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Borough President

LUCY ACEVEDO
Chairperson

EDDIE MARK
District Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD 13
Board Meeting
Minutes

Date: Mon., Nov. 23, 2020

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Webex

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucy Acevedo
Lakeisha Bowers
Mario Caggiano
Nadine Dabney
Susan Flaschenberg
Selina Grant
Bernard Kaufman
Michael Quinn
Jeffrey Sanoff
Michael Silverman
Barbara Teitelbaum
Gloria Watkins
Joann Weiss

Shirley Aikens
Dionne Brown
Marion Cleaver
Lolita Divilova
Olga Fort
Thomas Hopkins
Pat O'Brien
Milagros Quiles
Tatyana Segal
Pat Singer
Dennis Vourderis
Shazia Watto
Kumail Zairee

Zunera Ahmed
Patricia Brown
Joe Corace
Wanda Feliciano
Brian Gottlieb
Queenie Huling
Irene Olson
Michael Russo
Pervez Siddiqui
Jack Suben
Edita Volovodovskaya
Annette Wesley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amarilys Herrera
Orlando Mendez(e)
Joseph Packer
Evelyn Strasser

Erum Hanif(e)
Mark Davidovich
Priscilla Santos
David Wynn

Yelena Makhnin(e)
Brian Granoff
Shimon Rinkovsky

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Barbara Santonas, Secretary

PRESENTATION: Test & Trace – Monique Chandler Watters, Brooklyn Outreach Director
She discussed the various places that Test & Trace can be set up. It can be set up in the office of a CBO, where staff can be trained to assist with the testing, or people from Test & Trace can come to a event and set up for testing. Test should be taken at least once a month, even if no symptoms, no charge. Call Ms Watters for further information.

Pat Brown questioned whether in a City Housing Complex, there is a rule that residents cannot have outside company until they present with a negative test result (Ms Watters to discuss offline).

Barbara Teitelbaum asked how many Rapid Tests can be taken (this is insurance questions-Ms Watters will get back to her with answer). Also, she wants to know is there accommodations for dog walking, if someone is COVID positive. (Mariyah Markh said there is PAWS that has been contracted by the City to walk dogs in this eventuality. When Test & Trace calls they should be advised that this is needed).

Ida Sanoff said there was a party in an apartment in her building, with many people. She asked what can be done in reference to enforcement. (Mariyah will get back to her). Barbara Teitelbaum is very concerned about enforcement on all fronts.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Councilman Mark Treyger wanted to make sure that when Test & Trace makes call they speak in the language of the person contacted (Ms Watters said there are people who speak many languages in Test & Trace). The CM has worked very hard to get testing site at Ida G Israel Medical Center and a Rapid Testing site at Coney Island Cathedral. Regular testing takes 1-2 days for results and rapid testing takes about 15 minutes for results.

The CM visited Carey Gardens where is saw an unsafe entry way. He alerted NYCHA and they have responded by installing overhead covering and additional lighting. He has also received heat complaints and contact NYCHA. He thanked everyone including the Alliance for assisting with food distribution in the community. Shirley Aikens asked if the dinner being served on Wednesday at the Amphitheater is a sit down or grab and go (Grab & Go).

The CM discussed the situation with school reopening and getting more learning devices to students who do not have them. He also discussed that Food & Nutrition will continue to distribute meals, hot and cold as grab & go.

Mariyah Mark, CAU discussed the fact that Blood donations are really needed, as there is not a large amount of blood on hand.

Assemblymember Frontus thanked Lucy for good wishes on her re-election. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hopes they will stay safe. Her office is open and she is in touch with City and State daily. She hopes we are not on the brink of a second wave. This week, because of the holiday, her staff is working remotely. She extended her condolences to the families of Alfie Davis, Ali King and Charlotte Taylor on their passing. Pat Singer added that Boris Talis, well known in the Brighton Beach community had passed yesterday. Mathylde extended her condolences to his family as well.

Inna Guzenfeld, representing Borough President Eric L. Adams wished everyone a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving. She said the BP is working to make sure that all city shelters have Wi-Fi access for the children to do remote learning.

Sergei Chrupik-representing Comptroller Scott Stringer wished every Happy Thanksgiving and suggested they look at the website for updates.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Ida Sanoff – requested C.B. write letter to ACE to extend the comment period for the Deepening New York Harbor Project. The comment period ends on Dec. 19th and we should request an 120 day extension to give the public time to comment.

Craig Hammerman – He thanked Lucy, Queenie and Shirley for doing due diligence. He believes that whatever comes to the facility will be better then what's there now. He hopes that the Board will support the committee's decision. He also thanked the Community Board staff, board members and elected officials. Discussed about Local law to amend law of City of New York Masters BH-CUNY-1283-2018. This law has to do with the teaching of nutrition as part of the Physical Education curriculum. Most schools do not teach it, 42% of the schools in Brooklyn do not have this program. The DOE has no information available as to which schools have it. The DOE should be held accountable.

Christopher Greif – discussed the mandate to wear face coverings on City buses and trains and that people who do not wear these coverings will be given ticket.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Joann Weiss, seconded by Wanda Feliciano to accept the minutes as submitted.

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

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

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

Chairperson Lucy Acevedo thanked everyone who has helped during the food distribution in our community. She has not attended any meetings in November, so no updates. She asked for a Moment of Silence for those who have lost their lives during this past month.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie reported that there had not been many meetings in November. He extended condolences to the families of people who have passed during this time. On Wednesday, Nov. 23rd from 12-4 p.m. there will be hot meals to go served at La Tombola (Kitchen 21) sponsored by the Alliance for Coney Island. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, Dec. 14th which will deal with an update on the proposed ferry service.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dionne Brown, Treasurer gave her report for the period July 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2020. The next quarterly report will be given at the January 2021 Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Joint Resiliency/Environmental Committee Mtg.

Jack Suben, Chair Resiliency Comm.
Jeff Sanoff/Selena Grant Co-Chair
Environment Committee

Jack Suben reported on the meeting which was held on Nov 9th. Department of City Planning presented plans for the Coastal Resiliency Project.

Health Committee

Queenie Huling, Amariyls Herrerra
Co-Chair Health Committee

Motion made in Committee to approve letter of support for renovation at 2316 Surf Avenue (Elev8)

VOTE: In Favor 3 Opposed: 2 Abstention 1

VOTE: Roll Call to approve the above motion: In Favor: 19 Opposed: 9 Abstention: 4

Motion carried. On file at C.B. office. Letter to be sent to Ms DiPaola.

By Law Committee

Michael Silverman, Chair

Michael continued with reviewing the changes made to the By Laws.

Article V – Executive Committee –

Subsection 1 – change gender

Subsection 2 – change

Subsection 3 – no change

Subsection 4 – renumbered

Subsection 5 – add

Subsection 6 – add (a&b) further explanation of Executive Committee (see revised By Laws top page 7)

Article VI – Standing Committee – Same as before

Add j – Resiliency Committee

Add k – Interfaith Committee

Subsection 2 –(add) includes up to 2 public members

Subsection 3 – no change

Article VII – District Manager

Subsection 1 – no change

Subsection 2 – add time limits

Subsection 3 – no change

Subsection 4 – no change

Subsection 5 Duties of District Manager

a –(add)duties

a – (add) further explanation

Irene wanted clarification of salary increases. Said at committee meeting decision to form Compensation Committee with guidelines for approval of Executive Board, not officers, prior to presentation at board meeting for vote of entire board.

Article VIII – Meetings

Regular Meeting (add) explanation of change of dates.

Committee Meetings

(add) a – Co-Chair

(add) b – as defined in Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IX

Article X – Voting

Subsection 1 a (add) or written ballot

b (add) as provided by Executive Order of Mayor or Governor as may occur during an emergency.

XI - Amendments

(add) as indicated.

XII – Rules of Order

Subsection 2 – change to “may” appoint

Subsection 3 – change to “may” appoint

OLD BUSINESS:

Joann Weiss asked if Eddie had reached out to Christine Quinn or the WINN organization on an update on the building, since it looks like it's almost completed. Eddie said he reached out to DHS and has received no return email. Joann suggested he reach out to Christine Quinn personally – Joann will forward Eddie Christine's cell phone number.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joann Weiss remarked that she had gone to the Rapid Test site, run by CHI at Coney Island Cathedral and the level of professionalism was outstanding.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Gloria Watkins – She stated that several additional community residents had passed in recent weeks.

She wondered why their passing had not be acknowledged. Lucy asked her to forward the names to the office and thanked her for the information.

Lucy Acevedo – Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Barbara Santonas, Secretary

