



# BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13

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## COMMUNITY BOARD 13 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wed., Feb. 26, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: Education Hall

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Acevedo  
Patricia Brown  
Joe Corace  
Lolita Divilova  
Olga Fort  
Erum Hanif  
Pat O'Brien  
Jeffrey Sanoff  
Michael Silverman  
Gloria Watkins  
Kumali Zairee

Zunera Ahmed  
Mario Caggiano  
Nadine Dabney  
Wanda Feliciano  
Brian Gottlieb  
Amarilys Herrera  
Michael Quinn  
Fran Schwartz  
Jack Suben  
Shaziz Wattoo

Dionne Brown  
Marion Cleaver  
Mark Davidovich  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Selina Grant  
Queenie Huling  
Shimon Rinkovsky  
Pervez Siddiqui  
Dennis Vourderis  
Annette Wesley

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirley Aikens  
Alfie Davis  
Yelena Makhnin  
Irene Olson  
Ronald Stewart  
Sheikh L. Ullah

Lakeisha Bowers  
Thomas Hopkins  
Yelena Makhnin  
Michael Russo  
Evelyn Strasser  
Joann Weiss

Alexander Chadaev  
Bernard Kaufman  
Orlando Mendez  
Pat Singer  
Barbara Teitelbaum  
David Wynn

### OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

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

### PRESENTATION: Parking Summonses Advocate Office Jean C. Wesh, Esq.

Mr. Wesh explained what his office is about. The office helps constituents with parking ticket related issues. The office assists the public navigate the system by:

- Informing the public about the rules and regulations of the office.
- Reports and recommends how to fix certain problems.
- Each office is in a business center. The headquarters is in Manhattan. The office hours is listed on the website
- On line assistance will get a response within 48 hours.
- Walk ins accepted at any of the offices.
- Office can assist constituent in preparing the appeal.
- If constituent has representation by attorney or broker, this office cannot assist them.
- Give information on how to dispute summonses [nyc.gov/parking/advocate](http://nyc.gov/parking/advocate). Call 311
- Call business center.

Board member, Selina Grant, stated that there is a problem reading some of the parking signs. Some places the signs are conflicting. Could the Parking Advocate's Office contact the DOT about this? Mr. Wesh said that if they are given specific locations for the conflicting signs, they would reach out to DOT for assistance.

PRESENTATION: Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Project Chavez Gonzalez, Rasheed Dolor, MTA  
Christopher Greif, Member  
ACTA&NYCTRA

Mr. Gonzalez explained that they are here tonight to get community input on the existing conditions of bus transportation - Schedules, ridership problems, etc. This project will:

- Remap the bus network
- Engage and empower employees
- Take blank slate approach to remediate situation.
- No preconceived notions on change.

The MTA has distributed 17,000 pamphlets to inform the public about the redesign. They received 2300 responses.

- Bus priorities-select bus routes.
- Reduce number of bus stops that are close to each other.
- Reduce using narrow streets and making fewer turns (done on case by case basis).
- Improve bus connections.
- Decrease wait time.
- Decrease travel time.

MTA

- Will work with DOT.
- Develop Draft Plan with proposed route changes. The Draft Plan will be available within the next few months.
- Will ask community for their feedback.

Board member, Lucy Acevedo suggested that the Draft Plan be sent to the Community Board in PDF so it can be emailed to all board members.

Board member, Kumali Zairee reported that the B74 buses generally are very dirty. Also, the last stop instead of being under the subway station is on Mermaid Avenue the corner of Stillwell Ave. Across from McDonalds. All riders who need to go to the station must cross Stillwell Avenue, which has become hazardous due to streets that are rough and still under construction, cars that drive without knowing where to go, due to construction-all of which makes for a very dangerous crossing.

Board member, Zunera Ahmed requested that the time schedules which have been removed from bus stops be reinstated. Many people don't know how to use the MTA app on their phone, if they have a phone.

Board member Lolita Divilova remarked that they need additional express buses. Also need more bus lines coming into Coney Island.

Chavez Gonzalez discussed the next phase of the Culver CBTC which begins on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The F train service will be suspended between Church Avenues. Shuttle bus will be available or take the Q train to Coney Island. This will go on until late October-weekends only.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

James Neimeister – NYC Census 2020- Doing outreach hopefully we will get a full and accurate count of all people. In the past, Coney Island and Brighton Beach had the lowest self response rate in the 2010 census. This time around the Census will be safe, easy and can be filed out on line, on the phone or in person. As a result of the Census, \$650 billion in federal funds usually go to the states. There will be a community outreach event from 3/8 to 3/11/2020. Discussion about the fact that is a good idea for workers to come from the area that they live in.

Ida Sanoff – community resident – She stated that East Northport schools have been closed due to elevated degree of mercury and benzene. She feels that dredging for the ferry pier will be unsafe and mix up toxic materials into the air.

Jahi Rose, Deputy Director Outreach CCRB- He announced a Police and Young People's Art Contest. See flyer for rules. He also said that people can make a complaint about police officers by calling CCRB at 917-208-9320

Craig Hammerman-community resident.- See his comments attached.

Joshua Trost-community resident – He suggested that when residents throw away items that they no longer need, they should put a sign "Free" on it, so people would know it was okay to take it.

Elizabeth Torres-UNS – She explained that UNS is a multiservice community based organization that has partnered with NYC Cares to give residents who have low or no income health care. Most Primary Care physicians are part of the network, covers most specialists and most medications. They are working to get dental coverage in the future.

P.O. Frank Bulzoni – 60<sup>th</sup> Pct Community Affairs – There will be an Active Shooter Seminar on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. at Fort Hamilton Army Base. Must be signed up prior to attending. Call Community Affairs at 718-946-3328 to sign up.

Alex Gurevich- Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Using Precision Policing from 2017 to 2019, there has been a decline in homicides in PBBS from 54-34, a 40% decrease. In PBBN there has been an increase in shootings. There was a major gang take down, which resulted in a 122 count indictment. Thirty-four individuals from two rival gangs have been arrested.

Inna Guzenfeld-Brooklyn Borough President's Office – On behalf of the Borough President she thanked NYCares for mentioning the Borough President in their statement on nutrition and healthy foods. The BP is working with Downstate and Montefiore Hospitals on a plant based diet plan.

Sam Chuprik-Congressman Hakeem Jeffries – State of the District Address was a big event. The Congressman is now working on a proposal to get faster generic drug availability. If anyone knows of a high school student who wants a Summer Youth Internship in the Congressman's District Office contact the office. The office is having Free Tax Prep – call for appointment 718-784-0877 #7.

Rachel Morrison- Scheduler, Jenny Arcius, Community Outreach - AM Frontus – Black History Month Event 2315 Surf Avenue 6-8 p.m. The office is partnering with NHS for housing issues, NYLAG for a mobile legal van on March 13<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>, How To Start New Business Seminar @ JCCGCI date in early April at ALHS. Also, they have a Russian translator in the office every other Thursday.

Edward Cerna- Brooklyn Borough Director –CAU New Bill Intro 972-Dangerous Vehicle Bill, more than five red light tickets, violators must take course.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (given by 1st Co-Chair Lucy Acevedo, in the absence of Chair)  
Reminder-beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a 5 cent per paper bag charge.

#### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie announced that there will be a Public Hearing on the Ferry on March 4<sup>th</sup> at P.S. 90 from 6-8 p.m. In the near future there will be a community meeting on the new construction on West 16<sup>th</sup> Street. We will send out a notice when we get the date. On Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> there will be the Blessing of the Rides at WonderWheel Park and also the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WonderWheel. Eddie congratulated Dennis on the wedding of his son Denos and the birth of his first grandchild.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Jeff Sanoff, Corresponding Secy.

- SS Savino and CM Treyger will sponsor a Woman in History celebration on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at MCU Gallery. Two of the honorees will be Shirley Aikens and Dionne Brown.
- Parks Dept. will be planting beach grass on beach at West 37<sup>th</sup> St. on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 p.m.
- Brooklyn Family Support Conf. will be doing MetroCard Dist. On March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 p.m. at C.B. 13 office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By Laws Committee

Michael Silverman, Chair

The next meeting will be on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the office, The meeting will be over by 9 p.m. We will get the final draft which we will bring to the board for discussion at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. At that meeting we will answer questions as to why the changes were made. We have to discuss the changes at two board meetings and at the third meeting we will vote on the new By Laws.

Transportation Committee

Wanda Feliciano/Lolita Divilova Co Chairs

At the last committee meeting EDC updated us on the ferry. Once it starts it will run 7 days a week from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. It will bring a large number of jobs to residents in our community. The fee one way will be 2.75 and MetroCards will not be accepted. During peak time the trip will take 35 minutes from C.I. to Downtown with one additional stop in Bay Ridge. Construction will begin in 2021. Site still to be determined. Lolita reminded everyone that we must be mindful of Kaiser Park and the education programs that go on in the park. The community worked very hard to get the Park the way it is now and it should continue that way.

Street Closing Committee

Yelena Makhnin, Chair

Yelena asked for clarification on the location of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Luna Park (this item was tabled until the March meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair suggested that if there is no objection one vote will be cast for six applications and a separate vote will be taken for Iglesias Pentecostal De Jesucristo.

- YMCA Healthy Kids Day 4.8.2020 West 29<sup>th</sup> St. between Surf Ave. and Mermaid Avenue.  
VOTE: In Favor – 29 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Motion carried. Roll call on file at office
- 38<sup>TH</sup> Annual Mermaid Parade 6.20.2020 Surf Avenue between West 22<sup>nd</sup> to West 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
VOTE: In Favor – 30 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Motion carried. Roll call on file at office
- Family Above All Block Party 7.25.2020 West 36<sup>th</sup> St. between Bayview Avenue and Canal Ave.  
VOTE: In Favor – 30 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Motion carried. Roll call on file at office.
- Coney Island Food & Culture 8.1.2020 Stillwell Ave. between Bowery and the Boardwalk  
VOTE: In Favor – 30 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Motion carried. Roll call on file at office.
- 41<sup>st</sup> Brighton Jubilee 8.30.2020 Coney Island Ave. between Brighton Beach Ave. & Brightwater Ct.