

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga
Michael Benjamin
Sallie Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Ernest Borno
Sharon Borno
Greg Borruso
Gardy Brazela
James Buchanan
Terri Cadet-Donald
Salvatore Calise
Donald Cranston
Paul Curiale

Gil Cygler
Malynda Jordan-Dandridge
Amar Dyal
Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Ian Gaynor
Joan Gilbert
Denise Gouridine
Stuart Heier
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Jean Joseph

Sharon Nedd
Saul Needle
Yolaine Ridore
Violette Roberty
Marcia Schiff
Michelle Sealey
Frank Seddio
Nancy Walby
Bishop Nathan Williams
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Salvatore Calise
Michael Benjamin
Alexia Landesman
Sidney Hopley
Mark Partnow
Ertuania Jorge
Megan Kleinman
Elizabeth Sanders
Gillian Gagliano
Patrick Jayson Reyes
Callius Zeng
Philip Kelly
Cherisse Ashley
Hon. Mercedes Narcisse
Kim Robinson
Capt. Alexander Cedillo
Sgt. Taisha Skyers
P.O. Ronette Benjamin
P.O. Thomas Podd
Gerard Brewster
Lt. Arrundell
Sgt. Brian Maher
P.O. Nicole Rostant
Reeves Eisen
Maggy Redd
J. Hamilton
Arlene Perkins
Sergey Chuprik
Claudette Workman
Harriet Wieber

Bergen Beach Civic Association
Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D.
Sheldon Lobel, PC
Dach's Automotive
Area Resident
Interborough Developmental and Consultation Center (IDCC/LSA)
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Area Resident
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GrowNYC Stop 'N' Swap
GVP Caterers/ El Caribe
Area Resident
Council Member, 46th Council District
Representing CM Mercedes Narcisse, 46th Council District
Executive Officer, 63rd Precinct
NCO Supervisor, 63rd Precinct
63rd Precinct
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Utica 2 Flatbush
69th Precinct
NCO Supervisor, 69th Precinct
69th Precinct
Representing Senator Andrew Gounardes, 22nd S.D.
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander
Deputy Borough Commissioner, NYC DOT
Area Resident

Beatrice Lalanne	Area Resident
Ben Brachfeld	Brooklyn Paper
Vivienne Bent	Representing Assembly Member Nick Perry, 58 th A.D.
Kimberley Coke	Area Resident
Keisha Sydney	Sesame Flyers
Linda Steinmuller	Canarsie Courier
Jerry Toussaint	Area Resident
Harold Jones	Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)
Karen Wharton	Area Resident
Hon. Helene Weinstein	Assembly Member, 41 st A.D.
Yehudda Schupper	Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41 st A.D.
Diana	Area Resident
Kurlene Smith-Cambridge	Area Resident
Herbert Fair	Area Resident
Lee Prowell	Area Resident
Dimple Willabus	Area Resident
Libby Silber	Area Resident
Delores Washington	Area Resident
Saikou Bah	Area Resident
Noreen Bhola	Area Resident
Mitchell Partnow	Area Resident
Roxanne Need-Ervin	Area Resident
Hon. Farah Louis	Council Member, 45 th Council District
Sabrina Dieujuste	Representing CM Farah Louis, 45 th Council District
Yolette Toussaint	Area Resident
Delores Washington	Area Resident
D.I. Genevieve Isom	Commanding Officer, 63 rd Precinct
Joan Gilbert	Flatlands Civic Association
Ann Rhea Smith	Representing State Senator Kevin Parker 22 nd , S.D.

7:06 P.M.

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:07 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Alexia Landesman Representing Sheldon Lobel, PC who provided a brief presentation on **B.S.A. Calendar #337-90 BZ – Premises affected – 1415 East 92 Street**, Block 8238, Lot 9. An Application filed pursuant to Section 11-411 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, as amended, to request an extension of the term of the variance previously granted, which expires on June 2, 2022, for a term of ten (10) years, that allows the continued operation of an automotive service repair station, and on-site parking for cars waiting to be serviced at the Premises.

Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge inquired about the automotive repair shop taking up parking spaces for the residents of the community while they're working on cars. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald had concerns about the children in the school on that block during dismissal time and the after-school program. She also noted that the Memorial Day Parade passes through

that corridor. The cars waiting for repairs are double and triple parked. She questioned what the repair shop is doing about that. Owner Sidney Hopley replied that 10 years ago he requested a STOP sign. Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga stated that she stopped driving along E. 92 St. at night because it became a hang out with loud music. Sidney Hopley promised to be more diligent and keep the cars on the lot especially during school hours. Board Member Paul Curiale stated that the CB 18 Planning and Zoning Committee met with the automotive shop's attorney. He asked if notices went out to the residents on that block and if any were present. The attorney assured the Board that notices were sent out but there were no residents in attendance. Planning and Zoning Chair Sal Calise asked if the CB can assist the owner with obtaining a STOP sign. D M Partnow asked that the owner provide her with the information. Diana Soriano, Representing the NYC DOT stated that she was on the meeting virtually. D M Partnow informed her that she would be in touch with her regarding this STOP sign issue. Diana Soriano would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the bike lane proposal mentioned previously in an email. Alexia Landesman Representing Sheldon Lobel, PC asked if there are no further questions or concerns, they'd like to thank everyone for their time.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Regular Meeting at 7:17 P.M. and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Community Board's Meeting held on December 15, 2021. There being none, Board Member Saul Needle made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Michelle Sealey seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 31 Yes Votes.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Megan Kleinman, LCSW, one of the Directors of the Interborough Developmental and Consultation Center (IDCC) who provided a brief presentation on IDCC's Individual, Group and Family Counseling, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Assistance Programs and Clinic currently existing in Canarsie located at 9413 Flatlands Avenue. She thanked the board for inviting them and informed the board that they are in the process of expanding their services in Canarsie. They provide mental health and psychiatric services. They have multi-lingual therapists and psychiatrists. They're open from Sunday through Friday and they're accepting new referrals. Currently, they're located on Flatlands Avenue and they're in the process of applying for grants to modify the space so that they can continue to expand their services to the community. They also do family therapy sessions, marriage counseling, and hold groups. They also treat anyone who's struggling with concurrent disorders like substance abuse as well as mental health problems at the same time. They look forward to expanding their services as they move into their new space on Rockaway Avenue. Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud commended them on their wonderful work. Their services are also available via the web until this crisis passes. They provide crisis services when needed and their phone number is 718-272-1600. Board Member Denise Gourdine asked if they're affiliated with any specific hospital in the area? Megan Kleinman stated that they are not affiliated with any hospital but are very well known within the hospital system. J. Hamilton, Area Resident asked if services would expand to include new initiatives where drug users can safely use drugs in controlled environments. Megan Kleinman replied they operate as a support system using counselors and group therapy. They can work with them with medications that can help them stop using. Board Member Maria Garrett asked what the hours of operation are. Megan

Kleinman stated that they're open from 8:30AM and close around 10PM at night and open on Sundays.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Callias Zeng, Coordinator of GrowNYC's Stop 'N' Swap who provided a brief presentation on GrowNYC's Stop 'N' Swap Program and their free community events run by GrowNYC's Zero Waste Programs. They connect with local community groups and secure locations that can accommodate 20 tables. People come in to donate items such as clothing, toys and games. In return they can take something that they want. If anyone knows of any venues in this or other community districts, please contact GrowNYC. Board Member Michael Ien stated that this is very kind and altruistic. Board Member Sal Calise asked how much room he needs for a venue? Is there a size, or can it be outdoors like a park? Callias Zeng stated that they need a space like the Community Board meeting room. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if she were to bring a sweater then she can take something in return. Callias Zeng replied, absolutely. People are invited to donate things, but they don't have to donate to take something. Libby Silber Area Resident asked what is the goal of this, what is it for and why would you need a venue? Callias Zeng stated that they need a venue because they don't have their own space. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if he could provide his contact information. Callias Zeng provided his phone number 347-979-7026 and email address CZeng@grownyc.org.

Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th Council District greeted and thanked everyone for coming out this evening. This is a tight community and she's here to serve in every capacity to make sure this district is a place where we can live, work, and enjoy. Her office will remain where her predecessor Alan Maisel served this community at 2424 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. She introduced Kim Robinson her Director of Community Engagement and her Chief of Staff Saye Joseph. She provided her district office email address District46@council.nyc.gov. She thanked and wished everyone a wonderful evening.

Chairperson Michael Ien acknowledged P.O. Ronette Benjamin and Sgt. Taisha Skyers' Representing the 69th Precinct, and P.O. Nicole Rostant and Sgt. Brain Maher Representing the 69th Precinct.

Assembly Member Helene Weinstein greeted everyone and informed the board that she has two new staff members, Yvette Toussaint and Yehuda Schupper. Contact information will be put in the chat. AM Weinstein is the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee in the Assembly and there will be hearings on the budget that will hopefully be adopted by April 1st. She pointed out some highlights from the 10-Billion-dollar budget and provided a list of programs and event updates.

Council Member Farah Louis greeted and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked Assembly Member Helene Weinstein and the Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group and Sallie Bennett for organizing rapid test and PPE giveaways over the weekend. She also thanked the Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group, Flatlands Civic Association, Glenwood Community Center, Flatbush Development Corporation, and Millennium Development for their support in stopping a Pest Control site at 1427 Ralph Avenue and the sex offender shelter that was open at 5244 Kings Highway. Hopefully, supportive housing for seniors under the new Mayor will become a reality. Thanks to Target, 5 Below, and Smashburger, jobs were provided for young people in the community. With the help of AM Weinstein and all the civic groups we are getting things done. Budget season is upon us so if you want to apply for discretionary funding, you can do so via the Council website, deadline is February 22nd. Her office will be holding four discretionary funding workshops. If you are a cultural institution, please fill out the DCLA grant application. She looks forward to working with

CB 18, the elected officials and civic associations this year. She thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone a good evening.

Capt. Alexander Cedillo, Executive Officer, 63rd Precinct greeted everyone and provided precinct crime statistics, program and event updates. Capt. Cedillo answered questions concerning the statistics and Sgt. Taisha Skyers answered questions about the new NCO Officers from Board Members Denise Gourdine and Joan Gilbert. Sgt. Skyers also provided her cell number 917-847-5701. Board Member Barbara Bieber had an incident at her home that she alerted the Board about. Board Member and Mill Island Civic Association President Saul Needle stated that a couple of months ago he spoke with D.I. Genevieve Isom Commanding Officer, 63rd Precinct about a tremendous proliferation of commercial vehicles parking on our streets and taking up parking spaces. Capt. Cedillo indicated that he will address it.

Sgt. Brian Maher, NCO Supervisor, 69th Precinct greeted everyone and provided program and event updates, precinct crime statistics and answered questions concerning those statistics.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Michael Ien

Chairperson Michael Ien greeted everyone and introduced the Officers of the Board. He reminded everyone that the meetings are recorded and asked that anyone in attendance that would like to comment on an issue or if they have any questions, to please come up and use the microphone.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow provided the following information:

She greeted and thanked everyone for joining tonight. She informed the board that she attended a meeting hosted by the New Commissioner of Community Affairs for the Mayor, Fred Kreizman. The Commissioner and his staff pledged their support to make sure that city agencies respond more effectively to the needs of the different community boards in our city.

The MTA will not be operating regular L service between Myrtle Avenue to 8th Avenue in Manhattan during the weekends of February 25th – 28th and April 29th – May 2nd from 11:30 PM Friday until 5:00 AM on Monday due to ADA project work. A fare-free shuttle bus will be available from the Lorimer Street station to Marcy Avenue and stopping at the Bedford Avenue L station.

Be aware that Stop signs were installed on Avenue T and East 72nd Street by P.S. 312 to cut down on speeding by the school.

The Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will be temporarily moving males into the shelter at 108-75 Avenue D from other shelters. This is due to the uptick in COVID cases. The shelter previously housed families. The premises has 196 beds of which 58 will be used.

After several complaints to Raymour and Flannigan from the Marine Park Condo Association, President Stuart Heier, the store finally gated and locked their parking lot, which was an open invitation to hang outs, rowdiness and revved up cars.

DM Partnow complained to the NYC Department of Sanitation about Bob’s Furniture. They have a dumpster on the Hendrickson Street side that is always overflowing with garbage. Sanitation issued them a summons for not cleaning the site and will revisit them often to make sure that they keep the area clean.

We received an inquiry about the old Knights of Columbus building at 3915 Flatlands Avenue. As per the NYC Buildings Department an Ambulatory Diagnostic Center is under construction at that location.

We had issues with dumping along Bergen Avenue and Avenue W. Dumping has become a huge problem in our district. If you know of any areas within our Community Board that are being used for dumping, please call our office and let us know. Sanitation has been very responsive.

She thanked Nominating Committee Chairperson Paul Curiale and members Ian Gaynor, Sallie Bennett, Henry Bolus, Marcia Schiff, Nancy Walby and Greg Borruso.

She gave a shout out to the Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance Corp for sponsoring a much-needed blood drive in our community this past Sunday, January 16th and to Assembly Member Jaime Williams for partnering with them and handing out COVID-19 Home Test Kits.

Reminder- If you visit www.Covid19test.com you can order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests for your household. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

She ended by wishing Dorothy Paul a Happy Birthday two days early.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Sal Calise, Chairperson

1. B.S.A. Calendar #337-90 BZ – Premises affected – 1415 East 92 Street – Vote

Chairperson Sal Calise asked for a Motion. Board Member Nancy Walby made a motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the Application for **B.S.A. Calendar #337-90 BZ – Premises affected – 1415 East 92 Street**, Block 8238, Lot 9. An Application filed pursuant to Section 11-411 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, as amended, to request an extension of the term of the variance previously granted, which expires on June 2, 2022, for a term of ten (10) years, that allows the continued operation of an automotive service repair station, and on-site parking for cars waiting to be serviced at the Premises. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 33 Yes votes and 1 No vote.

2. Chairperson Sal Calise informed the board that The NYC Department of Social Services- Department of Homeless Services (DSS-DHS) intends to establish its fleet of vehicles at 1427 Ralph Avenue, Block 7918, Lot 86 in Brooklyn. DHS utilizes these vehicles to transport clients between DHS facilities as well as to move supplies and goods to and from DHS locations. They also transport baby cribs, linens, and supplies to shelters as part of their support services. DSS-DHS's usage of this location will not include the storage of any pesticide or herbicide programs; nor will it have any DHS clients. Gerard Brewster, Utica 2 Flatbush is looking forward to sitting down with the Planning and Zoning Committee, CB 18 and DHS regarding information on the lease.

3. State Liquor Authority Applications Received – Vote

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- GVP Caterers Inc., El Caribe Caterers, 5945 Strickland Avenue – 11234

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

- Yoshi Traditional Japanese Cuisine Inc., Yoshi Traditional Japanese Cuisine, 5827 Avenue T – 11234

Chairperson Sal Calise stated that The Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63rd Police Precinct about the SLA Renewal Applications received from GVP Caterers Inc., El Caribe Caterers, 5945 Strickland Avenue, 11234, and Yoshi Traditional Japanese Cuisine Inc., Yoshi Traditional Japanese Cuisine, 5827 Avenue T, 11234. No objections were received.

Chairperson Calise asked if any applicants or representatives were in attendance. Philip Kelly the owner of GVP Caterers/ El Caribe was present. There being no comments or questions Board Member Sal Calise made a motion that Community Board #18 recommends Approval of the Renewal Application received for GVP Caterers Inc., El Caribe Caterers, 5945 Strickland Avenue, 11234. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 35 Yes Votes. Board Member Sal Calise made a motion that Community Board #18 recommends Approval of the Renewal Application received for Yoshi Traditional Japanese Cuisine Inc., Yoshi Traditional Japanese Cuisine, 5827 Avenue T, 11234. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 34 Yes Votes.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Gil Cygler, Chairperson

1. Taxi and Limousine Commission Application Received – Vote

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION LIVERY BASE STATION LICENSE:

- Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc., 5924 Glenwood Road – 11234

Chairperson Gil Cygler stated that The Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63rd Police Precinct about the TLC Renewal Application received from Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc., 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234. No objections were received. Chairperson Cygler asked if the applicant or a representative present for the application.

Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush stated that the taxi stand is in a busy area across from South Shore H. S. where city buses and parking are issues. Gil Cygler stated that there were no complaints to the Community Board or the 63rd Precinct. There being no further comments or questions Chairperson Gil Cygler asked for a motion. Board Member Michelle Sealey made a motion that Community Board #18 recommends Approval of the TLC Renewal Application received from Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc., 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 34 Yes Votes.

Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes, Vivienne Bent, Representing Assembly Member Nick Perry, and Ann Rhea Smith, Representing State Senator Kevin Parker provided brief updates and information

on upcoming events.

Board Member and 59th A.D. District Leader Frank Seddio greeted everyone and indicated that unfortunately he was unable to put up his elaborate Canarsie Christmas display this year but is looking forward to resuming it in December 2022. He also stated that he is proud to be reappointed to the Community Board. Mr. Seddio is a former member, Chairperson and District Manager. He expressed his deep concern for the community and stated how important this advisory body is. After meeting with the new Mayor, he agrees that Community Boards are the voice of the people and can get things done. He congratulated the boards New D M Sue Ann Partnow on her appointment and Board Member Michael Benjamin on his appointment and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA IN-PERSON & WEBEX . . .

Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush asked what the process is for serving on a Community Board 18 committee as a non-board member. Chairperson Michael Ien replied that he should submit a resume to him at the board office and they'll review it and get back to him.

Board Member Sal Calise asked how someone would find a list of what slots are open. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that he, DM Sue Ann Partnow and Assistant DM Dorothy Paul went over the committees and its members. Unfortunately, everyone is not going to be able to be on every committee that they want. We must submit Committees to the Borough President's office by January 28th. So, the committee list will be available in about 10 days.

Kim Robinson, Representing CM Mercedes Narcisse, 46th Council District asked how many vacant slots are on the board right now and how many board members there are. Chairperson Ien said there are no available slots on the board right now. There are 50 Board Members. Board Member Frank Seddio stated that the first time we might have vacant slots, will be in May after the new appointments.

Gillian Gagliano, Area Resident, greeted everyone and stated that this is her first time attending a board meeting. She's here because her and some of her neighbors are concerned about an ongoing issue on East 69th Street and Avenue X right along the water. The property is currently vacant, and they're worried that the owner will once again lease to a bus depot. This is extremely hazardous for the residents of the community who were breathing in lots of fumes and that is substantiated by the fact that there are higher rates of asthma in this area. Board Member and Bergen Beach Civic President Sal Calise stated that they are in the process of rebuilding the bulkheads. The owner has the right to rent his property to anybody he wants but if it's a business that is dangerous for our area, we'll put up a fight. Board Member Frank Seddio stated he has lived on E. 69th St. for 21 years and is in contact with the owner of the property who indicated he might rent to AT&T or a company like that. It's been an enormous problem according to Board Member Michael Benjamin Past President of the Bergen Beach Civic. Frank Seddio encouraged Gillian Gagliano to come down to meetings and find out what's going on in the community.

There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Ien asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18. Board Member Sharon Borno seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 P.M. The Motion passed unanimously with 32 Yes Votes.

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