



## **BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13**

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### **COMMUNITY BOARD 13 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Wed. Nov. 20, 2019

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

**Loc.:** Education Hall

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joann Weiss  
Lakeisha Bowers  
Mario Caggiano  
Lolita Divilova  
Thomas Hopkins  
Yelena Makhnin  
Shimon Rinkovsky  
Michael Silverman  
Jack Suben  
Dennis Vourderis

Lucy Acevedo  
Dionne Brown  
Marion Cleaver  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Queenie Huling  
Pat O'Brien  
Jeffrey Sanoff  
Pat Singer  
Barbara Teitelbaum  
Annette Wesley

Zunera Ahmed  
Patricia Brown  
Mark Davidovich  
Olga Fort  
Bernard Kaufman  
Michael Quinn  
Fran Schwartz  
Evelyn Strasser  
Sheikh Ullah  
Kumali Zairee

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Shirley Aikens(e)  
Nadine Dabney(e)  
Brian Gotlieb  
Amarilys Herrera(e)  
Gloria Watkins(e)

Alexander Chadaev(e)  
Alfie Davis(e)  
Selina Grant(e)  
Orlando Mendez(e)  
Shazia Wattoo

Joe Corace(e)  
Wanda Feliciano(e)  
Erum Hanif(e)  
Irene Olson(e)  
David Wynn(e)

**OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:** Eddie Mark, Dist. Mgr., Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Shirley Grant, Secretary, Barbara Santonas, Secretary

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joann Weiss said that Olga Fiore's daughter is having cardiac surgery tomorrow. Prayers are needed.

**PRESENTATION:** Sculpture Installation at the New York Aquarium- Dr. John Dohlin, Dir. New York Aquarium

The Aquarium is planning on installing an original sculpture by Frank Stella, an influential living American artist. In 2016 she had a showing at the Whitney Museum. The proposed location of the sculpture will be on Surf Avenue inside the Aquarium, near the gate so that the sculpture is visible to Aquarium guests and the general public. It will be protected from climbers, up lite and with outside light on the downside. The project will be presented to the necessary Community Board committees beginning with the Parks Committee on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Mark Treyger – He remarked that the New York Aquarium is one of the few venues in Coney Island that is opened all year round. The Councilmember thanked all the board members who came out tonight. Today there was the ribbon cutting for Surf Vets Housing on Surf Avenue which has 82 apartments for homeless vets and approximately 30 apartments for community residents. There are services on site for all the residents.

be good faith discussions between all participants-Mayor and all city agencies involved. Jeff mentioned about

Councilmember Treyger discussed the situation with the businesses on the boardwalk whose leases are up on November 30<sup>th</sup>. They have been notified that their rents will increase by 500%. The Councilmember is working to see what can be done, if anything to change the situation. He is trying to get good faith discussions between all parties-perhaps including the Mayor and City agencies. He said that if nothing can be done, he feels it is the end of the mom and pop shops in the boardwalk area. The land these stores are on is still City/public land and should not be used to hurt small business. There will

Community Benefit Agreement and the Councilmember suggested a full time urban planner who could be of some assistance.

The Councilman discussed banking issues in Coney Island. Chase Bank has three branches in Brighton Beach. When residents have suggested that Chase open a branch in Coney Island, they were told to go to any branch in Brighton Beach. Also, the ATM on West 15<sup>th</sup> Street is most often out of cash.

What the residents of Coney Island need are stores that sell clothes, bakery and fish market. This would make the quality of life much better for all concerned. It would make sense if developers expanded the retail footprint of the community.

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Kouichi Shiravanagi – He is a full time dad and part time journalist. If anyone has a story about the community, he would like to be contacted at white [whitewillow64@gmail.com](mailto:whitewillow64@gmail.com)

Craig Hammerman – See statement on 271 Sea Breeze Avenue included.

Jahi Rose – Deputy director of Outreach & Public Affairs CCRB. The CCRB is a separate entity from the Police Department dealing with the public's complaints about police. The four situations they take care of concerning police are fatalities, force, abuse and discourtesy.

Brian Granoff – resident of Brightwater Towers- He feels that installing bollards is a great idea. He noticed an SUV driving down the W.6<sup>th</sup> Street walkway. He believes that bollards should be installed at W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and West Brighton Beach Avenue to avoid this sort of incident happening again.

Keith Suber – resident of Coney Island. He is questioning why the rents on the boardwalk are being raised by Zamperla. He asked if the Alliance can help to negotiate or can the community show its power in some way.

Rose Rose – resident of area. She feels very strongly about what is happening at 271 Sea Breeze Avenue. No mistakes can be made. Residential zoning should protect the senior population. There are lots of problem in a commercial district.

Steven Patzer – community activist- He is scheduling time at various senior centers to go and sing Sinatra. He is also having a Career Toy Drive and Officer Appreciation Day in the 3 Precincts in our area.

Ida Sanoff – Community resident/activist-271 Sea Breeze Avenue-Discussed need for more parking. Not to reduce number of parking spots. No zip cars.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Josephare Lector-representing AM Mathylde Frontus. The Assemblymember is giving away 100 turkeys on Monday at Carey Gardens at the C.I.Divas Luncheon. She is also doing coat distribution...please bring usable coats to the office. She also reported that there will be a Russian translator at the office two times a month. Board member Yelena Makhnin asked Josephare to explain why the Russian translator will only be at the office two times a month. At a prior meeting it was stated that the Assembly member would have a Russian translator in the office once a week on Fridays.. now it's only two times a month. Josephare said he would have to check with the Assembly member.

Inna Guzenfeld – representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams – On November 10<sup>th</sup> NYPD and the BP's office hosted a Walk of Hope-Opioid Addiction. There was an exemplary attendance from C.B. 13 (3 members) at the Public Hearing for 271 Sea Breeze Avenue.

Sam Chuprik-representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries – he reminded everyone that the soft deadline for the Service Academy application is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone still interested, please call the office.

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Jack Suben seconded by Jeff Sanoff to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 26                      Opposed: 0                      Abstention: 0

Motion carried-Roll call on file at C.B. Office

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Joann Weiss opened her remarks by congratulating board member Susan Flaschenberg on receiving The John D Solomon Award for Exemplary Service in Emergency Preparedness Education 2019.

Committees are meeting when needed and will continue to work together in the coming year for the betterment of our community.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Brighton Beach Branch of BPL had an Open House. C.I. Creek Workshop was done. On Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> we will have our Annual Caroling event. It will start at 5 p.m. at 60<sup>th</sup> Pct and continue to the Fire House on West 8<sup>th</sup> St., TD34 in the Stillwell Terminal and end at PSA 1 where hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- On Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> CM Treyger in conjunction with C.B. 13 will have a Resiliency Forum, 6 P.M. at the Coney Island Y 2980 W. 29<sup>th</sup> St.. ACE has been invited and will attend.
- Thanksgiving Feast for Senior Divas on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1-5 P.M. at Carey Gardens.
- P.S. 188 Parent Advisory Committee-Parent Appreciation Dinner Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 P.M.
- Coney Island Got Talent – Talent Show- Wed. Feb. 26, 2020.
- Unknown Bikers 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Toy Drive. Leave Toys at Liberation H.S. from 12/1-12/17. 1221 Bowery.
- Thursday, 11/28 – Alliance in collaboration with C.I. Gospel Assembly will host dinner from 11-3 p.m. at 2828 Neptune Avenue.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Parks Committee

Barbara Teitelbaum/Susan Flaschenberg Co-Chairs

Motion from Committee to approve placements of bollards at entrance to boardwalk at several points. Approval contingent upon Parks considering access for emergency vehicles and needs of local merchants.

VOTE: In Favor: 27

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Health Committee

Queenie Huling/Amarilys Herrera Co-Chairs

The committee had meeting with C.I.H. Speakers were from HHC/CIH Dr. Terence Brady and Mr. Daniel Collins explained the plans for the new building which is under construction.

Land Use Committee

Marion Cleaver/Shimon Rinkovsky Co-Chair

Presentation on 271 Sea Breeze Avenue. Motion from Committee to approve ULURP as submitted.

Motion made to approve ULURP as submitted for 271 Sea Breeze Avenue

VOTE: In Favor 26

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Recuse: 1

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

VOTE: In favor: 26

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Transportation Committee

Lolita Divilova/Wanda Feliciano Co-Chairs

DOT Presentation on Speed Cameras. Ronda Messer from DOT answered questions on The Speed Camera Program; Speed Limit signage and speed humps. Shirley Aikens discussed need for traffic light on West 22<sup>nd</sup> & West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Under new business Craig Hammerman discussed the Safety concerns on Brighton 11<sup>th</sup> Street. No quorum was present so Transportation Committee made recommendation that DOT should do study of unsafe traffic conditions on Brighton 11<sup>th</sup> Street but must return to the Committee/C.B. to discuss their findings prior to implementing any remedial measures.

MOTION: Made by Pat Singer, seconded by Lolita Divilova to approve the recommendation from committee in reference to Brighton 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

Board member Yelena Makhnin remarked that study had been done when light was put up on Coney Island Avenue. CM Deutsch has had meetings on this. Perhaps we should wait until the information is given before making this recommendation.

Board member Pat Singer said that in August 3 pedestrians were crossing at that intersection were hit by car and are still recuperating.

Environment & Sanitation Committee

Jeff Sanoff/Selina Grant Co-Chairs

Thanked Barbara for the minutes. Motion was made by Committee: We the members of Community Board 13's Environment & Sanitation Committee are extremely concerned about the poor air quality that has had a devastating effect on the health and wellbeing of the residents of our community. We request that the elected officials direct the appropriate agencies to conduct a comprehensive study of air quality in our densely populated community. This study will set forward potential measures to address this long standing issue that effects the quality of life of the residents of our district and surrounding communities.

VOTE: In favor: 26

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried. Roll call on file at C.B. Office. This motion to be sent to all elected officials including Borough President Adams, Mayor DiBlasio and Governor Cuomo

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Pat Singer – BNA will be giving out 100 turkeys tomorrow.

Jack Suben – He reminded everyone to come to the Resiliency meeting tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Barbara Santonas