



**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13**  
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Chairperson

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District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wed. Sept. 23, 2020

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

**Loc.:** Web-X

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lucy Acevedo  
Joe Corace  
Lolita Divilova  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Bernie Kaufman  
Mark Davidovich  
Amarilys Herrera  
Orlando Mendez  
Pat Singer  
Selina Grant  
Gloria Watkins  
Orlando Mendez  
Shimon Rinkovsky  
Priscilla Santos  
Kumali Zairee  
Tatyana Segal  
Wanda Feliciano

Brian Gottlieb  
Mario Caggiano  
Marion Cleaver  
Dionne Brown  
Zunera Ahmed  
Erum Hanif  
Lakeisha Bowers  
Fran Schwartz  
Jack Suben  
Michael Silverman  
David Wynn  
Annette Wesley  
Barbara Teitelbaum  
Dennis Vourderis  
Erdita Volovodovskaya  
Thomas Hopkins  
Pat O'Brien

Brian Granoff  
Nadine Dabney  
Queenie Huling  
Pat Brown  
Olga Fort  
Shirley Aikens  
Michael Russo  
Joe Packer  
Jeff Sanoff  
Milagros Quiles  
Shazia Watoo  
Michael Quinn  
Joe Packer  
Pervez Siddiqui  
Joann Weiss

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Yelena Makhnin(e)

Evelyn Strasser(e)

Irene Olson(e)

**GUESTS:**

Craig Hammerman, Ida Sanoff, Craig Kligfield, Ken Lazar, Andrew Olson, Jenny Arcelius, Mariyah Markh, Win Wharton, Chief Mandala, Mark Meryk, Dawn Mario Lupo, Carolyn Brown, Melissa Rosenberg, David Anderson, Inna Guzenfeld, P.O. Frank Bulzoni, Sergei

**OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Community Affairs Officer Frank Bulzoni explained the new YCO Program. Youth Officers will go into schools, centers, etc to reach all children in any way, shape or form. Thursday evening, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a meeting with Asst. Commissioner O'Connor and representatives of 5 other precincts on West 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Surf Avenue. Discussion will be about programs in place and how everyone can work together. Frank will be in at 1 p.m. that day if any information is needed. (The office will send out notice of this event tomorrow).

**CAPITAL/EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES:**

Eddie reported that committees met during the summer to come up with budget priorities for the 2021 fiscal year.

- 1 Improve access to building in parks (maintain and repair boardwalk)
- 2 Other health care facility request (C1 Trauma Center at C.I.H.)
- 3 Other request for physical building etc. (protect the shoreline)
- 4 Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garage or other sanitation facilities (Sanitation garage to be used for C.B. 13 and C.B. 15)
5. DEP install sanitary sewer lines.
6. Repair seawalls and bulkheads
7. Provide surveillance cameras for problem areas
8. Recreation center in Park (W.25<sup>th</sup> St. behind Mark Twain I.S.)
9. Improve infrastructure/bio swells
10. Upgrade precinct house

Pat Singer wants HPD put in the expense budget.

Selina Grant remarked that she thought when the Capital Budget was originally discussed at the Environmental Committee meeting, decision was made to include environmental issues on the priority list. (She will call Eddie tomorrow to discuss).

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

Ida Sanoff: - She requests that residents call the Governor's office and ask him to support 7295/Assembly Bill 9595 to protect Jamaica Bay from toxic dumping. Similar legislation came before him in the past and he did not approve it. (Ida will send information to Hanna for distribution to board members).

Craig Hammerman - He remarked that in February he discussed Intro 1888 which was put before the City Council by CM Mark Treyger to decrease number of heavy vehicles on the boardwalk. Due to the pandemic the number of heavy vehicles that used the boardwalk had decreased. The Community Board sent a letter to the Police Commissioner at that time, requesting that the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct be given lighter weight vehicles for use on the boardwalk. Beginning in April, again there was an increase of heavy vehicles on the boardwalk. He also said that at a meeting of the Community Council, Deputy Inspector Haywood reported that due to the efforts of our Ex-O, Capt Doesberg, the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct was able to borrow smaller vehicles for the summer season. Unfortunately the equipment was only on loan and there is no guarantee that we will be able to borrow it again next summer. He is asking that we contact our elected officials and show that we agree with the Councilmember that whatever can be done, to make sure we have lighter weight vehicles on the board for next season. (The Board received a letter back from the Commissioner stating there was no money in the budget for the foreseeable future, for these types of vehicles. Also, he asked that the Board schedules a meeting when both the Councilmember and Deputy Inspector are available so a conversation can begin talking about real targets for when we can hope to see a car-free boardwalk.

**PRESENTATION:** 1607 Surf Avenue – Phase 2 – Win Wharton

This project is part of the rezoning of 2009, which was to build new, affordable housing and retail along the Surf Avenue corridor. Phase 1 project will hopefully be completed by end of 2020 or early 2021. All of these projects will be 100% affordable for different incomes. The partners in this project are BFC Partners, L&M and Taconic. Hiring- local workers will be hired as will MWB participants. Mr. Wharton then explained the actual building and its configuration.

Craig Hammerman asked how many parking spaces will be available, if solar energy will be used as well as green infrastructure. Will there be bike parking (yes), but no bike sharing at this time.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jennie Arcius – representing AM Mathyde Frontus- The Assemblywoman met with various members of the community and the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct to discuss budget issues in high crime areas.

Mariyah Markh – CAU – She stated that she is now officially the Community Board 13 Liaison. There is one week left to complete census. For each resident who does not respond, the state loses \$25,000. Please fill out the census form. South Brooklyn is seeing a spike in COVID-19. More Test and Trace will be done. During the upcoming Sukkoth Holiday Houses of Worship will be allowed 50% capacity for indoor prayers. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> will be first day for indoor dining with 25% of capacity and other procedures must be adhered to. Free flu shots will be given. She will send locations to board office.

Barbara Teitelbaum wanted to know how the Mayor's office will be checking Houses of Worship. The Sheriff's Office will be going around doing Education/Outreach.

Mark Mernyk commented that there is surely an uptick, gratefully Brighton Beach is not included on the list, but they are close.

Sergei Chuprik - representing Comptroller Scott Stringer. The office is still working remotely. Any issues do not hesitate to reach out via phone or e-mail.

Inna Guzenfeld – representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. Yesterday the BP had a Ceremony honoring COVID-19 Heros in Brooklyn. The Borough President is presenting Real Recovery NYC Plan (to assist community of Color).

Ken Lazar – Department of Buildings. 100 Brighton Beach Avenue – the Law Department is in discussion with owner, tenant and subtenant. Will report findings when available.

David Anderson (Spoke for Dionne Brown because she was having trouble with her link). Remember to vote and complete the Census forms.

Dionne Brown, Co-District Leader (Link fixed). She stated that she joined with Co-Leader Mark Treyger, State Senator Diane Savino and Congressman Hakeem Jeffries to do several food distributions in the community. Currently doing Voter Registration and Census Drives. Poll workers have been assigned and are ready to go to work.

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Pat Singer, seconded by Joe Corace to accept minutes as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 49                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0

Motion Carried unanimously. Roll call on file at C.B. Office.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Chairperson Lucy Acevedo met with Alexandra Silversmith, Executive Director Alliance for Coney Island to do walk tour of the community, to see what the Community Board can do to help all areas of the community. She extended condolences to anyone who has lost family, or friends, from COVID-19. She said that the elected officials will be getting a letter from her explaining that going forward, the elected official will have no more than 8-10 minutes to speak/answer questions and their representatives, if the elected is not present, will only have 3 minutes to speak.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Eddie reported this is a very hard time for the City and our community. The Mayor is cutting back and so it looks like we will not be able to hire the new person until possibly January. All City agencies will have their staff do a one week furlough between now and March. Dates to be determined. La Tombola, the

New restaurants which took the place of Kitchen 21, is having a Comedy Night in the parking lot. Check their facebook page for information.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Parks Committee

Barbara Teitelbaum, Susan Flaschenberg, Co-Chair

Co-Chair Susan Flaschenberg reported on the Committee meeting held on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at which time the committee met with the Executive Director of the Art House, located on Surf Avenue. It is a place that teaches dance to children in Coney Island. The Director explained that they would be losing their lease in May, 2021. She wanted a letter of support from the community board to allow them to use available space in any of the area's parks. The committee could not give a support letter for various reasons, among them was that park area was being looked at for use by the DOE as outside space for schools. Also she did not go through proper channels, she should have contacted Department of Parks (as explained by Larry Majors), for the procedure to use. She would have been told that this kind of use would not be permitted. Joann Weiss added that they would lose their lease because they did not want to pay the increase in rent.

Economic Development Committee

Bernard Kaufman/Michael Russo Co-Chairs

Due to problem with Bernie's web connection, Eddie explained what had been discussed at the committee meeting. The Alliance is asking for a letter of support to continue the installation of new lighting and furniture in the area from W. 21<sup>st</sup> St. to W. 37<sup>th</sup> St. on Mermaid Avenue. (Mermaid Avenue/Coney Island Streetscape Project). Letter of Support was given.

Health Committee

Queenie Huling/ Co-Chair

Co-Chair Queenie Huling discussed about new owners taking over Surf Home for Adults at 2316 Surf Avenue. Ms. DiPaola & Mr. Lee West presented the proposal for the new facility. Extensive discussion was held and decision was Ms DiPaola was to send good neighbor letters from CB where other facilities are located. State Senator Diane Savino spoke of their behalf. They have a facility in her Staten Island District. Also, wants the new owner to come to the Committee meeting. (As of today, the good neighbor letters have not been received and new owner is out of state and will contact us upon their return).

Housing Committee

Pat Singer/ Co-Chair

Co-Chair Pat Singer discussed the presentation made by Win Wharton for Phase 2 building project which will be located at 1607 Surf Avenue, affordable housing. Phase 1 will be completed late this year or early next year. He needs a letter of support for Phase 2. After making the presentation, the Committee voted in favor of a letter of support.

Motion was made by Pat Singer seconded by Mario Caggiano for the board to give a letter of support for Phase 2 of this project.

VOTE: In favor: 49

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Michael Silverman reported that in the near future, all board members will receive copy of revised By Laws, which will begin discussion at the October General Board meeting. It will be discussed at Oct, Nov., and final vote will take place at the December board meeting. He gave a shout-out to Jack Suben for all his hard work at the committee meetings.

Selina Grant – She again spoke about the need for a Stop Sign, not a Yield Sign on West 37<sup>th</sup> St. and Surf Avenue (Eddie will follow up-DOT previously said sign could not be changed). She also reported that it is very dark on the corner of Neptune Avenue and West 29<sup>th</sup> St. A street light is really needed.

Jenny Arcius from AM Mathylde Frontus' office reported that the Guardian Angels will be in the community, to see what needs to be done.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Barbara Teitelbaum – She thanked the Community Board for all their work in trying to get the hydrant located IFO Key Food on Neptune, repaired. It took a long time, but it is finally repaired. Thanks for giving the area back their hydrant.

Michael Silverman – He reported that finally they have started installation of the left turn signal on Neptune and West 5<sup>th</sup> St., however, no work has been done for several days.

Barbara Santonas