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Community Board 13 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed., June 26, 2019

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: Education Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Acevedo
Marion Cleaver
Wanda Feliciano
Erum Hanif
Orlando Mendez
Thomas Hopkins
Fran Schwartz
Evelyn Strasser
Sheikh L. Ullah
Annette Wesley
Olga Fort

Dionne Brown
Nadine Dabney
Susan Flaschenberg
Amarilys Herrera
Pat O'Brien
Michael Russo
Pervez Siddiqui
Jack Suben
Gloria Watkins
Zunera Ahmed
Mario Caggiano

Patricia Brown
Lolita Divilova
Brian Gottlieb
Bernard Kaufman
Irene Olson
Jeffrey Sanoff
Michael Silverman
Barbara Teitelbaum
Joann Weiss
Shazia Wattoo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirley Aikens(e)
Mark Davidovich(e)
Queenie Huling(e)
Shimon Rinkovsky(e)
Dennis Vourderis(e)

Lakeisha Bowers(e)
Alereida Davis(e)
Yelena Makhnin(e)
Pat Singer(e)
David Wynn(e)

Joe Corace(e)
Selina Grant(e)
Michael Quinn(e)
Ronald Stewart(e)
Kumali Zairee(e)

OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

Eddie Mark, Dist. Mgr.
Shirley Grant, Secretary

Hanna Glikman, Community Associate
Barbara Santonas, Secretary

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by board member Evelyn Strasser.

PUBLIC HEARING:

New York Aquarium-Hudson River Demolition Project – Christian Durosini/Presenter: Russell Plouts
He is requesting a letter of support for restoration which will be completed by 2020. Mr. Plouts explained that the Hudson River building will be demolished and the plaza will be expanded into that space. After Sandy FEMA replaced the plaza in kind, now needs to be brought up to standard. Any additional expense the Aquarium will take care of it. This area will be used for holding. It will be next to the Ocean Wonders Shark Exhibit. There will be new planters, with trees and landscaping. Ida Sanoff remarked she hoped the planting would be native to this area for the migratory birds, etc. Russell Plouts said that all trees and plants will be native to the area. Time Table: Spring, 2020. Michael Silverman made a motion, seconded by Wanda Feliciano to write a letter of support.

VOTE: In Favor: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0
Motion carried unanimously (Quorum present). Roll call on file at C.B. Office.

Assemblymember Mathilde Frontus:

The Assembly member reported that she's been very busy in Albany and missed spending time with her constituents. She hopes that everyone has been following her on social media. She is now 99.9% sleep deprived but very glad to be home. It was a very busy legislative session. It has been 10 years since there was a democratic majority in the State Legislature. Bill P2A Pathways to Apprenticeship (job training). It will be for 5 weeks. There will be 4 informational sessions. The first one will take place on July 25th 6 p.m. at Carey Gardens. It will be for all trades. She reported that she has gotten funding of \$140,000.00 for new stoves and refrigerators for Site 8. She also has been able to obtain \$125,000.00

for 60 gators for the 60th and 68th Pcts and \$10,000.00 for the C.I. Clergy Coalition. She is starting an Interfaith Coalition to

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help substance abuse. The community misses Ameythist Woman's Project. The Assembly member wants to be very involved in mental health training and referrals. She other concern is about new housing developments in the area. She has gotten \$10,000 for NHS who will help Coney Island residents on how to apply for new housing. She suggested that resident visit her Assembly page when the 12 or so bills she presented (2 passed) are listed. One bill was NYC Housing testing for lead paint, air quality and water quality in our area. She mentioned that her office may be moving in the near future. She will be around during the summer and looks forward to working with the community.

Raised Shorelines-Coney Island Creek Bulkhead Improvement Project

Ricky DiCosta, EDC/Sam Hirsch, Capital Construction EDC was here last year for an update. Now the RFP is completed with repair of the bulkhead and storm surge protection. \$8-10 million was spent on a Resiliency Study of Coney Island Creek. This has been very complicated and expensive. They may not have enough money for 100 year flood plan. All the residents from West 23rd St. to Cropsey Avenue that are involved with the bulkheads have been made aware of the project and need to elevate and repair the bulkheads.

Ida stated that it would be cheaper to raise the shoreline then to install flood gates. Raising the shoreline would give more protection then having flood gates. Has community outreach been done? Who owns land parcels near the creek? Did EDC speak to the property owners? Jeff Sanoff asked exactly how many outfalls there are.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Arcady Zaydenverg – resident – He is one of 200 families who pay for parking in the municipal lot adjacent to the Boardwalk in Brighton Beach. On May 20th he received a letter from the DOT Commissioner giving them less than 2 months notice that there would be a rate increase from \$330 a quarter to \$500 a quarter (52% increase). During the summer there is always a parking shortage and this increase will effect people who cannot absorb the increase. CMDeutsch told the community he is working on this. He sent a letter to Commissioner Trottenberg and received an answer stating that the increased fees would remain as stated. He will continue to work on this issue. Mr. Zaydenverg said something must be done immediately.

Rose Adams- She is a working for the Bay News as a reporter. She is new to the area. Email is radams@schnepsmedia.com.

Emily Sherrod – City Parks Foundation – Summer Stage. Has 6 free concerts this summer at the Ford Amphitheater. Also there is Coastal Classroom for kids at Kaiser Park. Check on line for all pertinent information.

Devon Cohen – He thanked the Land Use Committee for their consideration of the Street Co-Naming for Rena "Rusty" Kanokogi Way.

Tsilya Skibityanskaya – resident – She lives adjacent to "My Mandarin" and the past 6 months has been a horror. The area has become a garbage dump. The owner of the store is arrogant and seems sick in the head. The store is supposed to close at 9 p.m. but doesn't close until midnight. The corner must be kept clean. Big Bazaar is now doing the same thing, making the area a disgusting place to live.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Samantha Ross – representing Councilmember Mark Treyger – The budget finally was approved. P.S. 188 2.4m for a Stem Suite; P.S. 329 \$800,000 for gym floor; P.S. 90 \$400,000; P.S. 288 A/C Cafeteria, library and auditorium. C.I.H. OB/GYN Suite. \$100,000 Heart Share, At Risk Youth and GED Program. The CM is having another Silent Disco at 7 p.m. on the boardwalk. Everyone is invited to attend. Lucy Acevedo thanked the CM for the \$42,500. Gloria Watkins reminded everyone that C.I. needs Youth Programs.

Ari Kagan – representing Comptroller Scott Stringer. Ari reported that the Comptroller has a new project to access affordable child care in New York City for low income families. Another program is Teacher Residency Program – of all teachers hired in 2012, 41% of the teachers have resigned. There needs to be Mentor Teachers to assist new teachers in the first couple of years of their professional life.

Inna Guzenfeld-representing Brooklyn Borough President – Wishes for Happy Summer. Outreach for Census 2020. There will be opioid training at C.I.H. on July 16th. July 2nd there will be a Housing Workshop at 6 p.m. Contact Eddie for further information.

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Zunera Ahmed-Congressman Max Rose. The Congressman had Town Hall meeting. The 911 Victims Compensation Fund passed the judiciary committee. There are several NYCHA problems- Marlboro Houses will have parcel boxes placed in building as a pilot project.

Sam Chuprok – representing Congressman Jeffries. There will be another Congressman on your Corner on July 21st from 2-4 p.m. on Brighton Beach Avenue and Coney Island Avenue IFO Chase Bank.

Maria Markh – representing Mayor's Office. She is working with the community to get to the bottom of the problem with "My Mandarin". The Mayor's Office has had a bad few months dealing with the continuing problems of hate crimes in the City. There will be a new Mayoral Office working opening this summer working with other City agencies to prevent hate crimes. Board Member Pat Brown remarked that a young African American man who grew up in Coney Island just graduated from West Point and no publicity was given to this, but there is always negative publicity to things that happen in Coney Island.

Lenny Markh – representing Assembly member Steven Cymbrowitz – The Assembly member is working on a Tenant Protection Law.

MINUTES:

Michael Silverman made a correction to Chairperson's Report – Should say Surf Avenue, not Surface Ave. Motion made by Wanda Feliciano, seconded by Bernie Kaufman to accept minutes as corrected.

VOTE: In Favor: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Joann introduced all the new board members. She announced that the committee request forms will be emailed tomorrow and must be returned by Monday, July 15th. She is adding a new Ad Hoc Committee – Interfaith Committee which will be co-chaired by Dionne and Jeff. Dionne remarked that hopefully this committee will join all faiths together and try to stop the increase in hate crimes. Jet Ski Problems: Met with Harbor Patrol and Parks Dept. Harbor Patrol said not much they can do about signage. Also, if summonses are given out and people go to court, judge has no knowledge as to what summonses are all about and they dismiss. Joann plans to get meeting with Dist. Mgrs of C.B. 11, 15, and 18 to discuss this problem. She met with News 12 on West 5th St. & Neptune Avenue to discuss traffic problems and need for left turn signal.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Community needs have been gone over by Committee Chairs for the Capital/Expense for 2020. The Board will vote on these priorities in October. Office is putting together "New Constant Contact" email.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dionne will give a Treasurer's Report in Sept.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There are summer meals (Breakfast/Lunch) until 8/30 for ages 3-18.
NNOAC Tues., 8/6 from 5-8 p.m. W. 12th St. from Surf to Boardwalk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee:

Irene Olson/Dionne Brown Co-Chairs

Read the minutes.

Land Use Committee:

Marion Cleaver/Shimon Rinkovsky Co-Chairs

The Committee voted to approve Co-Naming of Rusty Kanakogi Way. The Board voted to approve the co-naming of Rusty Kanakogi Way.

VOTE: In Favor 30 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion: Carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office.

The Committee voted to support The Resilient Housing and Open Space ULURP as long as it follows the Sea Gate Association's Rules and Regulations. The Board voted to approve the initiative as indicated.

VOTE: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion: Carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office

The Committee voted to support the Revocable Consent for construction of flood mitigation at Raven Hall Apartments at 2006 Surf Ave. The Board voted to approve this as indicated.

VOTE: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion: Carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. Office

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Transportation Committee:

Wanda Feliciano/Michael Quinn Co-Chairs

The Committee voted to approve Cropsey Avenue Safety Plan. This plan will continue the safety improvements on Cropsey Avenue from 26th Ave. to Bay 50th St. Motion made by Marion Cleaver, seconded by Lucy Acevedo to approve the Plan as presented to the Committee.

VOTE: In Favor: 30 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion: Carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. Office

License Committee:

Lucy Acevedo/Pat O'Brien Co-Chairs

Committee approved license for Ya Bar, Inc. 1003 Brighton Beach Avenue. The Board voted to approve this license.

VOTE: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion: Carried unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. Office

Old Business:

Board member Fran Schwartz remarked that the increase in rates for permits to park in the Brighton Beach Municipal Parking Lot is terrible. CM Deutsch is not helping at all. Makes promises, does nothing.

New Business:

Joann discussed the new OMB Policy and Procedure regarding increases in salary for office employees. Effective beginning this new fiscal year, any pay raise has to be voted on by the entire board or the board can vote to give the chairperson permission to make those decisions. Discussion: Marion Cleaver-made a motion to give this Chair, and all future Chairs the right to make personnel decisions on raises. Michael Silverman said that having it all on the Chair is too much for one person. Lucy said that all board members should vote on raises for office staff. They should vote on percent of raise, not on salary. Lucy Acevedo made motion, seconded by Jeff Sanoff, that all board members should vote on increase for office personnel. Irene Olson suggested forming a Compensation Committee. Lucy accepted that as an addendum to her motion.

MOTION: Any PAR action should be brought to the Executive Board for discussion and then brought to the full board for a vote.

VOTE: In Favor: 22 Opposed: 8 Abstentions: 0

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

Good & Welfare:

Gloria Watkins wished everyone a Happy & Safe Summer. Remember...if you see something, say something.

Jeff Sanoff congratulated board member Michael Silverman who was honored by the Progressive Democratic Club and Assembly member Colton as Man of Distinction.

Michael Russo reported that the Alliance will have another BID informational meeting at Garguilios on Friday morning at 10 a.m.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Barbara Santonas