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District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

Date: Wed. Sept. 25, 2019

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: Education Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joann Weiss  
Shirley Aikens  
Patricia Brown  
Joe Corace  
Alereida Davis  
Wanda Feliciano  
Selina Grant  
Thomas Hopkins  
Orlando Mendez  
Shimon Rinkovsky  
Fran Schwartz  
Pat Singer  
Jack Suben  
Gloria Watkins  
David Wynn

Lucy Acevedo  
Lakeisha Bowers  
Mario Caggiano  
Nadine Dabney  
Lolita Divilova  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Erum Hanif  
Bernard Kaufman  
Irene Olson  
Michael Russo  
Pervez Siddiqui  
Ronald Silverman  
Barbara Teitelbaum  
Shazia Wattoo  
Kumali Zairee

Zunera Ahmed  
Dionne Brown  
Marion Cleaver  
Mark Davidovich  
Olga Forte  
Brian Gottlieb  
Amarilys Herrera  
Yelena Makhnin  
Michael Quinn  
Jeffrey Sanoff  
Michael Silverman  
Evelyn Strasser  
Sheikh Ullah  
Annette Wesley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Alexander Chadaev(e)  
Dennis Vourderis(e)

Queenie Huling(e)

Pat O'Brien(e)

**OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Chairperson, Joann Weiss announced that Brighton Beach resident Judd Fischler passed away this past Monday. There will be a Memorial Service in the Spring.  
There will be a moment of silence in Judd's memory after the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION:**

Eddie discussed the Capital and Expense Budget which has been discussed in committee and is being distributed to the entire board to look over for further discussion next month at the General Board meeting. There are three folders – red – Capital, Blue – Expense and White – Continued Support.

We have been notified that there is no money for the Sanitation Garage which was to be used by DOS C.B. 13 and C.B. 15. It has been on the budget for the past 35 years. Two years ago, after being promised it would be built, we took it off as priority #1. C.B. 13 has no garage, now we are putting it back to priority #1. We will present it again to OMB and the City Council.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Regina Shmelkina –She has a non-profit Science, Math and Literacy Program. It is an interactive theater done at afterschool community center. It is based on school curriculum. Congressman Jeffries supports this organization.

Craig Hammerman - See attached statement given by him at the General Board meeting.

Ramon Guadalupe - He no longer represents AM Frontus. He is very concerned on the condition of the boardwalk. He is unhappy that the boards are a trip hazard and nothing is being done despite the boardwalk being a landmark. Planks on the pier also are lifting up, creating trip hazards. If nothing is being done, why did we fight for landmark status if nothing helps get things done. He wants to reignite the community to help them focus, and organize a rally to get things done.

Eddie added that the boardwalk repair is top priority in the budget.

Loren Avalino-Methodist Hospital Community Affairs. Coney Island is the fourth largest discharge base in Brooklyn. Methodist takes care of patients who have strokes, dementia. Methodist will build new Outpatient Center last quarter of 2020 or first quarter of 2021.

Sonia Castardi- She reported lots of garbage IFO houses in Brighton Beach. Also there is broken concrete caused by tree roots. She called 311 for repair. Nothing has been done.

Charlene Davis – She is resident of Coney Island and member of NAB (Neighborhood Advisory Board). The Advisory Board is having a meeting on Thursday at Carey Gardens in reference to the needs of the community. Come out to voice your opinion as to what our community needs. Thanks you to AM Mathylde Frontus for bring PSA2A to train young adults for jobs and upgrade the skills they already may have. On Bayview Avenue and W. 33<sup>rd</sup> St. parking has been taken away. Bus hazard- the buses turn like they're at a race track. Also, she wants alternate side parking to only be one day a week, so people don't have to more their cars to often. She tried to reach out to the elected officials to get alternate side reduced, but has not heard from any of the elected officials.

Moe Razvi- CEO Council People's Organization. 19 million people are eligible to get census funding of up to \$250,000. Deadline to request funding is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Latrice Jackson – Community Development Mgr ACS N.E. for the Breast Cancer Walk. Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - registration at 8 a.m. Kick off is 10 a.m.

Brian Granoff – Lifelong resident of our community/now lives in Brightwater Towers. Is an avid bike rider despite physical problem. Bike paths on Ocean Parkway are used by local residents. If the bike paths were safer, he believes they would be used more. In addition, the Shore Parkway bike paths is coming to life but it is missing the protected bike path connection to Cropsey Avenue/Neptune Avenue.

Michael Danza- Physics Professor KCC. There is a NSMIA meeting 10:30-1 pm on Saturday. Being held at the Aquarium. Also there is a clean up at Kaiser Park on Saturday. A Coastal Clean Up will also be done in the near future. Thanks to CM Treyger who gave P.S. 188 \$2.4 million for a STEM Lab. Eddie Mark is trying to obtain the fish tank that was at the Coney Island Applebees to be placed into the first ever DOE Community Aquarium at John Dewey H.S.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:**

CM Mark Treyger – Thank you to all members of C.B. 13 for attending tonight's meeting. DOT finally agreed to install L turn signal at West 5<sup>th</sup> and Neptune Avenue. Shout out to Michael Silverman from C.B. 13 Trash bags were removed over lights on Neptune and Cropsey Avenues.

CM Treyger remarked that P.S. 188 on West 33<sup>rd</sup> St. and Neptune Avenue was under funded. CM gave help and support \$2.4 million for STEM, music, virtual arts, hydroponics. In addition, CASA grant for ASC art program gave money for renovation of John Dewey High School kitchen.

P.S. 288 – CM Treyger stated that the scaffolding is coming down – community mural will be done. Problem with boardwalk was prior to his tenure. Investigation to fix boardwalk from Coney Island Avenue to Brighton 15th St. There is a ban on hardwood. Mayor DiBlasio put this ban on hardwood. Parks proceeded with project because they could. Mayor has the authority. Now since the boardwalk is landmarked, have to go to Landmark's Preservation. WCS endorsed call for sustainable hardwood. Trucks of any size should not be allowed on the boardwalk.

Maria Navarro discussed the air quality in Coney Island due to all the construction. Negative impact on quality of life for residents. Environment Committee is working on this issue. Committee meeting is being scheduled.

AM Mathylde Frontus- She reported that their office has officially moved to Mermaid Avenue and West 20th Street. They moved so that residents could find their office. She wants her office to be a community based hub for the 46 A.D. There is no sign on the office as of this date. There is a Russian case manager at the office one day a week. Twenty Coney Island resident are in the P2A Program. The Assemblywoman gave \$100,000 for the program.

Inna Guzenfeld-representing BP Eric Adams Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> BP will have the Autumn Festival at Brooklyn Bridge Park from 12-6 p.m. Monday there will be a Public Hearing for the ULURP at 271 Seabreeze Avenue, which is being done as of right with a commercial overlay.

Ari Kagan – representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer. Prisoners are being paid 40 cents per hour working while incarcerated. Can't live outside jail on that money. Parolees are all on the poverty level and are in need of assistance.

Sam Chreplik- representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries. The Congressman will have a Town Hall Conference on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at 9502 Seaview Avenue. Please RSVP to his office.

Zunera Ahmed – representing Congressman Max Rose. 911 Victim Compensation Fund Law has been passed and the President has signed it. It is funded until 2090. The Congressman will have a Transportation Town Hall meeting on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Il Centro. Since he became congressman, the office opened up 1100 cases, 700 of which have been closed. Their office is located at 8203 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jack Plushnick – representing CM Chaim Deutsch. Free Flu Shots at the office. Call for appointment. Free legal consultation and Entitlement Services. The CM wishes all who celebrate a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Tasmiah Ahmad – representing State Senator Gournardes. The Senator will be having a Community Forum on how to lower property taxes on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at the JCH, 702 Bay Parkway from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### **MINUTES:**

Correction: On the June minutes, under New Business, Motion made by Dionne Brown, should read "all board members "shall" vote on raises for office staff.

Joe Corace approved the minutes, Marion Cleaver seconded the acceptance of the minutes with correction.

VOTE: In Favor: 44                      Opposed: 0                      Abstentions: 0

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

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Joann reported on a very busy summer. National Night Out was a big success, in part due to the kindness of the Vourderis Family who opened the rides for all children during the event. Thanks to men and women of the 60<sup>th</sup> Pct for making this a fun event for the entire community. Construction projects are still very much a part of our day to day existence. Some will be completed soon and some will first be starting. We will continue to help the community in any way possible. We will form a By Laws Revision Committee that will bring our By Laws in line with the City. The City Council again this year gave each community board additional funds of \$42,500. This year there are specific guidelines on its spending. At a meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided that up to \$1499 will be done with the approval of the D.M. and Chairperson. From \$1500 to \$4,999 approval will be by the 5 elected members of the Executive Committee. From \$5,000 to \$9,999 approval will be needed of the Entire Executive Committee (5 elected members and co-chairs of all committees) and \$10,000 and over will need approval of the full community board membership. Joann remarked that each member of the community board is equal to every other member, no one is better than their counterpart. She will not accept nasty words or personal agendas. No room for this on our board. If you cannot be civil at a meeting, she asked that they not attend.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Check the calendar of events for important events for October. FDNY will have their annual open house in all fire houses throughout the city. Call each House for dates and times. Oct. 17 – Fall Harvest Festival at Kaiser Park. Oct. 26 – Halloween Children's Parade at MCU Park. Read the Community Board 13 Newsletyer. Finally we have an F express 2 trains 7:07 a.m. and 7:29 a.m. There is a Bike Path on Shore Parkway which goes through C.B. 11 and 13. Lafayette Park Playground will have Ribbon Cutting in the near future. Cancer Walk – Team C.B. 13 – Dionne is the lead since Eddie might be out because of Baby Linda's arrival.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Saturday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> NYC Library Celebration. Back to School Week.

Jeffrey Sanoff, Secretary

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There will be a Land Use Committee Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> in reference to 1025 Brighton Beach Avenue.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Selina Grant: Wants follow up on the air quality situation in our community. A meeting was supposed to be scheduled with appropriate city agencies, elected officials and C.B. 13 for a study and evaluation of air quality in the community. Also, a survey of structural integrity and quality of life issues.

We need to be mindful of the 4 Way Stop on West 37<sup>th</sup> St. & Mermaid Avenue. (This has already been put in the system and approved by DOT). Will check status with Ronda at DSC meeting.

Fran Schwartz: She discussed the ongoing problem in the Municipal Lot in Brighton Beach and the Boardwalk. Monthly fee went from \$330 to \$500 for permit. Residents need help as most permittees are senior citizens living on fixed income and cannot afford such an increase.

Lucy Acevedo: In the future do not distribute fundraising flyers with prices indicated.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dionne mentioned that there is a meeting of the Interfaith Committee on Monday, Oct. 21, 2019 at 7 p.m.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Joe Corace – Warned everyone to look out for Medicare fraud. There is a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on Emmons Avenue to send kids to Kamp Kiwanis for one week next summer.

Gloria Watkins – There is a Neighborhood Advisory Meeting tomorrow. It is a Public Hearing. All can come.

Joann Weiss – Welcomed back Ken Lazar from Dept. of Buildings.

Motion to adjourn made by Marion Cleaver, seconded by Evie Strasser at 9:00 p.m.