

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 21, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga
Felina Backer
Sallie Viola Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Gardy Brazela
Andrenia Burgis
Jamaal Carryl
Lucina Clarke
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Marie Delus
Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Joan Gilbert
Denise Gourdine

Stuart Heier
Aryanna Holder
Roy Holder
Naomi Hopkins
Michael Ien
Lyndon Inglis
Jibreel Jalloh
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Aleah Laforce
Juvanie Piquant
David Price
Elaine Reid
Patrick Jayson Reyes
Wilton Ricketts Jr.
Viole Roberty
Josh Rubenstein
Michelle Sealey

Nancy Walby
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Mark Partnow
Sharon Borno
Donald Cranston
Harriet Wieber
Victor Sorriso
Rob Muzeuchin
Phil Thomas
Paul Willoughby
Juan Marten
Helen Kleen
Venus Scantlebury
Michele Harris
Lystra Medas
Michael Benjamin
Saye Joseph
Peter Cipolla
Inga
Ernest Borno
Leslie Grant
Gregory Pina
Kyra Cuevas
Alex Sommer
P.O. Samuel Maria
Linda Steinmuller
Chris Smith

Area Resident
Area Resident
Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59th A.D.
Holy Trinity Church
Area Resident
Marine Park Community Association
Bills Bar
Bills Bar
Real World Deli Corp
Brooklyn Eagle
Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)
Area Resident
Area Resident
Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D.
Rep. Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th Council District
Marine Park Civic Association
Area Resident
Area Resident
5503 Royal Crown LLC
Bennet's Best LTD, IL Posto
NYC Department of City Planning
NYC Department of City Planning
69th Precinct
Canarsie Courier
Rep. Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D.

P.O. Tricia Navarro-Caraballo	63 rd Precinct
Joan Rubini	Area Resident
Pauline Simpson	Area Resident
Phyllis Cristadoro	Area Resident
Johnny Arcenteles	TAHIBA
Christina Armieri	Mill Basin Library
Tanisha William	Richard's Hall & Lounge Inc.
Antoinette McGlashan	Area Resident
Andie McGlashan	Area Resident
Vanessa Johnson	Prize Possessions Inc.
Antonette McKain	Area Resident
David Phillip	Area Resident
Mercedes Narcisse	Council Member, 46 th Council District
Doodley Plaisvil	Area Resident
Maria C. Willis	Cerebral Palsy Association
Jack Disanto	Gourmet Grill Inc.
Hon. Farah Louis	Council Member, 45 th Council District
Sabrina Dieujuste	Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45 th C.D.
Elaine Smith	Area Resident
Yolette Toussaint	Representing Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein, 41 st A.D.
Jacob Gold	Representing NYC Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams
Thomas Wilson	Area Resident
Brit Byrd	Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Martine Saint Charles	Area Resident

7:08 P.M.

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Michael Ien called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Board & Special Bylaws meetings held on May 17, 2023 and June 13, 2023. Board Member David Price made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Board Member Andrenia Burgis seconded the motion. The motion passed with 28 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced the Executive Board, 1st Vice Chair, Greg Borruso, 2nd Vice Chair Maria Garrett, Secretary Barbara Bieber, District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, Assistant District Manager Dorothy Paul, and Community Assistant Gail Fazio.

7:12 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Public Hearing and introduced Kyra Cuevas the Senior Borough Planner from the Dept. of City Planning and her Director Alex Summer. A presentation was provided as part of the Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice on the proposed changes to the City's Zoning Resolution to expand opportunities for decarbonization. The City of Yes proposal for Carbon Neutrality is the first of 3 projects that the Department of City Planning is developing as part of the broader City of Yes initiative. Everyone will hear about the other 2 distinct independent proposals, economic and housing opportunity through public engagement later this summer and next year. Many of the elements of Carbon Neutrality proposal are urgently needed and aimed at delivering zoning relief for home and building owners who are trying to undertake smart retrofit projects to cut energy costs and help the environment. Here in New York City, we've been implementing the vision to achieve Carbon Neutrality by reducing the city's emissions to 80% by 2050. A carbon neutral city is a city in which we focus on reducing operational carbon

emissions where we've reduced our overall energy needs. This also includes updating the zoning to reflect the climate mobilization act at the city level, impose strict fines on large buildings that do not reduce their carbon emissions and encourage solar energy use.

The four key goals are....

1. Supporting the decarbonization of our city's energy grid. Their efforts relaxed rules for expansion of solar panel installation, energy storage, and onshore wind will bolster the state's initiative to achieve a 100% renewably sourced energy grid by 2040.
2. Eliminate fossil fuels from our cities 1 Million+ existing buildings by 2050. These buildings are bigger sources of carbon dioxide emissions, and to improve they'll need to retrofit virtually every single building to retire oil or gas-powered furnaces or boilers, replace them with newly highly efficient electric systems and improve the efficiency of exterior walls, windows, and roofs to keep heat inside.
3. Decarbonizing vehicles. There are currently 2 million private vehicles registered in New York City, and less than 1% are 0 emissions. By 2035, New York state policy has indicated that all new vehicles sold in the state will need to be 0 emissions.
4. The last goal is to reduce our cities storm warm water and solid water which would further reduce carbon emissions. Up to 45% of our waste stream is organic material that shouldn't go to landfill and can be reused within the city. They can also promote local food production in our cities. Within this context zoning can help decarbonize our waste streams.

Board Member Greg Borruso asked about energy storage for lithium batteries, what does onshore wind have to do with our quality of life and how does it affect our shoreline with the turbines constantly changing and the removal of natural gas to buildings by 2050, what is the plan to get money to people to retrofit their homes. Kyra Cuevas replied that the NYC Fire Department and the NYC Department of Buildings have standards and regulations for battery energy storage systems. Alex Summer the Director from the Department of City Planning explained that he doesn't have a specific answer to how the turbines would affect wildlife but would say that turbines are currently allowed today, and it helps to modify the approval process. Kyra mentioned that NY's Accelerator Program does provide financing for 1 and 2 family homes. Board Member Nancy Walby inquired about the open pavers, excess water, pesticides, weeds, and plants. How will this be managed. Alex Summer explained that he didn't quite know the answer to the pesticide question but most of this applies to private properties and private maintenance. Board Member Jamaal Carryl asked about rooftop greenhouses, pointing out housing developments with large amounts of greenspaces can grow vegetables. Kyra Cuevas stated that it's an excellent question, but it is not under their jurisdiction. Board Member Marie Delus inquired about rooftop solar panels. Kyra Cuevas clarified that currently it is not permitted in some districts. Alex Summer explained that you are allowed in some parts of the city to add solar panels to the rooftop, however, there are some limitations. Board Member David Price stated that in California, during the extreme heatwave, they asked people not to charge their electric cars or their electric devices because the grid cannot handle it. They are moving away from gas by 2035. He asked, how are you preparing for this mass exodus away from gas. Alex Summer explained that on the transition away from gas one of the things that's been ongoing is the offshore wind power. There will be a gap between that full transition as we go from hydro upstate as well as wind and solar. Part of this initiative is to decentralize some of the grid in a way that will allow for a lot more resiliency. Maria Garrett, 2nd Vice Chair stated that solar panels cannot be installed because of trees. What is the plan for people who want solar panels but cannot get them due to the placement of trees? Alex Summer explained that the way solar panels are installed is really a site-by-site analysis. Alex Summer provided information on the City Planning Commission Public Hearing which will be held at 120 Broadway in Lower Manhattan on July 26th. Chairperson Michael Ien asked for a motion in support of The City of Yes proposal for Carbon Neutrality. Board Member David Price made a motion. Board Member Sallie Viola Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed with 25 Yes, 4 Abstentions, 4 No Votes.

Chairperson Ien introduced Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th C.D. who greeted everyone and encouraged the Board Members to attend the meetings. She reminded them that they are here to represent the community. She thanked the leadership of Community Board 18 and provided her office contact information.

Chairperson Ien introduced Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D. who greeted everyone. CM Louis thanked Chair Michael Ien, DM Partnow, and the board for attending events, programs, marches, and rallies.

She wants to say thank you for showing comradery and commitment to the community. She also thanked DM Partnow for always being on top of her staff to make sure that they share important information with CB18. She gave a shout out to Council Member Narcisse for her partnership and thanked Chief of Staff Saye Joseph. She thanked her appointed Board Members for their commitment, hard work, and support for her. We are and will continue to be one of the best districts in the City of New York. She thanked everyone and wished everyone a blessed summer.

7:57 P.M.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Board Member and President of the Flossy Community Organization Jibreel Jalloh who provided a brief presentation for Gun Violence Awareness Month. He explained that the Flossy Community Organization's mission is to foster stronger communities through education and activism. He provided an overview about the on-going work to stop the spread of gun violence and the issues plaguing our neighborhoods. The Citywide Gun Violence Prevention Program from the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice came to Bayview Houses for a meeting to announce that Man Up! Inc. a cure the violence organization might accept the city contract for the Canarsie area. The Community Board must help keep up the pressure to eliminate gun violence in our communities. We need to make this issue a priority in our community. He asked that letters for anti-gun violence initiatives be sent to elected officials demanding legislation and funding. He asked all 50 board members, when they're thinking of things that need to be funded in the community, please keep those victims whose lives were tragically cut short by gun violence in mind. Donald Cranston, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams stated that over the last four years the Assembly Woman has allocated funds and there are other grants available. Jibreel Jalloh clarified they are not a Cure Violence Organization, but a program that is tragically needed in our community to advocate. Board Member Marie Delus applauded the presentation from the Flossy Group. As a family gun violence survivor, she shared information about the Gun Violence Survivors Advisory Council in the Mayor's Office. There are Safe in the City Grants that you can register for by the end of the month, which could be as much as \$5000. Board Member Jibreel made a motion to resend a letter to the public officials highlighting the boards deep concerns about the prevalence of gun violence in our community and how this epidemic continues to claim precious lives each day. Board Member Michael Ien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:04 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow greeted and thanked everyone for being here this evening. Now that summer is upon us, so much has been happening all over our community board.

1. Mt. Sinai Hospital Kings Highway – Ribbon cutting for their new infusion center.
2. Mill Basin Civic Association – Installation of Officers. Thank you, President Paul Curiale for giving me the honor of discharging & installing the officers. Congratulations to all.
3. Frasier Civic Annual Salute to Major McCarthy- Thank you, President Tom Hernandez for organizing this touching tribute.
4. Memorial Day Parade is back – Thank you, Canarsie Lions President Jean Joseph and all of the Canarsie Lions along with Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries, Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assembly Member Jaime Williams, Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, Council Member Farah Louis, Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, District Leader Frank Seddio, Millennium Dev. Corp. and Community Board 18 for reviving the parade.
5. 63rd Pct., 69th Pct. Community Council Meetings. Thank you, Presidents Greg Borruso, and Gardy Brazela for hosting very informative meetings.
6. Older Americans Month Celebration In conjunction with District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, Community Board 18, Millennium Dev. Corp, and our local elected officials.
7. P.S. 276 Multicultural Day – thank you, Principal Jenny Troman for teaching the students tolerance and understanding through songs, dancing, food, and costumes.

8. Hickman Playground Zoom presentation
9. P.S. 236 Carnival brought the students together with rides, music, food & giveaways.
10. Launch Charter High School Meeting – Plans, sketches, and ideas for the proposed High School in Floyd Bennett Field.
11. Caribbean Heritage Juneteenth Celebration in Canarsie Park. Thank you, Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries, Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assembly Members Jaime Williams, and Monique Chandler-Waterman, in coordination with Council Members Mercedes Narcisse, and Farah Louis, District Leader Frank Seddio, Millennium Dev. Corp. and Community Board 18.
12. Silent Disco Night in Marine Park – Thank you, Council Member Mercedes Narcisse.
13. Street Naming tributes for Ethan Holder and Kaitlin Bernhold, two young people that were taken before their time.
14. Millennium in The Park – Showcasing students from different schools throughout the district.
15. Brooklyn Borough President’s Cabinet Meeting – focus on OCM (Office of Cannabis Management) which now has the authority to take action on illicit shops by notices to landlords on their property & their liability under law, inspect & seize illicit products, issue Notice of Violations & place stickers on entrances, cease and desist orders, tax certificates revoked for unlicensed businesses, selling to minors, proximity to houses of worship (200 ft), proximity to schools (500 ft.) and repeat offenders. There are penalties up to \$10K per day for operating unlicensed dispensaries and if Notice of Violations are ignored the penalties will rise to \$20K per day. If there are businesses selling illicit products you can contact – complaints@ocm.ny.gov and report it.
16. Michael Ien and I attended Congress Member Yvette Clarke’s meet & greet
17. Marine Park Civic Association – Meeting & Installation. Thank you, Rob Mazzuchin & Board Members, and congratulations again.

Community Board 18 June Cabinet Meeting

SANITATION – Bergen Ave. dumping clean up next week and a camera request for that area. E. 87th St. & Ave. J clean up and clean up along the Foster Ave. Malls.

63rd Pct. – Tow operations ongoing. Kings Plaza vans crack down. Floyd Bennett Field for catalytic converter etching date to be announced, flyer to follow

DDC – DWS (Detectable Warning Surfaces) were installed in the northern part of 121 corners in Canarsie. At the CB’s request approximately another 50 will be installed in the southern part of Canarsie.

BROOKLYN HOSPITAL – New date for their fair due to the air quality issue. The date is Saturday, Aug. 26th. The fair will also include back to school items.

FDNY – Fireworks Prevention team that is set up to intercept fireworks before they end up on our streets. If you are having a Block Party and would like to include the FDNY, please go to FDNYSMART.ORG to schedule. They can bring a mobile CPR unit and an info table for smoke alarms.

COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION LIAISON – Completing their punch list for the Bergen Beach Project.

Sabrina DeJuiste representing Council Member Farah Louis, Tanequa Strong representing Senator Roxanne Persaud and Paul Curiale, Director of Millennium Dev. Corp. offered information and gave event updates

IN & AROUND CB 18

1. DOT has approved the installation of a traffic signal at Ave. K & East 52nd Street
2. Ripped and tattered American Flag replaced at the Canarsie Pier Roundabout
3. The Community Board is assisting the 69th Pct. by working with DOT for a possible redesign of the streets around the precinct. The redesign would make E. 98th St. one way southbound from Foster Ave. to Farragut Rd. along with angular parking on E. 98th St., Foster Ave. between E. 98th & 99th St. and the Eastside of Rockaway Parkway from Ave. D to Foster Ave.

4. Visited the property at the intersection of Kings Highway, Avenue H & E. 48th St with Board Member Violine Roberty. The Gas Station was voted on by the CB 18 and approved with stipulations – 1. There will be no entrance or exiting onto the residential street of E. 48th and 2. A 10-foot privacy fence be installed. The curb cut going out at E. 48th St. was made bigger, and no 10 ft. wall was installed. I contacted BSA (Board of Standards & Appeals) and an inspector was being sent to the location. The findings will be sent to the CB.
5. Scrambul Launch Charity Race Tour is a 3-day motorsport event taking place on the Harlem River Drive, Manhattan, the Cross-Island Expressway, Bronx and the Belt Parkway between Rockaway Parkway and Flatbush Ave. The Belt Parkway will serve as the location for a 1320 ft. race on August 13, 2023 from 9am – 5pm. The events throughout the city aim to raise \$300,000 for local charities.
6. **Reminder**—all Block Party applications and petitions must come through the Community Board office.

GOOD & WELFARE

Happy Birthday to Board Member Victoria Stennett

Congratulations to Board Member Michelle Sealey on her 2023 graduation from the NYPD Citizen’s Academy

Congratulations to Board Member Tom Hernandez’s daughter Angela who received the Big Apple Teacher’s Award for going above and beyond.

Get well wishes to Board Member Jim Buchanan

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Turano Family on the loss of Dorothy “Dottie” Turano who held the position of Community Board 18 DM for over 35 years.

Whether you are a dad, grandpa, uncle, father figure or friend, I hope you enjoyed a great Father’s Day
Juneteenth is the commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth is also called Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, and dates back more than 150 years.

Thank you, Board Member Frank Seddio, for starting our Summer off with a delicious BBQ and to Paul Curiale and the Millennium staff, thank you for setting up and working so hard.

The Community Board office is open during the Summer, but we do not have any formal meetings. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20th. Have a safe 4th of July and nice, warm, relaxing summer.

8:29 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Frank Seddio, Chairperson

1. As you know, Dorothy “Dottie” Turano, passed away this month, please stand and join in a moment of silence in memory of Dottie. He explained that Dottie is the reason we have this building. She worked with our elected officials during the reconstruction of the Pump Station next door. Tonight, he is making a motion to dedicate this building in memory of Dorothy Turano by placing a plaque in the lobby. According to our Bylaws this motion will be tabled and voted on at our next meeting in September. Chairperson Michael Ien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Frank also thanked the Board Members that attended the Bylaws meeting for a lively exchange of ideas. By merging the old with new, our Board Members came up with a fresh set of Bylaws for the first time in almost 50 years. The Bylaws are available on the CB 18 website. He extended summer greetings. Chairperson Michael Ien expressed that Dorothy “Dottie” Turano was a very special person to him and may she rest in peace.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem

1. State Liquor Authority Application Received - Vote

NEW AND TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER

- Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue – 11236
- 5503 Royal Crown LLC, N/A, 5503-5509 Glenwood Road – 11234

NEW AND TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WINE, BEER & CIDER

- Y&Y Sushi Inc., N/A, 2368 Flatbush Avenue – 11234

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

- Richard's Hall & Lounge Inc., N/A, 9404 Avenue L – 11236
- Nora's Park Bench Café, LTD, 3019 Quentin Road – 11234
- Bennet's Best LTD, IL Posto, 7409 Avenue U – 11234

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

- Gourmet Grill Inc., Gourmet Grill, 6334 Avenue N – 11234

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR BEER & CIDER

- Real World Deli Corp, N/A, 8602 Flatlands Avenue – 11236

Chairperson Pro Tem Paul Curiale introduced Paul Willoughby the owner of JP Canes Inc., Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N, 11234. Paul Willoughby apologized to the board and meant no disrespect to the board by not coming to last month's board meeting. There was a lack of communication between him and his attorney. He loves this neighborhood and Bergen Beach and has lived in Marine Park his whole life and appreciate everyone's time. Chairperson Pro Tem Paul Curiale thanked him for coming.

Chairperson Pro Tem Paul Curiale stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations, the 63rd and the 69th Police Precinct about the SLA New and Renewal Applications received from Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue, 11236, 5503 Royal Crown LLC, N/A, 5503-5509 Glenwood Road, 11234, Y&Y Sushi Inc., N/A, 2368 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Richard's Hall & Lounge Inc., N/A, 9404 Avenue L, 11236, Nora's Park Bench Café, LTD, 3019 Quentin Road, 11234, Bennet's Best LTD, IL Posto, 7409 Avenue U, 11234, Gourmet Grill Inc., Gourmet Grill, 6334 Avenue N, 11234, and Real World Deli Corp, N/A, 8602 Flatlands Avenue, 11236. No objections were received for 5503 Royal Crown LLC, Y&Y Sushi Inc., N/A, Richard's Hall & Lounge Inc., N/A, Nora's Park Bench Café, LTD, Bennet's Best LTD, IL Posto, Gourmet Grill Inc., and Real World Deli Corp, N/A. However, Objections were received for the New Application received from Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue 11236. Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale asked if any applicants were present. Juan Marten, representing Real World Deli Corp, Leslie Grant, representing 5503 Royal Crown LLC, Gregory Pina and Inga, Representing Bennet's Best LTD, IL Posto, Tanisha William, Representing Richard's Hall & Lounge Inc., Thomas Wilson, Representing Nora's Park Bench Café, LTD and Jack Disanto, Representing Gourmet Grill Inc. were present.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale introduced P.O. Samuel Maria, 69th precinct who stated that upon further review of the historical events that took place at Elites Event Space such as chronic 311 calls, noise complaints, and double parking, the 69th Precinct would like to recommend DENIAL of the New Application received from Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue 11236. District Manager Partnow said that there is a different owner but there's been continuous problems as she's reported in the past. The 69th Precinct has frequented the establishment due to noise complaints, NYC Department of Buildings violations and selling alcohol without a license. Board Member Marie Delus stated that she thought we had a policy to give owners two (2) opportunity to come and meet with the board before we take a vote. District Manager Partnow explained that it was a recommendation at the last meeting and that recommendation gets put on the agenda and voted on at the next meeting which is this meeting. Board Member Wilton Ricketts, Jr stated that he is in complete agreement that owners should have two (2) chances to appear before the Board, Assistant District Manager Dorothy Paul, informed the board that every applicant on the agenda is notified and is asked to be present for the board meeting to answer questions about their establishments. She also explained that the SLA Applicant has only 30 days to get a recommendation from the Community Board. If we table their

application to the next month the SLA's Full Board will have possibly made their decision. Greg Borruso, 1st Vice Chair explained that it's only a recommendation from the precinct to deny it but if the precinct is recommending a denial, that says a lot. There's no reason to table anything as the owner was invited to the Board meeting. Board Member David Price stated there have been other SLA applications that have come before the Board, and we have tabled it because there was a conflict. There was a motion that was made and added to old business on the agenda for this exact thing. How many chances do we give owners or their representatives to appear before the Board, one or two chances? District Manager Partnow suggested that we take a vote on the applications that have no controversy first and revisit the other applications after the motion.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale introduced Leslie Grant, representing 5503 Royal Crown, Tanisha William, Representing Richard's Hall & Lounge Inc., Bennet's Best LTD, IL Posto, Jack Disanto, representing Gourmet Grill Inc., Juan Marten, representing Real World Deli Corp. and Thomas Wilson, representing Nora's Park Bench Café to answer questions.

There being no further questions, Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale asked for a motion to approve the SLA Applications received from 5503 Royal Crown LLC, N/A, 5503-5509 Glenwood Road, 11234, Y&Y Sushi Inc., N/A, 2368 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Richard's Hall & Lounge Inc., N/A, 9404 Avenue L, 11236, Nora's Park Bench Café, LTD, 3019 Quentin Road, 11234, Bennet's Best LTD, IL Posto, 7409 Avenue U, 11234, Gourmet Grill Inc., Gourmet Grill, 6334 Avenue N, 11234, and Real World Deli Corp, N/A, 8602 Flatlands Avenue, 11236.. Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale made a motion and Board Member Sallie Viola Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale informed the board that we would take a motion on the New Application received from Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue 11236 after a vote is taken on the motion in Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Ien informed the board that at the May 17, 2023 meeting, Board Member Jamaal Carryl made a recommendation to allow businesses two opportunities to appear before the full Board for an SLA license. Board Member Stuart Heier asked what happens if the board gives them two opportunities and it goes over two months does that affect the process. Board Member Kenny Jean-Baptiste stated that he can understand giving them a second chance but with reasons. Board Member Felina Backer stated that we spent a lot of time last month discussing this and thinks that we should move forward and vote. Board Member Jamaal Carryl made a motion that the board provide the SLA Applicants only two opportunities to appear before the Board to address issues facing their businesses. Board Member Felina Backer seconded the motion. The motion did not pass -16 No Votes. 15 Yes, 2 Abstentions,

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale asked that we now vote on the New Application received from Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue 11236. Board Member Naomi Hopkins mentioned that the 69th Precinct spoke against the application but there was a board member that would like to speak in favor of this business, she believes he should be heard. Martine Jean-Charles, Area Resident stated that the Board Members should be thinking about the people living in the community. If the 69th precinct says that they do not recommend this SLA Application, it's because there are problems with this location. Board Member Wilton Ricketts Jr. spoke on behalf of the establishment. The 69th Police Precinct can probably attest to this, there has not been a shooting, stabbing, or any reports of any types of violence at this location.

There being no further questions or comments Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale made a motion to deny the SLA New Application received from Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue 11236. Board Member Lyndon Inglis seconded the motion. The motion passed with 16 Yes, 11 Abstentions, 4 No Votes.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Summertime is the perfect time for water sports – especially swimming and fishing, which can be enjoyed by everyone in the parks around NYC if safety rules and regulations are followed.

Know Before You Go to The Pool NYC's outdoor pools open for the season on June 29th through September; indoor pools are open year-round. Outdoor pool hours are generally open from 11:00

a.m. through 7:00 p.m. daily, with a break for pool cleaning between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. **CB18:**
(Lindower Park and Glenwood Park have mini pools)

1. What to Wear – You'll need to have a swimsuit to enter the pool area. Parks personnel may choose to check men's shorts for a lining if they can't tell it's a bathing suit. When you feel the need to cover up from the sun, throw on a plain white shirt or white hat, and you're all set. Shirts with colors are not allowed on the pool deck. Free sunscreen is provided to city pools across the five boroughs.
2. Information for Parents – Thinking of bringing floaties? It's safer to leave them at home and just stay in the shallow end of the pool until everyone learns to swim. Babies and toddlers can put on swim diapers before they head into the water. While parks personnel may be able to find a place to park your baby's stroller, they can't keep an eye on it for you, so bring it at your own risk. You can also check out the free-swimming classes that are offered either on-line at nyc.gov/parks or by calling 311.
3. What to Bring – Make sure you have a sturdy lock when you head out to the pool. It will keep your valuables safe, and let you hit the water feeling more secure about your belongings. Locks are required to enter, and parks personnel will not accept luggage locks.
4. What Not to Bring – You'll need to leave food, glass bottles, electronic devices, newspapers, magazines, and the family pet at home. Newspapers and magazines tend to blow around and create litter, food can be messy to clean up after, and there's too much water around to make sure your electronics stay safe. It is also recommended that you leave valuables like jewelry and credit cards at home.
5. Managing the Wait in Line – There is often a line of people waiting to enter the pool area. Sometimes, on busy days, parks personnel will take steps to ensure that more people get a chance to swim, so they may schedule swim sessions and limit the amount of time that you can swim in the pool. You might also be issued a bracelet on busy days, which allows you to come back later and skip the line.

Know Before You Go to The Beach

1. Lifeguards keep you safe so only swim when they are around – During beach season, lifeguards are generally on duty daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Swimming is prohibited in closed sections or whenever lifeguards are not on duty. Closed sections are marked with signs and/or red flags. A drowning can happen in seconds. It's important to follow the lifeguard's directions, and always swim with a buddy, friend, or parent. Never leave children unattended near water, even when a lifeguard is on duty.
2. Avoid Unnecessary Risks – Swimming in restricted areas or when lifeguards are off-duty isn't worth the risk. Be cautious of deep water and go wading only where swimming is permitted. The first time you enter the water, ease in, or walk in – do not jump or dive. Be careful not to swim while you are tired, cold, or far from safety, and never use alcohol while swimming, boating, or supervising children near water. Reminder: alcohol is not permitted in public parks.
3. Keep an Eye on the Weather – When at the beach, pool, or park this summer, wear sunscreen, drink plenty of fluids, and wear light and loose-fitting clothing to stay cool. If you are in the water or on the beach and there is thunder or lightning, follow the direction of lifeguards and beach staff and seek shelter.
4. Rip Currents – Rip currents are powerful channels of water flowing quickly away from shore, which occur most often at low spots or breaks in a sandbar and in areas around jetties and piers. All beachgoers should only swim in areas monitored by lifeguards, follow the directions of lifeguards, and pay attention to any flags and posted signs. To learn more about rip currents, read safety tips and information provided by the National Weather Service.

Know Before You Go Fishing

Brooklyn: NYC Parks – American Veterans Memorial Pier, Kaiser Park, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Prospect Park, WNYC Transmitter Park, Valentino Pier. **NYS Park** – Shirley Chisholm State Park. **National Park** – Gateway National Park

1. Where am I? – Am I on NYC Parkland, State Parkland, or Federal Parkland? Am I fishing in freshwater or saltwater? Check out the specific rules either online or call 311 for more information.
2. Fishing license – Everyone aged 16 and older needs a fishing license for freshwater fishing. For fishing license information, visit the NYS DEC website (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/63.html>). A license can be purchased online, over the phone, or by visiting an official License Issuing Agent.
3. What to bring and not bring– Bring your fishing license (if applicable). Fishing is permitted in NYC parks except in open swimming areas or where specifically prohibited. You must obey all posted guidelines, and comply with all applicable City, State and Federal laws and regulations. The use of lead weights is not permitted. The use of traps to catch fish and/or crustaceans is not permitted. In fresh waters the use of barbed hooks is not permitted, the use of non-stainless-steel hooks is recommended, and you must release any fish you catch. You must also remove all the fishing line, hooks, and other items you bring with you when you leave.

LIBRARIES & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Sallie Bennett, Chairperson

1. On September 14, 2022, The NYC Civic Engagement Commission launched The People's Money- NYC's first-ever citywide participatory budgeting process! All New Yorkers aged 11 and up, regardless of immigration status, can decide how to spend \$5 million of the city's expense budget on programs, services, and events in their borough and/or neighborhood to address community needs. From May 10th – June 25th, residents can vote online at on.nyc.gov/pb or in-person at a vote site in their neighborhood at on.nyc.gov/pbvotesite. To stay connected with The People's Money visit participate.nyc.gov to learn more about The People's Money!

Chairperson Ien introduced Captain Abdullah Hussein the new Executive Officer at the 63rd Precinct who greeted everyone and provided information on his background.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Ien informed the board that after consultation with the Executive Board, they respectfully request that a moderate 5% raise be approved for District Manager, Assistant District Manager and Community Assistant. The Chairperson made a motion and 2nd Vice Chair Maria Garrett seconded the motion. Chairperson Ien asked if there is any discussion on the motion? A discussion ensued and the motion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mark Moss of Harisch Studios provided a point of information. He stated that the Mayor's Executive Order allowing all meetings to be held virtually has expired and has not been renewed. This means you can no longer do full virtual webex/zoom meeting.

District Manager Sue Ann Partnow stated that the Brooklyn Borough President's Office sent out notification that the remote meeting authorization expired, and it will not be renewed. Since the pandemic we have had the opportunity, as all of you have had, to do virtual meetings. As things started to get better, we were able to do hybrid. DM Partnow sent out a sample of the resolution which basically says, Board Members should be back in person to ensure an in-person quorum is met. If you cannot come in person and you need to do videoconferencing there has to be accountability. You will need to get approval a few days before and it would have to be an extraordinary circumstance. Those are the words of the NYC Borough President, NYC Mayor, and the NYS Governor's Office. You have all received the sample resolution that can be customized before it is voted on tonight. Board Member David Price asked if we must use this wording and if we could take out extraordinary circumstance. DM Partnow said it can be customized but you cannot remove extraordinary circumstances because that's mandatory. Also, if you look up OML 103 (2) extraordinary circumstances appears all over. Extraordinary circumstances situations will be approved by the Chair of CB18. DM Partnow explained that extraordinary circumstances refer to illness, death or disability and asked that everyone refer to Open Meetings Law 103 (2). Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if the vote tonight is effective immediately. DM Partnow replied yes. Board Member David Price asked if we voted no for this, and it doesn't pass then what. District

Manager Partnow explained that we won't have a resolution. District Manager Partnow responded no. Board Member Felina Backer questioned extraordinary circumstances. Board Member Naomi Hopkins explained that Community Board Meetings will return to in person format using hybrid procedures for those dealing with illness, disabilities, or death. If we leave this meeting now without a resolution, we do not have an opportunity to use hybrid for those with extraordinary circumstances. Board Member Valerie Woodford made a motion to accept the OML (Open Meetings Law) for videoconferencing in extraordinary circumstances. Board Member David Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the floor for the nominations for the office of Treasurer. He explained that all nominees are required to send a resume to the Community Board office by September 13, 2023 for distribution via email to all Board Members for consideration before the vote on September 20, 2023. Board Member Lyndon Inglis nominated Board Member David Price. Board Member David Price accepted the nomination. Board Member Felina Backer seconded the nomination.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairperson Ien asked if there are any questions or concerns you would like to bring to the attention of the board? Please address the chair to be recognized.

P.O. Navarro, 63rd Precinct, greeted everyone and provided information on the upcoming tow operation, meeting info, event updates and answered questions. She then introduced the new auxiliary officers for the 63rd Precinct.

Chairperson Ien introduced Michael Benjamin, Representing States Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D., Donald Cranston, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59th A.D., Venus Scantlebury, Representing the Civilian Complaint Review Board, Chris Smith, Representing Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D., Sabrina Dieujuste, Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D., Yolette Toussaint, Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41st A.D., Brit Byrd, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, who greeted everyone and provided information on programs, and upcoming community events.

Board Member Naomi Hopkins apologized for prolonging the meeting but wanted to say that we've had a couple of good meetings but today was a little out of control. We need to have healthy debates, to listen to what's being said, but we can't move something along just because we're tired and we don't want to be here. She had to abstain from a vote because she didn't feel as though the discussion was complete and she doesn't like to abstain. We are supposed to use Robert's Rule of Order to move the meeting along in a proper way, recognizing the majority while also respecting the minority. But we're all in here like a free for all and its disrespectful to us, the staff and especially disrespectful to the community. She apologized for prolonging the meeting but also thanked everyone for listening.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Violine Roberty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Lyndon Inglis seconded the motion. The motion passed with 31 Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 P.M.

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