

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13

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> Lucy Acevedo Chairperson

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COMMUNITY BOARD 13 MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wed., March 24, 2021 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Loc.:** Webex

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Acevedo Zunera Ahmed Shirley Aikens Dionne Brown Patricia Brown Lakeisha Bowers Mario Caggiano Marion Cleaver Joe Corace Nadine Dabney Mark Davidovich Lolita Divilova Wanda Feliciano Susan Flaschenberg Olga Fort Brian Gotlieb **Brian Granoff** Selina Grant Erum Hanif Queenie Huling Yelena Makhnin Irene Olson Pat O'Brien Joseph Packer Michael Quinn Milagros Quiles Shimon Rinkovsky Jeffrey Sanoff Priscilla Santos Michael Russo Fran Schwartz Tatyana Segal Pervez Siddiaui Pat Singer Michael Silverman **Evelyn Strasser** Jack Suben Barbara Teitelbaum Edita Volovodovskaya **Dennis Vourderis** Gloria Watkins Joann Weiss Shazia Wattoo Annette Wesley Kumali Zairee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bernard Kaufman Thomas Hopkins Orlando Mendez

David Wynn Amarilys Herrera (e)

GUESTS:

Christopher Greif, Craig Kligfeld, Miriam Padilla, Edward Huero, Priscilla Fisk, Mark Merynk, Ida Sanoff, Mariyah Markh, Andrew Olson, Bobby Ferazi, Mark Silverstein, Laura Wood, Alex Chadaev, Craig Hammerman, Chief Michael Mandala(FDNY), Ken Lazar(DOB), Frank Kotylar

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

AM Mathylde Frontus, Lenny Mark(AM Cymbrowitz), Sergey Chuprik(Comptroller), Inna Guzenfeld(BP), Frieda Menos(Cong. Jeffries), Edwin Cerna(CAU)

OFFICE STAFF: Eddie Mark, Dist. Mgr. Hanna Glikman, Community Assoc. Barbara Santonas, Secy

Chairperson Lucy Acevedo opened the meeting and announced the 1st Vice Chairperson, Jeff Sanoff will be running tonight's meeting. She reminder everyone that if you called in you have to hit #6 to unmute. The meeting is being recorded and the chat box is recorded as well. She turned the meeting over to Jeff.

Jeff thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He asked everyone to give a Moment of Silence for the FDNY Firefighter from Engine 245 who passed away on March 14th, in addition all those were were killed or injured in the shootings in Bolder, Colorado.

PRESENTATION: Rank Choice Voting Laura Woods, General Counsel Dem NYC Ms Woods explained that rank file voting hopefully will increase voter awareness, participation and civic engagement in NYC. The mission is to encourage every New Yorker to make their voice heard at the ballot box. She reminded everyone that there is less than three months to the Democratic Primary. This year's election is important – voting for Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, Borough President and all City Council members.

Rank File Voting has already been used in four Special Elections to fill City Council seats. Voters who used it like it and seemed to understand its purpose. This type of voting was approved in 2019 with a referendum which received 74% of the vote.

A voter can rank up to five candidates. Rank File Voting will only be used in Special Elections and in Primaries. It will not be used in Major elections. Only for NYC elected positions. It will not be used for Federal races, gubernatorial races or elections for State Legislators. It will not be used for the election of District Attorney.

This type of voting has several positives: There cannot be a runoff. A candidate must have an outright majority to win. If after the polls close, if a candidate has more than 50%, he is declared the winner. If not the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated and this continues until two candidates are left. When two candidates are left, the candidate with the most votes will be declared the winner. Due to this type of voting, we may not know the winner on election night.

Barbara Teitelbaum asked for clarification. If she votes for the candidate she likes and if they lose, their votes do not go to another candidate. (that is correct)

Miriam Padilla as to have Rank File Voting, does it happen for all parties? (This voting is used in Special Elections which is opened to any eligible voters, regardless of party affiliation. New York has a closed Primary – Rank File Voting will be used in both Democratic and Republican primaries.

Jeff Sanoff asked if this presentation is available in other languages. Also, are ballots being made in other languages? (yes, it is being worked on in the five major languages. Also, you can bring someone with you to the polls to translate for you.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

<u>Mark Silverstein</u> – AARCNYC (Non-profit since 1949 assisting people with developmental disabilities) It is a large organization of 5,000 employees serving 50,000 people each year. They assist this population to find employment and internship positions. They partner with businesses in the City like Nathan's and MCU Park. They also employee people in cleaning services throughout the city. If anyone would like to partner with this organization contact marc.silverstein@AARCNYC.org.

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<u>Craig Hammerman</u> – He congratulated Pat Singer, Zunera Ahmed, Erum Hanif and Dionne Brown on their being honored during Woman's History Month. He encouraged everyone to come out tomorrow evening to MCU Park Wall of Remembrance at 5:30 P.M. for the Rally Against Hate of the Asian Community.

<u>Christopher Greif</u> – MTA Accessibility Chair – There will be a Mask Force Event on April 22nd at the Stillwell Avenue Terminal. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He also congratulated his mom, Debra for being honored as one of the Woman of the Year.

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AM Mathylde Frontus – She said they are busy in Albany trying to pass the budget by the end of March. Her District Office is opened, and they are helping constituents with various problems. She thanked C.B. 13 for putting together the walk through of the WIN facility on Neptune Avenue. She is having an event with social service agencies to have Job Connect event online.

<u>Inna Guzenfeld</u>- representing Brooklyn Borough President's – The BP issued recommendations for the West 16th Street Special Application which was shared with C.B. 13. The BP is very concerned with the distribution of vaccines and the equity behind the distribution.

<u>Frieda Menos</u> – representing Congressman Jeffries – She thanked all the constituents for tuning in for his State of the District Address. Next month COVID 19 Funeral Assistance Program will be up and running. Up to \$9,000 in funeral reimbursement for anyone who buried a loved one due to COVID 19. She suggests the anyone putting in for this reimbursement should get the paperwork ready. May 3rd is the deadline for submission for the Congressman's Art Competition.

<u>Sergei Chuprik</u>-representing Comptroller's Office – Read Comptroller's website for updates.

Edwin Cenna – CAU – 3 million 455 vaccines have been given. There will be an influx of vaccines in April. Just in time for vaccines to be given to people 85+ without appointment. Given at Brooklyn Army Terminal 24/7. There is going to be expansion of 3K – for 3 y.o.. in every school district with 16,500 additional seats.

<u>Lenny Markh</u> – representing Assemblyman Steve Cymbrowitz: He reported that DHS advised that the landlord at 100 Neptune Avenue opted out of using CORE Services. The landlord is still committed to having this facility as a homeless shelter. Assemblyman Cymbrowitz has begun his Annual Holocaust Memorial Creative Writing Contest. More information to follow.

MINUTES

Motion made by Pat Singer, seconded by Marion Cleaver to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 36 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion: Passed unanimously. Roll call on file at C.B. Office

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Lucy Acevedo thanked 1st Vice Chair Jeff Sanoff for running tonight's meeting.

WIN Walk Through- They requested names of community people who will be on the Advisory Board-Gloria Watkins, Pat O'Brien, Zunera Ahmed and resident who lives across the street from the facility. Visiting hours for residents are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (no visitors in rooms). Men, who are a member of a family group, can stay in the facility on emergency situation only. Children ages up to 21 can stay with parents if they have a child themselves, they can apply for residence themselves. There is a problem with parking on the side of the facility. Area has been used by repair shops and parking. 60th Pct has towed 11 cars from that area. We will ask DOT for signage "Fire Zone". Waiting for letter from FDNY. FDNY is working with City Planning on this. Starbuck's – Thanks to Joann Weiss for her hard work on this issue. Checking on Starbuck's promise to use flaggers to move the line so as not to block egress on West 8th Street.

Joann remarked that in prior summers there was an arrangement with PD to close traffic on West 8th Street from Neptune to Surf Avenue on weekends to allow for movement of FDNY trucks and police vehicles quick egress on West 8th Street. Community Board should write letter to make this request. Lucy said she would look into having a meeting with PD on this.

Jeff reported on site visit he attended with National Grid for the site on Shore Parkway adjacent to Gil Hodges Field. Coney Island Hospital is using this site for their off-site parking. CM Treyger had suggested building a bridge across the creek. Ida said that she didn't think this could be done because of the remediation that was done there. There would have to be a 50 foot middle access buffer zone.

National Grid will work with potential buyers and keep C.B. 13 abreast of what happens.

Craig Hammerman asked why Dept. of Sanitation let go of the proposed site (DOS did not let go of it, City didn't have the money when it was ready for the next step in the process. Craig thanked the Councilmember for his part in getting additional sites for the vaccines. He also thanked Lakeisha for working with WIN and Target to get jobs for our residents.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Follow up meeting about illegal vendors. No answers to questions already asked. We will follow up with DCWP.
- Opening Day is scheduled for April 9th, two weeks later then usual. No update on what will take place.
- Problem with sand on Bayview Avenue West 35th St. to West 37th St. Parks Department will work on removal
- Beach sea grass planting will be done this coming Saturday by the Aquarium and on West 37th
- Board office will officially open on May 3rd.
- Housing Workshop was done on March 3rd for Raven Hall (100% affordable and 50% from C.B. 13 area)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- SYEP Summer Youth Employment Program for young adults ages 14-21. Application is on website.
- WorkForce 1 is working with WIN. They are accepting applications for employment at the facility and will forward to WIN.

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<u>CM Mark Treyger</u> – The building on Surf Avenue and Westt 20th Street being build by L&M Properties is part of the 2009 rezoning. 80% of the apartments will be market rate and 20% will be affordable housing. It is being built "as of right" so when they were asked, the removed with 80% market rate and made the entire building affordable. The CM thanked Lakeisha Bowers and WorkForce1 for their assistance. The CM discussed the vaccine situation. He said that if anyone needs assistance in getting the vaccine at home, contact his office. He thanked Eddie Mark and Lucy Acevedo for working with his office to get people vaccinated. Waiting for the State to give guidelines for the opening of the amusements on 4/9. Small businesses in the area are really hurting. There will be 3K in all schools across the city beginning in Sept. 2021. However, it leaves on children with special needs. This is totally unacceptable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>Transportation Committee</u>

Lolita Divilova/Wanda Feliciano, Co-Chair Presentation on DOT Go Smart . DOT has done a survey and explained what it meant. Interfaith Committee

Dionne Brown/Jeff Sanoff, Co-Chair

Jeff reported that Dionne, Co-Chair of this Committee received a Woman of Distinction Award. He remarked that it was a good meeting with approximately 30 attendees. Several members of the clergy were in attendance to discuss their outreach and how they tried to explain to their congregation about the importance of the vaccine. All of the clergy are in compliance with CDC regulations in their houses of worship.

<u>Land Use Committee:</u> Marion Cleaver/Shimon Rinkovsky, Co-Chair The Committee voted on a Street Co-Naming for Boris Talis. The location will be West 1st Street & SeaBreeze Avenue.

Vote from Committee:In Favor:7Opposed:0Abstentions:0Vote from Full Board:In Favor:32Opposed:0Abstentions:0

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

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OLD BUSINESS: None **NEW BUSINESS:** None

GOOD & WELFARE:

<u>Gloria Watkins</u> – She said don't use the term "those people". Don't say anything negative. Make everyone feel comfortable.

<u>Lakeisha Bowers</u> – She thanked CM Treyger and C.B. 13 for a successful resource fair. WF1 is point of contact for WIN. There are many opportunities. April 1st there will be in person interviews. Barbara Teitelbaum – Happy Holiday

Barbara Santonas, Secretary