teitelbaum, Susan Flaschenberg Co-Chairs

Committee meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion of use of heavy vehicle, NYPD, Parks, other city agencies on the boardwalk. These heavy vehicles have been on the boardwalk for years. The condition of the boardwalk is deteriorating. Parks has reached out to City Hall for assistance for money for repairs, nothing being done. After discussion, decision that Joann will write letter to the Police Commissioner, requesting purchase of lighter weight vehicles specifically for 60<sup>th</sup> Pct to use on boardwalk, even though we know there is no money now. We want to go on record. (The PC has received the letter and sent a response).

Education & Library Committee

Lakeisha Bowers, Chairperson

Committee meeting was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to CM Treyger, Superintendent DiMola and Principal Leong for their input. Parents will be receiving gift cards for each school age child, up to age 18, in the amount of \$420 for missed school meals from March to June.

Nominating Committee

Michael Silverman, Chair

Chairperson Michael Silverman explained the procedure: April – Anyone board member who wished to run for office was to submit a resume. Committee was chosen-Susan Flaschenberg and Patricia Brown and himself as Chair. The resumes received were; Lucy Acevedo-Chair, Jeff Sanoff-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Zunera Ahmed-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary-Shimon Rinkovsky and Treasurer-Dionne Brown. At the May Board meeting, nominations were opened to the floor; there were no additional nominations, nominations were closed.

Michael Silverman made motion, seconded by Michael Russo to vote for candidates for Chair, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer as previously indicated, by acclamation. This is for a term of two years beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022. (so voted).

Lucy thanked Joann for all she did during her term and she looks forward to working with the members of the board and the community in the years ahead. She thanked Marion for her years and Parliamentarian and Gloria for her years as Sargent At Arms. Michael Silverman will be our new Parliamentarian and Thomas Hopkins will be the new Sargent-At-Arms. Yelena will be Co-Chair of Licensing Committee and Annette Wesley will be Co-Chair of Education and Library Committee. Lucy will not be making changes to the committees. If any member would like to have a change, please notify Barbara by July 6<sup>th</sup> by sending in a committee request form. Orientation for new board members will be done via Zoom on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Joe Packer- he thanked Joann for all her hard work. He spoke about a Graduation event being held for students who graduated this June. It will allow them to received recognition of their achievements. He thanked Joe Corace and Kiwanis for assisting with the insurance. Joe Corace, said it was just a way of saying thanks to all the students for job well done.

Joe Corace- BB/Coney Island Kiwanis with help from Mapleton Kiwanis was able to send food to Coney Island Hospital twice during the pandemic. Also, we gave new microwaves to the nurses stations at the

hospital as well as to 60<sup>th</sup> Pct, TD34, PSA1 and the FDNY station next to the Precinct. We are in the process of getting another microwave to present to the FDNY on Neptune Avenue across from Mark Twain.

Lakeisha Bowers – She wants to know how the parents of the graduating students are being notified about the Graduation Event. Joe Packer said he is working with the Parent Coordinators. Lakeisha said the PC from 188 had no knowledge of the event.

Queenie Huling – Reported that C.I.H. is now allowing visitation for patients, 4 hours a day. Monday-Friday 1-3 and 5-7. All visitors must call in prior to 10 a.m. on the day they wish to visit.

Brian Gotlieb- Shorefront Toys for Tots and Apna held a Spring Celebration. 500 families were given food and 200 children were given toys. Thanks to Erum, Pervez and their staff as well as Dionne and Lakeisha for their help.

Evelyn Strasser-Congratulations to new members. Thanks to Joann for a great job. Everyone have a wonderful summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Barbara Santonas