

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Felina Backer
Sallie Viola Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Gardy Brazela
Andrenia Burgis
Eugene Burshtein
Terri Cadet-Donald
Salvatore Calise
Jamaal Carryl
Lucina Clarke
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Marie Delus
Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Denise Gordon

Denise Gourdine
Stuart Heier
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Aryanna Holder
Naomi Hopkins
Michael Ien
Jibreel Jalloh
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Omeil Morgan
David Price
Elaine Reid
Patrick Jayson Reyes
Wilton Ricketts Jr.
Viole Roberty
Michelle Sealey
Frank Seddio
Victoria Stennett
Robert Tracey

Nancy Walby
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Sal Calise
Paul Curiale
Nancy Lawrence
Roberto Olivari
Joseph Zelinski
James Tobin
Ronny Canterino
John Mooney
Josue Martinez
Miguel Martinez
Vito Decre
Matthew Barcellona
Brenda Ramos
Joanne MacDonald
Griffin Costantine
Bernadette Morrissey
Rob Muzeuchin
Dr. Jackie Cody
Pat Doherty
Det. Ronette Benjamin
P.O. Thomas Podd
P.O. Samuel Maria
Aniysa Richards
Lentral Laird

Representing Bergen Beach Civic Association
Representing Mill Basin Civic Association
Area Resident
NYC DEP
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
GBPOA
Antojitos Acatlan LLC
Antojitos Acatlan LLC
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Pizza D'Amore
Madison Marine Homecrest Civic Association
Marine Park Community Association
Area Resident
Area Resident
63rd Precinct
63rd Precinct
69th Precinct
Area Resident
NY Tracks Café

Sal Padial	Area Resident
Tod E. Davis	Area Resident
Barbara Davis	Area Resident
Tomi Marshall	Area Resident
Guerda Victor	Area Resident
Nigel Dupree	Breukelen Houses
Luis Rivera	Breukelen Houses
Michael Benjamin	Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19 th S.D.
Peterson Bonaventure	Carle's Corner Corp
Kathy Eik	NYPC
Mark Partnow	Area Resident
Bridget Arcadipane	Area Resident
Bob Arcadipane	Area Resident
Claudia Zuccardi	Area Resident
Liam Morris	Area Resident
Amanda Salazar	Canarsie Courier
John Palazzola	On Scene Brooklyn South
Kerryann Harris	Elite Events Space
Denault Harris	Elite Events Space
Phyllis Cristadoro	Area Resident
Joan Rubino	Area Resident
Joan Muscianisi	Area Resident
Andrea Belisario	Area Resident
Louise Piccerill	Area Resident
Carol-Ann Church	Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Bruce Giusberg	Area Resident
Felice Galvan	Area Resident
Kathy Orse	Area Resident
Kim Massaro	Area Resident
Andrew Hoyles	NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY)
Ronald Seifert	Area Resident
Reginald Ward	Area Resident
Linda Schain	Area Resident
Audra Fox	Area Resident
Theresa Mangano	Area Resident
Anthony Mangano	Area Resident
Josephine Palermo	Area Resident
Raymonde Limbaugh	Area Resident
Martin Vezzuto	Area Resident
Jane Van Auken	Area Resident
Gerard Brewster	Utica 2 Flatbush
Hilary Ginsberg	Area Resident
Astrid Angevine	Area Resident
Hartwell Alleyne	Area Resident
Jennifer Bernhardt	Area Resident
Sheri Toiv	Representing State Senator Simcha Felder, 22 nd S.D.
Camille Piccininni	Area Resident
Estelle Peretz	Area Resident
Ruth Hippolyte	Area Resident
Naomi Hippolyte	Area Resident

Jeannie Hayes	Area Resident
Natalie Richards	Area Resident
Jonathan Richards	Area Resident
Antonette McKain	Area Resident
Carmela Acardo	Area Resident
Lori Pizzarelli	Area Resident
David Phillip	Area Resident
Rosa Julien	Area Resident
Joe Belcastro	Area Resident
Anne Gallo	Area Resident
Hon. Farah Louis	Council Member, 45 th Council District
Sabrina Dieujuste	Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45 th C.D.
Jacob Gold	Representing Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
Mercedes Narcisse	Council Member, 46 th Council District
Saye Joseph	Rep. Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46 th Council District
Jonathan Richards	Area Resident
Vivienne Bent	Rep. Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58 th A.D.
Guerline Morency	Area Resident
Anthony Williams	Area Resident
Donald Cranston	Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59 th A.D.
Dewayne Burris	Area Resident
Roshelle Nelson	Area Resident
Loretta Chin	Area Resident
Hon. Nikki Lucas	Assembly Member Nikki Lucas, 60 th A.D.

7:15 P.M.

Board Member Tomas Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

Secretary Barbara Bieber took a Roll Call before we started the Regular Meeting of Community Board 18. A count of 35 board members were present at the start of the meeting.

7:19 P.M.

Chairperson Michael Ien welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order and asked everyone to wish District Manager Sue Ann Partnow a Happy Birthday. Chairperson Ien introduced our executive board, 1st Vice Chair Greg Borusso, 2nd Vice Chair Maria Garret, Secretary Barbara Bieber, District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, Assistant District Manager Dorothy Paul, and Community Assistant Gail Fazio. Chairperson Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on June 21, 2023. Board Member Frank Seddio made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairperson Ien explained that we are moving some of the agenda around because we want to make sure that our board members are present to vote.

Chairperson Michael Ien Introduced Council Member Mercedes Narcisse and State Senator Kevin Paker who addressed the crowd about Floyd Bennett Field.

8:22 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Karen Ellis the Director of Community Affairs for the Bureau of Public Affairs and Communications (BPAC) at DEP. Due to the long agenda at tonight's meeting Karen Ellis from

DEP suggested that she come back next month to do a formal presentation to follow up on the Town Hall meeting that was held on May 10, 2023 here at the Community Board Office for the area residents that were flooded due to heavy rains. The Board Members agreed.

8:23 P.M.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Andrew Hoyles from the Bureau of Community Affairs at the NYC Department of Sanitation who provided a brief presentation on the launch of curbside composting that's coming to Brooklyn the week of October 2nd. Pick up will coincide with your recycling day. Residents can order a free brown bin at www.nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting until October 13th. You can also use any bin if it has a latching lid. The bin must be a maximum of 55 gallons. Leaf and yard waste separation is mandatory. Also, they want to compost your food scraps. You can put that in the brown bin along with leaf, yard waste, food scraps, foods, and soiled paper. If it grows it goes. Anything that you eat, or that's gone bad in your pantry can go inside the brown bin which should have a clear liner around it.

Deputy Inspector Rachael Kosak, 63rd Precinct, greeted everyone. She explained that the 63rd Precinct covers Floyd Bennett Field and knows that there's a lot of safety concerns throughout the community if the facility is up and running at some point. She welcomed everyone back from the Summer and spoke of her concerns for safety within the schools. It's the start of the school year and obviously the safe passage of kids to and from school is a priority. She also provided information on upcoming meetings, and events.

Captain Dion Hinds, 69th Precinct, greeted everyone. He reiterated what D.I. Kosak said about September and the beginning of the school year. Their main concerns are South Shore and Canarsie High Schools and their safe passage to and from school. He then provided precinct crime statistics, meeting info, and event updates.

8:46 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member and Bylaws Committee Chairperson Frank Seddio brought a tabled motion to the floor addressing a 5% salary increase for CB18 employees. He asked to move the motion and vote on the 5% salary raise for the staff of Community Board 18 namely District Manager, Assistant District Manager and Community Assistant. A discussion on the proposal and current staff salaries ensued. Board Member and Bylaws Chairperson Frank Seddio made the motion that the board approve a 5% salary raise to the staff of Community Board 18 namely District Manager, Assistant District Manager and Community Assistant. Board Member Greg Borruso seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 36 Yes Votes, 0 NO votes and 0 abstentions. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that he's glad to see that everyone voted in favor of this, because he knows firsthand how hard the staff works. He thanked the staff of Community Board 18.

Board Member and Bylaws Committee Chairperson Frank Seddio addressed the Chair and Board Members to vote on a motion made at the June meeting that was tabled, to rename the Community Board 18 building after the former District Manager Dorothy "Dottie" Turano. He provided a brief biography of Dorothy "Dottie" Turano's time on the board. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with 35 Yes Votes. Chairperson Michael Ien expressed kind words about the late Dorothy "Dottie" Turano.

Community Board Member and Bylaws Chairperson Frank Seddio explained that the Bylaws of CB18 were changed to add a Treasurer to the Executive Board. Only one party was nominated at the June meeting, Board Member David Price. Pursuant to our bylaws, all Board Members received a copy of his biography. Since there were no other nominations, he made a motion to move the election of David Price as Treasurer. Board Member Michelle Sealey seconded the motion. Frank Seddio asked Secretary Barbara Bieber to cast 1 ballot for a unanimous election of Board Member David Price as the Treasurer of CB 18. Secretary Barbara Bieber cast 1 ballot for Board Member David Price as the Treasurer of CB 18. The motion

was passed. Board Member Seddio congratulated Board Member David Price on his election.

8:57 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Frank Seddio, Chairperson

1. Proposing the following By-law change regarding the elections of officers for CB 18. The election of officers for CB 18 shall occur at the June meeting of the Board each year. The nominating committee shall be selected by the Chairperson at the April meeting. The nominating committee shall report its recommendations for the positions of Chairperson, 1st Vice Chairperson, 2nd Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer to the board membership under new business at the May meeting. Nominations shall then also be accepted from the floor, if any. Each person nominated shall be required to provide a resume/biography to the District Manager which shall then be forwarded along with the list of those nominated for office prior to the June Board Meeting. No nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the June Board Meeting. This change shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

SLA COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Application Received - Vote

TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT & CLASS CHANGE APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER

- Milo Bear Inc., Pizza D'Amore, 2147 Mill Avenue – 11234

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

- Elites Event Space, TBD, 1663 Ralph Avenue – 11236
- Carle's Corner Corp, TBD, 1778 Ralph Avenue – 11234
- Antojitos Acatlan LLC, TBD, 4602 Avenue N – 11234

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

- Lola's Mexican Cuisine Corp., Lola's Mexican Cuisine, 2101 Flatbush Avenue – 11234
- NY Tracks Café Inc., NY Tracks Café, 1556 Ralph Avenue – 11234
- China Tokyo Inc., China Tokyo Restaurant, 5908 Avenue N – 11234
- S & N Topaze Restaurant Inc., Topaze, 1875 Utica Avenue – 11234

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

- Allo Food Corp, La Villa Pizzeria & Restaurant, 6610 Avenue U – 11234
- Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., Sosaku Japanese Restaurant, 6328 Avenue N – 11234

Chairperson Paul Curiale introduced Captain Dion Hinds, 69th Precinct to speak on the application received from Elites Event Space, TBD, 1663 Ralph Avenue, 11236. Captain Hinds stated that at this time, they are going to recommend denial of a liquor license due to quality-of-life infractions at the address. There have been over 153 311 calls at the location for noise, drinking outside, and public urination.

Chairperson Curiale asked if any applicants were present. Griffin Costantine Representing Milo Bear Inc., Pizza D'Amore, Lenval Laird Representing NY Tracks Café, Kerryann and Denault Harris Representing Elite Events Space, Josue and Miguel Martinez Representing Antojitos Acatlan LLC, TBD, 4602 Avenue N, 11234, and Peterson Bonaventure Representing Carle's Corner Corp, TBD, 1778 Ralph Avenue, 11234 were present to answer questions.

Chairperson Curiale stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations, the 63rd and the 69th Police Precincts about the SLA New and Renewal Applications received from Milo Bear Inc., Pizza D'Amore, 2147 Mill Avenue, 11234, Elites Event Space, TBD, 1663 Ralph Avenue, 11236, Carle's Corner Corp, TBD, 1778 Ralph Avenue, 11234, Antojitos Acatlan LLC, TBD, 4602 Avenue N, 11234, Lola's Mexican Cuisine Corp., Lola's Mexican Cuisine, 2101 Flatbush

Avenue, 11234, NY Tracks Café Inc., NY Tracks Café, 1556 Ralph Avenue, 11234, China Tokyo Inc., China Tokyo Restaurant, 5908 Avenue N, 11234, S & N Topaze Restaurant Inc., Topaze, 1875 Utica Avenue, 11234, Allo Food Corp, La Villa Pizzeria & Restaurant, 6610 Avenue U, 11234, and Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., Sosaku Japanese Restaurant, 6328 Avenue N, 11234. No objections were received for Milo Bear Inc., Pizza D'Amore, Carle's Corner Corp, TBD, Antojitos Acatlan LLC, TBD, Lola's Mexican Cuisine Corp., Lola's Mexican Cuisine, NY Tracks Café Inc., NY Tracks Café, China Tokyo Inc., China Tokyo Restaurant, S & N Topaze Restaurant Inc., Topaze, Allo Food Corp, La Villa Pizzeria & Restaurant, and Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., Sosaku Japanese Rest. However, Objections were received for the New Application and Temporary Retail Permit Application received from Elites Event Space.

Chairperson Curiale asked for a motion to approve the SLA Applications received from Milo Bear Inc., Pizza D'Amore, Carle's Corner Corp, TBD, Antojitos Acatlan LLC, TBD, Lola's Mexican Cuisine Corp., Lola's Mexican Cuisine, NY Tracks Café Inc., NY Tracks Café, China Tokyo Inc., China Tokyo Restaurant, S & N Topaze Restaurant Inc., Topaze, Allo Food Corp, La Villa Pizzeria & Restaurant, and Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., Sosaku Japanese Restaurant. Board Member Frank Seddio made a motion to approve the aforesaid applications. Board Member Michelle Sealey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Curiale opened the discussion on the New Application received from Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue 11236. Board Member Omeil Morgan expressed his disappointment for the recommendation to deny Elites Event Space for an SLA license. The owner, Denault Harris explained that they took ownership March 2023, and the 311 complaints were from 2022 under the previous owner. Board Member Felina Backer stated they cannot be held accountable for something that happened prior. Board Member Sal Calise suggested that since they're new and they've only had the space since March, we table this and do some investigating. Board Member Wilton Ricketts spoke in defense of the new owners because he lives around the corner and hasn't heard any complaints. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald asked for clarification, is this an event space, a restaurant or rental space. The owner, Denault Harris stated that they rent it out for all occasions. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald asked are they on the premise when its being rented out. Denault Harris replied yes. Board Member Marie Delus asked what happens if it's tabled, do they get a temporary permit or does the business continue to rent without an SLA license. Chairperson Curiale explained they cannot receive a license until they are approved by the Board. Second Vice Chair Maria Garrett asked what the closing time for the space is. Denault Harris answered that they close at 4 AM on weekends. Gerard Brewster Representing Utica 2 Flatbush stated he agrees with Board Member Sal Calise about doing an investigation. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked about their weekday hours. Denault Harris answered if there's a party, we'll stay open until 1:00 am but the music is only on the weekends. There being no further questions, Chairperson Curiale asked for a motion to table the New Application received from Elites Event Space, N/A, 1663 Ralph Avenue 11236. Board Member Frank Seddio made a motion and Board Member Felina Backer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Parks update:

Activities and volunteer opportunities in our Parks:

1. Join the Jr. Litter League: teams of up to 35 students and 3 adults can volunteer to pick up litter and leaves in a local park. Compete with other teams across the city! Supplies will be provided and there will be prizes awarded. Registration is open through Friday, Sept. 22nd, so don't delay. <https://cityparksfoundation.org/jr-litter-league-registration/>.
2. NYRR Open Runs in Marine Park on Saturdays (9am – 12pm) and Canarsie Park on Sundays (9am – 12pm).
3. Learn more about our Urban Wildlife: Racoons. Join the Urban Park Rangers on Sunday, Oct. 1st, from 12pm – 1:30pm, at the Salt Marsh Nature Center in Marine Park to learn more about this adaptable and resourceful species. Special Note: October 1st is Raccoon Appreciation Day.

Project updates as of Sept. 18th:

1. Canarsie Park Public Restroom Building: construction phase is 40% complete; project completion is anticipated by October 2023.
2. Canarsie Park Path Reconstruction: design phase is 5% complete; project completion is anticipated by May 2024.
3. Marine Park Golf Course Path Reconstruction: construction phase is 95% complete; project completion is anticipated by February 2024.
4. Marine Park Oval Path Reconstruction: construction phase is 33% complete; project completion is anticipated by September 2024.
5. Marine Park Forest Restoration: procurement phase is 100% complete; project completion is anticipated by November 2026.
6. Marine Park P.S. 278 Playground Restoration: design phase is 50% complete; there is no project completion date available.

Recent Legislation enacted last week that could affect DPR's budget.

1. Intro 1066-A: Amends the New York city charter, in relation to the role of trees and the tree canopy with respect to the city's long-term sustainability planning. (Trees will now be considered part of the city's infrastructure).
2. Intro 0962: Will require the city to identify locations where additional public swimming pools could be built, with a focus on communities that currently do not have access to pools and other athletic equipment.

Remember to check out all the other fun activities and programs in our NYC Parks by calling 311 or going online to www.nyc.gov/park.

YOUTH & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

1. Brooklyn Public Library, and the Brooklyn Museum have paid internships for high school and college students. Please see the flyers on the table. Millennium is hiring for after school programs between the hours of 2 PM-6 PM. if you know of anybody you can see her afterwards.

She thanked everyone and wished everyone a good night and Sue Ann a Happy Birthday.

HOUSING COMMITTEE – Naomi Hopkins, Chairperson

Two major announcements from 2 of our 3 housing developments.

1. Bayview Houses is undergoing a lot of capital improvements. They're also getting ready to undergo a rack pack conversion, which is changing their funding source from section 8 to section 9.
2. Breukelen Houses has a new Tenant Association President, Mr. Nigel Dupree. DM Partnow will explain about the Brooklyn Nets basketball court enhancement. She thanked everyone and wished Sue Ann a Happy Birthday.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow greeted and thanked everyone for being here this evening. Although we didn't have any regular meetings over the Summer, the Community Board Office was very busy and active.

3. The Rockaway Parkway Corridor Banner Reveal – thank you President Norine Medas and Jibreel Jalloh
4. Ribbon Cutting at Sunner's Playground – Thank you Council Member Farah Louis and Parks Dept.
5. The Canarsie Lion's Installation Dinner – thank you President Jean Joseph
6. National Night Out against crime – 69th Pct. & 63rd Pct. – great job of organizing Presidents Gardy Brazela and Greg Borruso
7. Marine Park Free Concert Series – thank you Assembly Member Jaime Williams.
8. Happy to join Assembly Member Jaime Williams, State Senators Roxanne Persaud and Council Members Mercedes Narcisse and Farah Louis at the Ribbon Cutting of the new Target store at Kings

- Plaza and the Ribbon cutting of 8 additional Pickleball Courts in Marine Park.
9. Volunteer appreciation for Hatzolah Ambulance Attendants – Thank you Board Member Gil Cygler
 10. Health Fair, Back to School & Family Fun days – thank you Councilmembers Mercedes Narcisse & Farah Louis, State Senators Roxanne Persaud & Kevin Parker, Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman and Brookdale Hospital
 11. Canarsie Park Concerns Meeting – thank you Board Member Jibreel Jalloh
 12. Community Board 18's Health, Back to School & Resource Fair – thank you to our staff Dorothy & Gail with a shout out to Board Member & Millennium Dev Corp. Director Paul Curiale, Board Member & Millennium Deputy Director Terri Cadet-Donald & Board Member Valerie Woodford for all of your hard work to make this event a success.
 13. Annual 911 Memorial – thank you Assembly Member Jaime Williams. We will never forget what happened

COMMUNITY BOARD 18 SEPTEMBER CABINET MEETING

SANITATION – Composting will begin October 2nd.

69th Pct. – Introduction of new Commanding Officer Dion Hinds. Information on GLA theft.

63rd Pct. – GLA theft and shoplifting on the rise in Kings Plaza. Violence & Shooting down. Cars over 8 years old are being towed to scrap yards for parts.

DDC –Dept. of Design & Construction – Detectable Warning Surface or Pedestrian Ramps (red raised dotted corners) will be added to another 50 corners in South Canarsie.

DOB - The *Get Sheds Down* plan, Dept. Of Buildings is soliciting ideas on novel designs for sidewalk sheds and alternative pedestrian protection measures and wants you to submit your ideas for what pedestrian protection will look like in our City. **The deadline to submit a proposal is Thursday, October 5, 2023.** DOB website.

BROOKDALE HOSPITAL – Two new mental health floors have been added.

NYC AGING – Older Adults Talent Competition – 3 winners per Borough. Kudos to Abe Stark Older Adults, right here in CB18, their Steel Band came in 2nd in the Borough Competition. Town Halls with the Mayor & Older Adults are scheduled throughout the city. An Older Adult Liaison will be placed at each Police Pct. Questions for Medicare Open Enrollment 212-244-6469.

DOT – Waiting for approval of a traffic signal on Avenue U & E. 68th St.

PARKS – Illegal events in Canarsie & Marine Parks, working with police on those situations. Additional comfort station at Canarsie Park and the reconstruction of the oval at Marine Park are in progress.

Assembly Member Jaime Williams & Mayor's Community Affairs Rep. Anastasia Yaskova– Addressed the issues at Floyd Bennett Field.

Debbie Louis representing Gov. Hochul – SLA issuing licenses throughout NYC without the approval of Community Boards. Scheduling a meeting with SLA administrators and our SLA Committee.

State Senator Simcha Felder- Introduced himself as the Senator to the west in CB18. Rashena Ten, representing Millennium Dev. Corp, Sabrina Dieujuste, representing Councilmember Farah Louis & Donald Cranston, representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams announced upcoming community events.

IN & AROUND CB 18

Spoke at DOT roundtable and met with Brooklyn DOT Commissioner Keith Bray about Carshare/Zip Cars on our residential streets. Parking is at a premium in CB18, encouraged DOT to use commercial strips.

Additional traffic signals are being installed at the intersection of Flatbush Ave. & East 38th St. and at the intersection of Avenue M & E. 85th St.

Parks Dept. will be reconstructing the aged and cracked asphalt paths throughout Canarsie Park beginning this Fall. Parks has also received funding from the Brooklyn NETS organization to reconstruct basketball

courts in CB 18 at both Fox Playground and Breukelen Ballfields. The work should be completed within 2 months and will happen this Fall.

A contract has been awarded for Wetland Mitigation Work in Four Sparrow Marsh next to the old Toys R Us. Community Board 18 is part of a pilot program from Con Edison. Con Ed will be moving overhead power lines underground to provide increased protection from weather and improve reliability in the area. The project will take place on Ave. J between E. 46th and 48th St. and includes approximately 60 customers and will begin October 2023 through August 2024.

Join Parks Jr. Litter League, a citywide youth stewardship to help keep our parks clean. Type parks jr. litter league into your search engine for more information.

GOOD & WELFARE

Happy Birthday to Board Member Paul Curiale

Happy to announce my younger son Brandon became engaged to Dr. Geena Bell

Happy, Healthy & Sweet Year to everyone celebrating the Jewish New Year

Just a reminder, Community Board 18 Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree will once again be held here, Sunday, October 29th, 11 to 2. Thank you, Millennium Development Cooperation, Paul Curiale and Terri Cadet-Donald, and their staff for all their help.

Chairperson Ien introduced Assembly Member Nikki Lucas, 60th A.D. who greeted everyone and provided information on programs, upcoming community events, office contact information and answered questions.

Chairperson Ien introduced Carol-Ann Church Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso who greeted everyone and expressed that it is her pleasure to be here tonight to see community involvement. This is what Community Boards are all about, getting to the nitty gritty and trying to resolve issues. Thank you to all those who are Community Board Members, the work that you do is invaluable. She reminded the Board Members about the upcoming workshops and how important they are when the Community Board is faced with different applicants and community issues. Tomorrow, Borough Hall is hosting a sustainable building resource and next Wednesday its the Latino Heritage Celebration. Lots of fun, food, and culture. Flyers are on the table in the lobby.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Ien introduced Michael Benjamin Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D., who greeted everyone and provided information on programs, upcoming community events, office contact information and wished District Manager Sue Ann Partnow a Happy Birthday.

Sabrina Dieujuste Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D. greeted everyone and provided information on the car shares that have been popping up on blocks in the community. The Council Member has been advocating for Community Boards 14,17 and 18 and has publicly testified against all car share on residential blocks.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairperson Ien asked if there are any questions or concerns you would like to bring to the attention of the board?

Board Member Barbara Bieber asked how someone goes about requesting speed bumps. DM Partnow explained that they must go to the DOT website and fill out the form. Email the reference number to the Community Board office, and we will follow up. Board Member Bieber asked why there are double speed bumps on East 95th Street from Avenues K to M and nothing in other locations. DM Partnow explained that DOT does a study that could take up to 3 years for speed bumps.

Board Member Felina Backer greeted everyone and provided information on her Youth Summit which will take place on October 9th at the YMCA on Flatbush Avenue. It is open to all high school and middle school students ages 14 through 21. There will be empowering workshops, college organizations, resources, rap contest, scholarship opportunities, community service credits, breakfast, and lunch.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Maria Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the motion. The motion passed with 31 Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 P.M.

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