

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 20, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Cassandra Alvarez
Johnny Arcenteles
Felina Backer
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Gardy Brazela
Andrenia Burgis
Lisa Callender-Wilson
Jamaal Carryl
Donna Mae Crossfield
Paul Curiale
Marie Delus
Maria Garrett
Joan Gilbert
Denise Gourdine
Francesca Griffith

Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Sara Hendricks
Naomi Hopkins
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Naomi Lehrer
Rob Mazzuchin
Omeil Morgan
Doodley Plaisival
Elaine Reid
Yolaine Ridore
Frank Seddio
Akis Sinesi
Victoria Stennett
Julius Stukes
Robert Tracey
Sharene Williams
Maria Willis

Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Akis Sinesi
Naqam Sylvestre
Jennifer Horsford
Michael Condon
Tainia Evans
Linda Steinmuller
Loretta Chin
Dr. Jackie Cody
Hon. Lily M. Fan
David Stoler
Tatyana Nurse
Mariam Khan
Eric Peterson
Roslyn Campbell
Hon. Farah Louis
David Phillip
Antonette McKain
Charmaine Conney-Antoine
Michael Martine
Calvin Sennon
Peter Cipolla
Norine Medas
Saye Joseph
Steve Smith
Hon. Jaime Williams
Roberson Joseph
Michael Trotta
Chris Smith
Andres Zibell
Arlene

Mill Island Civic
The Juicy Box Bar
Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud's Office, 19th S.D.
Brooklyn Public Library
Brooklyn Public Library
Canarsie Courier
Canarsie Courier
Area Resident
NYS Liquor Authority
NYS Liquor Authority
Area Resident
Representing Congress Member Yvette Clarke's Office, 9th C.D.
NYC Parks
Representing Brooklyn Borough Present Antonio Reynoso
Council Member, 45th Council District
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Marine Park Civic Association
Canarsie Merchants Association
Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th C.D.
Area Resident
Assembly Member, 59th A.D.
Lago Kache
Bergen Beach Civic
Rep. Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D.
Area Resident
Area Resident

Averil Fraser	Area Resident
B. Lawrence	Area Resident
Cheryl Trevaughn	Area Resident
Dolange Donacien	Area Resident
Guerda Victor	Area Resident
J. Mary	Area Resident
Jennifer Bedeau	Area Resident
Lisette Lugo	Volunteers of America
Marilyn	Area Resident
Mariya Markh	Representing Council Member Kalman Yeger, 44 th C.D.
Michael Douge	Area Resident
Natasha Murray	Area Resident
Ramona Byas	Area Resident
Sabine Jacques	Area Resident
Shari Andrews	Area Resident
Tahara Roberts	Area Resident
Vadim Berdov	Area Resident
Cateshia Ledee	Area Resident
Jackie Hamilton	Area Resident
Lascelles Williams	Area Resident
Pietro Baio	Area Resident
D. John	Area Resident

7:13 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:15 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins welcomed everyone and explained that some of our members would be arriving late due to a protest taking place at a massage parlor in Marine Park that was raided and padlocked earlier. She welcomed two new board members, Lisa Callender-Wilson and Francesca Griffith. Chair Hopkins also welcomed Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso and informed the Board that he would make his remarks following our Public Hearing.

7: 26 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced Ms. Lily M. Fan, who is the Chair of the New York State Liquor Authority and her colleague, and Regional Director Mr. David Stoler. Chair Lily M. Fan greeted everyone and acknowledged Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso and Council Member Farah Louis. She also thanked Chairperson Naomi Hopkins for introducing her and District Manager Sue Ann Partnow for inviting them here this evening. She informed the board that David Stoler is the Zone 1 Regional Director and community liaison for this zone, which goes from Westchester, all five boroughs, and Long Island. Chair Fan gave her background and some information about licensing and enforcement. She explained about outdoor dining rules under SLA rules and that the establishments must come to the community board and do another 30-day notice and apply for the alteration. That will be the community board's opportunity to work with the licensee to decide whether alcohol service should be allowed. There is also a requirement that restaurants carry liability insurance to serve patrons in floating traffic or parking lanes. If there is a complaint about a business that is very disturbing, creating a lot of noise, underlying crime and criminal activity, police should be notified first, then 311 and a complaint should be filed on the SLA website, which can be done anonymously. Many complaints are needed from multiple sources to close an establishment. The SLA renewal process is not the time to try to change stipulations unless you are able to get the applicant to agree to it. However, if the applicant agrees to the stipulations with the Community Board, SLA will honor them and put it into the applicant's record. If there is disagreement, renewal is not the time to change their method of

operation. SLA owes the licensee due process and can't just start taking hours away. She encouraged the Board to get the applicants to meet with them and agree to changes, especially those that have complaints on the books, are disturbing to the community and have other outstanding issues. Chair Hopkins asked if Chair Fan could speak about what our SLA committee and Board Members should consider when discussing liquor licenses and whether the SLA considers the Community Board's input. Chair Fan explained that she takes Community Board input extremely seriously. They consider the affected residents' opinions and how it affects their quality of life. Chair Hopkins thanked Chairperson Fan and called on District Manager Partnow who explained that SLA applications come into the CB18 office, and a notice is sent to the applicant informing them that their presence is requested at an SLA committee meeting. The applicants often inquire as to why their presence is needed if they've already received their licenses. DM Partnow also explained that a local bar had an incident with underage drinking. The police and civic associations wanted to deny the SLA renewal. After a notice was sent to the applicant to meet with the SLA committee, the applicant stated that he had already received his license two weeks prior. Chair Fan asked if it was for a Temporary license. DM Partnow responded that it was for a regular license. Chairperson Fan was surprised to hear that people are getting their license before coming to the Board. DM Partnow explained that she inquired with SLA and was informed by the liaison that even though the Community Board voted to deny, they were busy and voted to send the establishments their licenses. DM Partnow stated that the Board Members live in this community, and they should be the first to decide whether an SLA application should be approved or denied. Board Members asked if Cannabis licensing is issued under SLA and if a licensed Cannabis location can be approved by SLA to serve alcohol on the premises. Chairperson Fan responded that SLA does not license cannabis shops and there are no on-premises cannabis service licensing. All dispensaries are off premises and there is no commingling of alcohol and cannabis products. A Board Member also asked about a 24hr SLA permit for New Year's Eve. Chair Fan explained that a 24hr license can be issued for a holiday that doesn't fall on a weekend, but the deadline has already passed for 24-hour permits. Another Board Member asked if the CB could place restrictions on establishments when it comes to the times, music and noise. Chair Fan explained that the board can do whatever it wants. The Board can restrict hours, music, noise and use of the outside area. The Board has all the leverage when an establishment comes before you it. Another Board Member asked what recourse the Board has for an establishment that does not abide by SLA rules. Chair Fan stated that the Board can flag it in a very specific letter with that business only. SLA will know that this was flagged and when it comes up, it will automatically go to the full SLA Board and the Community Board will get a call asking for any updated information. Paul Curiale Chair of CB18's SLA Committee thanked Chair Lily M. Fan and Regional Director David Stoler for coming and clarifying the Community Board's role.

8:33 P.M.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on October 16, 2024. Board Member Barbara Bieber made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Board Member Felina Backer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes have been approved from the last regular board meeting.

8:37 P.M.

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso greeted everyone and explained that he's been very aggressive in removing members of the board that do not attend meetings. It is a privilege to be a community board member and to make your voice heard. Without a quorum, the Community Board cannot make decisions or recommendations. Show up, take part, Community Boards are very important. Borough President Reynoso informed the Board that in conjunction with Council Member Mercedes Narcisse \$3 million was allocated to Canarsie Park. Council Member Farah Louis joined him to give \$1.5 million in funding for our local schools. Borough President Reynoso discussed the City of Yes, bike lanes, parking, education, and quality of life issues. Chair Hopkins thanked the Borough President for the surprise visit.

Council Member Farah Louis and Assembly Member Jaime Williams provided information on programs and upcoming community events.

9:40 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Naomi Hopkins

Thank you chairs for conducting your meetings. Chairs that have meetings will submit a report at our general meeting. Thank you, members, for your attendance and for letting me know when you'll be late or absent, it helps with planning.

Members and community members, if you have an item that you want brought before the board, it must go to the proper committee. After a committee meeting, the committee will decide if it should be referred to the full board.

I have said often that a community is what the residents make it. We must be diligent and speak up when we see an issue. We have a lot of pride. We have first responder pride, backyard pride, shared memories, we love law enforcement and veterans. We love family and we are Brooklyn - the only recognizable part of Brooklyn. We hate illegal massage parlors, but we cannot hate each other. We are non-partisan. Democrat and Republican go out the door when illegal massage parlors opened up. When prostitution is brought to our doors, when driving to Manhattan costs money and when upzoning and rezoning- a major indicator of gentrification is forced upon us.

The issue with City of Yes is that it was hard to understand. Nobody wants to be told what is going to happen where they live. The BP spoke about planning - we direct our plans. We don't want ADUs because that will increase the amount of people and will create more sewage and literally increase the drain on our system. Bike lanes, Starbucks and the like are indicative of a loss of control.

I invite you all to come to the next committee meeting for Planning and Zoning. Instead of what we don't want we will say what we do want. Please stay tuned.

9:46 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow greeted and thanked everyone for being here this evening.

I REPRESENT CB18 AT VARIOUS MEETINGS AND EVENTS BRINGING INFORMATION AND UPDATES TO OUR RESIDENTS

Halloween and Fall Celebrations- The Lott House Family Fun, CB 18 Jamboree and Family Fall Festival at Marine Park-Thank you, Greg Borruso, our own CB 18 staff and Assembly Member Jaime Williams for bringing safe holiday fun to our residents.

69th Pct., meeting included a Hurricane Sandy remembrance, 63rd Pct., Mill Basin Civic, Marine Park Civic, Mill Island Civic – Thank you Presidents Greg Borruso, Gardy Brazela, Paul Curiale, Rob Mazzuchin and Ike Sinesi for bringing much needed info through your civics and community councils.

Breast Cancer & Domestic Violence Walk – thank you 69th Pct. Community Council and Domestic Violence Awareness - thank you Senator Persaud

BP Cabinet Meeting – Discussed the Borough President's proposal to change the NYC Charter.

Ribbon Cutting – Breukelen Ballfields reconstruction - thank you Brooklyn Nets for making that possible

Wildfires due to dry conditions, encampments and mischievous kids-met with FDNY, NYPD, Parks, Marine Park Golf Course Manager and had a tour of the affected areas – Thank you Assembly Member Williams for organizing the meeting.

Veterans Day Events – Thank you Assembly Member Williams for recognizing & honoring our veterans &

Council Member Narcisse for addressing the needs of our Veterans with a resource fair.

IN & AROUND CB 18

Welcomed New Officers into CB18 that have been assigned to the 63rd Pct.

DOT will be implementing a pedestrian safety improvement at the intersection of Flatbush Ave. & Ave. T which was voted on and passed by this CB in 2018. The improvement will shorten the crossing distance on Flatbush Ave. by extending the curb and the median.

There were 2 speed bumps installed on East 55th Street between Glenwood & Foster.

The JHS 278 Playground reconstruction will be delayed due to some extended design delays and external agency approvals. The project is scheduled to begin Fall 2025.

All food service establishments with outdoor dining setups must remove them by the end of the day on November 29. Establishments with compliant sidewalk-based outdoor dining setups may continue to operate year-round. Any establishment that does not remove its roadway setup by the end of the day on November 29 will be subject to fines. The roadway outdoor dining season operates from April 1 through November 29. To help small business owners participate in outdoor dining, the *Dining Out NYC Marketplace* is available as a resource to help businesses find storage, setup, and rental solutions for their outdoor dining furniture and materials. Restaurants can continue to apply to the *Dining Out NYC* program throughout the year. If a roadway shed has been vacant or has not been removed by November 29th report it to 311 and contact our office with the 311 reference # and we will follow up with DOT.

CB18 NOVEMBER CABINET MEETING

SANITATION – As per Sanitation, this is a warning period to remind everyone that beginning January 1st there are no bags at the curb and all bins must have lids. After January 1st, you will be fined. You can still use your own pails, as long as they have fitted lids. You have until June 2026 to purchase the NYC Sanitation logo bins.

63rd PRECINCT – Successful Halloween candy give away. Row tow operation 25 vehicles towed. Homeless outreach in Marine Park, Marine Park Golf Course and Gerritsen Beach in conjunction with Homeless Services, Parks and Mental Health Services.

DFTA – Open enrollment for Medicare ends December 7th. If you received Free Produce Coupons from DFTA, they must be used by November 30th.

MT. SINAI HOSP. KINGS HIGHWAY-Reminds everyone that they don't have to travel far if they need infusion therapy for dialysis or cancer treatments.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – E-bikes trade in program for battery safety. The 421a property tax exemption has been extended. It is for new residential construction, substantial rehabilitation, or certain types of conversions within designated areas of New York City if it meets specific criteria. There is a Mayor's hotline for complaints or city of yes opposition you can call 212-788-7418 Monday-Friday 9-5.

Sabrina Dejuiste Representing Council Member Farah Louis and Jennifer Horsford Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud– Updated everyone on upcoming events and programs.

GOOD & WELFARE

Congratulations to Board Member Frank Seddio on receiving the Italian American Award from the BP

Happy Birthday to Board Member Gil Cygler

Happy 8th Birthday to Gail's grandson Bentley

Get Well wishes to Board Member and former Chair Michael Ien

Happy, Healthy, Filling & Safe Thanksgiving

Reminder - There is always correspondence from the Community Board office, so please check any emails that come from bk18.

Before I turn the meeting back to Chair Hopkins, we are going to pick raffles for Turkeys. The Turkeys must be picked up here at the CB office tomorrow between the hours of 12:30 and 3:30. We have no freezers or refrigeration large enough to make the Turkeys comfortable, so it is imperative that if you win, you pick them up tomorrow.

10:03 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SLA & CANNABIS COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Applications Received - Vote

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

- Mikes Hop Inc., Ihop, 11000 Flatlands Avenue, 11236

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

- Snipers Tavern Inc, Bull's Eye Sports Pub, 2073 Flatbush Avenue, 11234

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

- The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, 2281 Nostrand Avenue, 11210
- Funfest LLC, Funfest, 6161 Strickland Avenue, 11234
- Hudson River Yacht Club, N/A, 2101 Bergen Avenue, 11234
- Au Couteau D'Or Restaurant & Lounge Inc., The Brunch House, 1784 Flatbush Avenue, 11210

Chairperson Paul Curiale stated that the board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, the 63rd and 69th Precincts about the SLA New and Renewal applications received from Mikes Hop Inc., Ihop, 11000 Flatlands Avenue 11236, The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, 2281 Nostrand Avenue 11210, Funfest LLC, Funfest, 6161 Strickland Avenue 11234, and Hudson River Yacht Club, N/A, 2101 Bergen Avenue, 11234.

Chairperson Paul Curiale stated that the SLA and Cannabis Committee met, and no objections were received. Chair Paul Curiale made a motion that the board approve of the SLA New Application received from Mikes Hop Inc., Ihop, 11000 Flatlands Avenue 11236. Board Member Akis Sinesi seconded the motion. The motion passed with 18 Yes votes recorded. Chair Paul Curiale moved the motion to accept that the board approve of the SLA Renewal Applications received from The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, 2281 Nostrand Avenue 11210, Funfest LLC, Funfest, 6161 Strickland Avenue 11234, and Hudson River Yacht Club, N/A, 2101 Bergen Avenue, 11234. The motion passed with 18 Yes votes recorded.

10:21 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jennifer Horsford, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud's Office, 19th S.D., Saye Joseph, Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse's Office, 46th C.D., Chris Smith, Rep. Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D., Michael Condono, Representing Flatlands Library, Norine Medas, Representing Canarsie Merchants Association, Borough President Antonio Reynoso's Office, Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Kevin Parker's, 21st S.D greeted everyone and provided information on programs and upcoming community events.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Maria Willis made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Denise Gourdine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 P.M.

End....