

**ATTENDANCE**

Rosamond Alvaranga  
Felina Backer  
Sallie Bennett  
Barbara Bieber  
Ernest Borno  
Sharon Borno  
Greg Borruso  
Gardy Brazela  
James Buchanan  
Terri Cadet-Donald  
Salvatore Calise  
Lucina Clarke  
Donald Cranston

Gil Cygler  
Malynda Jordan-Dandridge  
Amar Dyal  
Reeves Eisen  
Joshua Fassu  
Maria Garrett  
Ian Gaynor  
Joan Gilbert  
Denise Gordon  
Denise Gourdine  
Stuart Heier  
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.  
Naomi Hopkins

Michael Ien  
Jibreel Jalloh  
Judy Newton  
David Price  
Patrick Jayson Reyes  
Yolaine Ridore  
Viole Robery  
Michelle Sealey  
Frank Seddio  
Victoria Stennett  
Nancy Walby  
Valerie Woodford

**GUESTS:**

Harriet Wieber  
Chris Syvett  
Jim Morris  
Patrick David  
Rob Mazzuchin  
Paul Curiale  
Mark Partnow  
P.O. Ronette Benjamin  
P.O. Thomas Podd  
Capt. Khandakar Abdullah  
P.O. Samuel Maria  
Jahi Rose  
Judith Destin  
Vivienne Bent  
Norine Medas  
Daniel Heredia  
Lorraine Barker  
Linda Lewis-Coke  
Aleus Philius  
Hon. Mercedes Narcisse  
Kim Robinson  
Diana Soriano  
Eurika Oliver  
Frieda Menos  
Jennifer Bedeau  
Maja Clasen  
Nadia Makara  
Natalie Aidinov  
Hon. Roxanne Persaud  
Tawanna St. Louis

Holy Trinity Church  
NYC Parks  
NYC Parks  
Shake Shack New York, LLC., Shake Shack  
Marine Park Community Association  
Mill Basin Civic Association/Millennium Development  
Area Resident  
63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
Commanding Officer, 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
69<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)  
Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez  
Rep. Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58<sup>th</sup> A.D.  
Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association  
Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Council Member, 46<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Representing Council Member Mercedes, 46<sup>th</sup> Council District  
NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)  
Area Resident  
Representing Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
State Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> S.D.  
Area Resident

Yolette Toussaint	Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41 <sup>st</sup> A.D.
Zu G	Area Resident
Christina Caputo	Area Resident
Frank Gallina	Area Resident
Hon. Helene Weinstein	Assembly Member, 41 <sup>st</sup> A.D.
Karley Chamblee	Area Resident
Sabine J	Area Resident
Salvatore Calise	Bergen Beach Civic Association
Sergey Chuprik	Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander
Victoria Garcia	Area Resident
Guerda Victor	Area Resident
Hon. Jaime Williams	Assembly Member, 59 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Maria Garrett	Fresh Creek Civic Association
Lucina Clarke	My Time Inc.
Patchaneeda Rungreang	Area Resident

**7:12 P.M.**

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced the Executive Board and staff and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board meeting held on September 21, 2022. There being none, Board Member David Price made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Valerie Woodford seconded the motion. The motion passed with 34 Yes Votes.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Terri Cadet-Donald, Budget Committee Chair Pro Tem opened the Public Hearing for the Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for Fiscal Year 2024.

**The Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for Fiscal Year 2024** – Chairperson Cadet-Donald explained that in preparation for the FY 2024 Capital and Expense Budget submissions, neighborhood civic and block associations, and the community-at-large, were invited to submit budget requests for consideration by the Community Board for inclusion in the Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for Fiscal Year 2024. Chairperson Cadet-Donald read the additional requests that were received to be added to the budget. She explained the budget process and stated the Board received a recap of all requests from FY '23. Those items that were not completed will be resubmitted with the new additions for the FY '24 budget to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for their review and for the Agency Responses to our requests. For FY '24 we propose to submit a total of forty (40) Capital and sixteen (16) Expense Requests and two (2) Continued Support Items. Terri Cadet-Donald, Budget Committee Chair Pro Tem then provided reasons why budget request projects were not completed – Further study is needed, the area needs to be investigated by appropriate agencies, funding for the project is unavailable. There being no further discussion or comments, Chairperson Cadet-Donald closed the Public Hearing.

**Chairperson Michael Ien introduced the following:**

Capt. Khandakar Abdullah, Commanding Officer, 69<sup>th</sup> Pct. greeted everyone, provided event updates, and precinct crime statistics.

Hon. Jaime Williams Assembly Member, 59<sup>th</sup> A.D. greeted everyone and provided updates on legislation, office information, programs, and events.

Hon. Frank Seddio greeted everyone and spoke about the political process and the importance of voting and the special event that the Thomas Jefferson Club will be holding.

7:34 P.M.

### GUEST PRESENTATION

Jim Morris, Director of Capital Projects, and Chris Syvet for NYC Parks provided a brief presentation on the work-in-progress design of the second phase of the reconstruction planned at Power Playground located at Avenue N and Utica Avenue. They explained this is a phased project, so they'll be discussing Phase 2, a two-part reconstruction of Power Playground. The budget for the project is \$3 million and the playground is just under half an acre. Assembly Member Jaime Williams expressed her concern about the need for adequate lighting in the park. Chris Syvet continued to explain the community priorities from the meeting they had on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The community members expressed a desire for green spaces, flowering plants, keeping the healthy trees, a skate area, security lighting, a fitness area, gathering spaces with game tables which will include an ADA accessible paved area and upgraded basketball courts. Paul Curiale, Representing the Mill Basin Civic Association thanked NYC Parks for addressing the security lighting that Assembly Member Jaime Williams referred to. Board Member and District Leader Frank Seddio expressed a concern that this park has failed for years. He wanted to know how much input the civic associations and our leaders have in suggesting the fitness items that will be put in the park. Also, he asked how large the skating area will be and if they've consulted with Danielle Goldfarb the District 18 Parks Manager and the team at NYC Parks. They explained they work with District 18 Parks Manager Daniel Goldfarb and he himself is from the Maintenance and Operations Division and so they are designers. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge asked if security cameras were going to be installed because as Assembly Member Williams referenced, this area could attract criminality. An Area Resident asked if there is a flagpole in the park currently. Chris Syvet responded that there is currently a flagpole in the playground area, but the playground is outside of the scope for this construction. Nadia Makara asked whether a plan is in place for maintenance and cleaning.

7:57 P.M.

### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow greeted and thanked everyone for being here this evening and informed the board that **she attended the following special events and represented Community Board 18 at the following:**

1. 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council, Bergen Beach

- Civic, and thanked Presidents Gardy Brazela, Greg Borruso, and Sal Calise for making a difference in our Community Board through these organizations.
2. She attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the newly named Ruth Bader Ginsburg Building South Brooklyn Health better known as Coney Island Hospital. They are proud to be the hub of all the neighborhoods in South Brooklyn.
  3. She attended the Rockaway Parkway Corridor Ribbon Cutting and thanked President Norine Medas who has helped make a difference for the Rockaway Parkway businesses.
  4. She attended Senator Roxanne Persaud's Power 19 Awards recognizing the best and brightest in the 19<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District.
  5. She informed the board that she just got off an Emergency WebEx Meeting held by the Borough President's Office about the transition of Community Board's from virtual, hybrid and back to in-person. On the table is permission from Borough President to attend virtually. However, virtual board members can speak but not vote.

**Highlights from my October Community Board 18 Cabinet Meeting:**

1. The NYC Department of Design and Construction redesigned corners throughout Community Board 18. A new sidewalk on East 69<sup>th</sup> Street cannot be set further back because of wetlands and parkland.
2. NYC Department of Transportation – Possible traffic light (As part of construction phase) to be installed at Veterans Avenue and East 69<sup>th</sup> Street due to heavy traffic in the middle of St. Bernard's School and Roy H. Mann JHS. Residents of East 45<sup>th</sup> Street requested a traffic signal or stop sign on the corner of Avenue H. On behalf of the residents a study will be done.
3. FDNY – October is Fire Prevention Month. Community Board 18 and FDNY scheduled a Pop-Up Fire Safety table on the Rockaway Parkway Corridor for next month. Also, fire stations will host open houses on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct – Fatal Shooting of a staff person at PS 203. The shooter was fortunately apprehended and arrested. NCO's and Sanitation towed 33 cars. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the line of duty death of P.O. Joseph Meaders will be commemorated with a street naming on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Brooklyn Avenue and Avenue J.
5. Parks – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct 3K Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Walk in Canarsie Park. The Salt Marsh, Canarsie park Comfort Station and Sunners Park Projects have started. There is no date to begin the restoration of the Marine Park Oval. Parks, DHS and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct to coordinate a sweep of Marine Park to assist the homeless with services.
6. DOB (Department of Buildings) – Homeowners Relief Program and Buildings After Hours is available to assist businesses and homeowners. Flyers can be found on the table.
7. Michael Benjamin, Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud's Office, Daniel Heredia, Representing Council Member Farah Louis' Office, Bonnie Solomon,

Representing Council member Mercedes Narcisse's Office gave updates on events and programs.

**In and around Community Board 18:**

1. Visited East 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue H with Board Member Violine Roberty to assess the traffic situation and alert the NYC Department of Transportation.
2. Bergen Avenue Construction Project is coming to an end. The staging area is dismantled and the last street, Bergen Avenue will be leveled and repaved by November.
3. The bathrooms at the Glenwood Houses Community Center have been approved for a renovation.
4. The Jamaica Bay Greenway-Canarsie Pier Connector Project is targeted to commence Fall 2022 and is due to be completed by June 2024.
5. Boy Scout Troop 193 and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Explorers began the Royce Street Median Clean Up and Boy Scout Troop 396 will complete it on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, we thank the Eagle Scouts for cleaning up Hendrickson Street behind Raymour & Flannigan.
6. Demolition will begin on 1925 Flatbush Avenue between Kings Highway and Avenue L (Next to Starbucks). The vacant lot, which has become an eyesore, will be the home of a Popeyes Restaurant.

**Our Community Board 18 Good & Welfare:**

1. Happy Birthday to Board Member Frank Seddio.
2. As part of our Give Back to Community, Community Board 18 will be hosting a Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree outside of our office on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 2PM. The street will be closed for rides, music, school performances, and a NYC Dental Van after all the candy the children will be eating. There will be best costume gift cards, pumpkin decorating, and lots more. Bring your kids, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors. Thanks to our many sponsors and the Community Board staff. Flyers will be emailed.
3. Street Co-naming and unveiling ceremony on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM at Avenue W and East 73<sup>rd</sup> Street for Patrick Solomita. She thanked Paul Curiale, Representing the Mill Basin Civic for organizing.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19<sup>th</sup> S.D. and Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46<sup>th</sup> C.D., Assembly Member Monique Waterman-Chandler, 58<sup>th</sup> A.D., Vivienne Bent, Representing Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman and Daniel Heredia, Representing Council Member Farah Louis' Office, P.O. Thomas Podd, 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, Frieda Menos, Representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Office, Yolette Toussaint, Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein's Office who greeted everyone and provided updates, office information, programs, and community events.

8:12 P.M.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### YOUTH COMMITTEE – Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

Chairperson Cadet-Donald provided the following information:

1. For Halloween, as the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct mentioned earlier, please make sure that all the children are safe outside. If you have teenagers, please be mindful and give them a curfew.
2. If you know of any young people 17 years of age or older, who are looking for jobs or would like to work in after school programs, Bergen Beach Youth Org. and Millennium are hiring.

### LIBRARIES & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Sallie Bennett, Chairperson

Chairperson Bennett provided the following information:

1. In reference to our libraries, they need increased funding for staff, facilities, indoor and outdoor beautification, and an increase in technology. We hope that our leaders will provide funding to our libraries. Chair Bennett urged everyone to visit their local Library.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE – Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

1. The Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for Fiscal Year 2024 – Vote

Chairperson Cadet-Donald explained that the board will not be taking a vote on the Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for Fiscal Year 2024 this evening until the entire board receives an updated budget for FY 2024 that includes new and old budget submissions which will then be distributed via email to all, and the board will meet virtually next week at a Public Hearing to vote on the proposed items. A vote on the Capital and Expense Budget Submissions for FY'24 will be postponed.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Tom Hernandez Jr, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

#### NEW APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- Shake Shack New York, LLC., Shake Shack, 5100 Kings Plaza Space #0165, 11234

Chairperson Tomas Hernandez Jr stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct about the New SLA Application received from Shake Shack New York, LLC., Shake Shack, 5100 Kings Plaza Space #0165, 11234. No objections were received for the referenced application. Chairperson Hernandez asked if the applicant or representative was in attendance. Present was Patrick Dowd, Representing Shake Shack New York, LLC., Shake Shack, 5100 Kings Plaza Space #0165, 11234 who greeted everyone and provided brief information on the restaurant. Board Member Barbara Bieber expressed her concern about Shake Shack patrons purchasing alcoholic beverages inside the restaurant and consuming it while walking around the mall. Patrick Dowd stated that all the food courts that they have alcoholic licenses in have a closed consumption area where they have a team member that is there to monitor and make sure that there's no consumption not only outside of the mall but also outside of the proposed area. Board Member Maria Garrett asked if they will be hiring

within the community. Patrick Dowd responded, absolutely. If anyone is interested, please put in an application with Shake Shack. Mr. Dowd referred to the earlier conversation about the alcohol question. He explained that he is an alcohol compliance trainer focusing on making sure that minors are not served. He also makes sure that the people who check ID's are properly trained through an alcohol training course. Board Member Barbara Bieber went on to say that because it's in Kings Plaza Mall, which has a history of some unruly behavior, no security at the door is an open invitation for trouble. Patrick Dowd said that he would look into the need for adequate security.

There being no community opposition Chairperson Hernandez asked for a motion that Community Board 18 recommends approval of the New SLA Application received from Shake Shack New York, LLC., Shake Shack, 5100 Kings Plaza Space #0165, 11234. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald made a motion. Board Member David Price seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 26 Yes and 1 No Votes.

**8:51 P.M.**

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Board Member David Price stated that going back to the Capital and Expense Budget Submissions earlier it was noted that we can submit new proposals before the end of the week and that was the deadline that was noted. Therefore, the Capital and Expense Budget Submissions will be over 40 submissions, and to ensure that the projects that we approve are fair and equitable and reflect the entire community at this time he'd like to make a motion to have all the projects and budget presented to the board so that they can make a proper vote and that it can be recorded. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 32 Yes votes.

Noreen Medas, Representing Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association greeted everyone and provided information on programs, updates, and upcoming community events.

Jahi Rose, Director of Outreach for the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) greeted everyone and provided updates on their newly expanded jurisdiction and information on upcoming outreach events.

Board Member and President of the Fresh Creek Civic Association Maria Garrett stated that last month her civic organization had a complaint about garbage on Seaview Avenue from East 108<sup>th</sup> Street to East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street and wanted to let everyone know that a crew came out and cleaned up the street and it looks beautiful. The crew that was out there doing the cleanup is a private company funded by Council Member Mercedes Narcisse's Office. They informed her that they will be out there to help keep our streets clean. Board Member Garrett thanked them for coming out and doing such a great job. It really works when the community comes together as a team.

Lorraine Barker, Representing Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club greeted everyone and provided information on youth and senior programs, summer camp and Saturday programs.

Board Member Lucina Clarke informed the board that Hurricane Sandy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance Candlelight Vigil will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at Canarsie Pier between 7 PM and 8 PM. Please join us to commemorate the survivors and being resilient people. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate our unity.

**COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2022**

Nancy Walby, Representing Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) wants everyone to check their supplies and make sure your Go Bags are ready in case of an emergency. Stay safe, Halloween is coming.

Chairperson Michael Ien wished everyone a Happy Halloween and to get home safely.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Tomas Hernandez Jr made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Barbara Bieber seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously with 34 Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

*End...*