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Monthly Board Meeting - Minutes

February 23, 2021 Webex Conference 6:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm, by Chairperson Theresa Scavo.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairperson Scavo asked everyone to please take a moment of silence, in memorial, for the one year yahrzeit of Board Member Jack Kishk's mom. She also asked to please keep Board Members, Rabbi Melvin Burg and Jay Lieberman in their prayers, both have been struggling to recover from the effects of Covid.

Chairperson Scavo, introduced Angelica Ramdhari from Solar One to discuss the implementation of solar panels on the roof of the Kings Highway Library Branch. The solar panels are being constructed to allow the library auxiliary power for their first floor in the event of a power outage. They will not be able to run their HVAC equipment which is too powerful or provide any feed back into the existing grid, but residents will be able to charge their cell phones in the event of outages with the power they will provide. This library was chosen because there has been quite a bit of power outages reported in its surrounding area.

Questions were asked if the panels would be tilted? and the answer was yes. How high are the panels and will they be close to the façade and visible from the street? They are a minimum of 9-11 feet high as required by FDNY and setback a minimum of 6 -10 feet from the building's façade, so not really visible from the street. Resiliency concerns were asked as to the effects of weather damage on the solar panels? The panels can withstand hail, hurricane force winds and snow will melt off with sun exposure. Concerns were brought up as to lifespan, with someone stating battery life is usually only 10 years as is the case with Tesla electric cars. These batteries are believed to last 25 years, being that the wear and tear on its' lifespan at a library is more conservative, because they have closing hours and days when they are not in operation. The type of battery is lithium ion, which is unlike the Tesla and believed to have a longer shelf life. How will they be maintained once the

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lifetime is reached? There is no funding in their current budget to maintain them past this contract. The project has a 10 year warranty on the batteries with workmanship warranty being 5 years. How much does the project cost? The project costs \$291,773.00. The funding is Superstorm Sandy Federal Money with City Money combined. Do they need permits and when will it be completed? They will go through the Department of Buildings procedure for permits sometime in the Spring and hope to be up and running later this year or early next year.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING:

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chair Scavo called upon guest speakers:

Doug Luback, former President of Gerritsen Beach Homeowners Association stated they are still grappling with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Protection on plans for Gerritsen Beach. They are making some headway, with Senator Gournardes at the helm, overseeing meetings on the sewer and sidewalk upgrade project.

Glenda Silva, Deputy Director from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams' office sent greetings and spoke stating the Borough President has a message of the month available online, where you can see what issues and events have taken place throughout the Month. She provided the link in the chat: [MOTM-2021-02-v6.pdf \(brooklyn-usa.org\)](https://motm-2021-02-v6.pdf(brooklyn-usa.org))

She added the Borough President is sponsoring two Black History Month events coming up, one tomorrow for members of the clergy and the other for Civic Engagement. Further Event details can be found: <https://conta.cc/2ZJowL3>

Reeves Eisen from Senator Gournardes office thanked Douglas Luback for his kind words about Senator Gournardes and believes progress is being made in Gerritsen through the Senator's efforts and perhaps a light at the end of the tunnel is near. She stated the Senator was in Albany working on legislation and that Governor Cuomo powers are sunseting on April 30, 2021. The legislation Senator Gournardes is working on involves PPE for small business and a 4 hour paid leave for employees seeking to receive the Covid Vaccination. He is also working on Community Events. It was suggested he bring Electronic Recycling back to Marine Park, but to please make it a Sunday event. Reeves stated the Senator is working on bringing that event back to both Bay Ridge and Marine Park and she will suggest it for

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a Sunday. She gave the office number for any additional comments or concerns 718 238-6044.

Lenny Markh, Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz stated in the chat that the Assemblyman's office is open and operating (by appointment only). You can reach the office at 718 743-4078 or by email cymbros@nyassembly.gov If you need to reach Lenny directly email him at markhl@nyassembly.gov

Chris Greif, from the Transit Rider's Council shared a link in the chat to get involved in your local mask force:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/mask-force>

Chris also stated that there was a new Agency Chief Accessibility Officer at the MTA, that he refers to as "Q", but his name is Quemuel Arroyo. If his name sounds familiar, he was with the Department of Transportation, but now works for the MTA.

Sergey "Sam" Chuprik representing Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office sent greetings in the chat and offered his email should anyone have any questions, schupri@comptroller.nyc.gov

Nancy Lulu from Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office sent condolences to Jack Kiskh, She wished Rabbi Burg and Jay Lieberman a full recovery. On 1/30/21, DA Gonzalez sponsored a Gun Buy Back Event, that took 48 guns off the street. He offered gift cards and iPads for those turning in weapons. It was a successful event. There has been too much gun violence on our streets, and he wants to make sure our streets remain safe for our communities to enjoy.

The DA is also sponsoring a Black History Virtual Event on the impact of Faith Based Organizations, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Divine 9 on Our Path to Equality on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:00pm. She emailed the details to the Board Office.

The Brooklyn DA's Action Center can be reached at 718 250-2340. Ms. Lulu also provided her email which is Lulun@BrooklynDa.org

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Roll Call Attendance was taken by Chair Scavo; with a Quorum present, Chair Scavo asked for the adoption of the Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021.

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A motion to adopt the January 26, 2021 minutes was made by Ronnie Tawil and seconded by Pearl Siegelman.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

LIQUOR LICENSES- Month of February 2021

Renewal - Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider

Baron Dekalb
3000 Emmons Avenue
Brooklyn 11235

MJ Fusion Inc dba Masakari Japanese Fusion
1631 Sheepshead Bay Road
Brooklyn 11235

Chair Scavo stated if you know of any issues with these establishments, please share those concerns with the Board Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee: No Meeting in February

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mitchell Shpelfogel and seconded by Al Smaldone. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38p.m.

This is not a verbatim account of the meeting but a synopsis of the main points.