

## **COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2025**

### **COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE**

Johnny Arcentales  
Felina Backer  
Alan Bash  
Barbara Bieber  
Greg Borruso  
Roosevelt Boursiquot  
Jamaal Carryl  
Kimberley Coke  
Charmaine Corney-Antoine  
Donnamae Crossfield  
Paul Curiale  
Gil Cygler  
Marie Delus  
Stanley Delva  
Nigel Dupree  
Maria Garrett

Tomas Hernandez, Jr.  
Naomi Hopkins  
Kenny Jean-Baptiste  
Doodley Plaisival  
David Price  
Yolaine Ridore  
Frank Seddio  
Akis Sinesi  
Julius Stukes  
Annette Tomlin  
Jennifer Troman  
Michael Trotta  
Sharene Williams  
Maria Willis

### **GUESTS:**

Roxanne Persaud  
Monique Chandler-Waterman  
Tanisha Johnson  
Alena Matthew  
Sabrina Dieujuste  
Eric Peterson  
Sharon Long  
Maryam Said  
P.O. Murphy

NYS Senate Member, 19<sup>th</sup> S.D.  
NYS Assembly Member, 58<sup>th</sup> A.D.  
Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso  
Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcise, 46<sup>th</sup> C.D.  
Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45<sup>th</sup> C.D.  
NYC Parks Department  
Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59<sup>th</sup> A.D.  
HES  
69<sup>th</sup> Precinct

### **7:04 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

### **7:06 P.M.**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

A quorum was present to begin the meeting.

### **7:09 P.M.**

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2025. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

### **7:12 P.M.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chair Naomi Hopkins introduced David Price, Treasurer and Chair of the Capital & Expense Budget Committee. Treasurer Price explained that the Budget Committee reviewed previous submissions and found that the city agencies did not respond favorably to the recommendations of Community Board 18. This year,

the committee decided to take a more strategic approach, focusing on more realistic projects such as neighborhood parks throughout CB18. We hope that the following park initiatives are approved for reconstruction: Canarsie Park Ballfields, Power Playground, Breukelen Ballfields, the Lott House interior restoration, Remsen Playground, Amersfort Park, and Salt Marsh. Treasurer David Price moved that we support and approve the Parks Department's Capital Plan as part of our recommendations for the 2027 Capital & Expense Budget submissions. Board Member Greg Borruso seconded the motion. The motion passed with 23 yes votes.

### **7:23 P.M.**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – DAVID PRICE**

As stated previously, our FY 2026 budget was approved at \$40,392. After our city contracts are designated and office supplies are purchased, we are left with \$20,392 available for committee use. The Budget Committee created a form for the remaining funds, which were sent out to all members of the Board to fill out for proposed community projects. To date, only one committee submitted a request. The deadline for submissions is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **7:33 P.M.**

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Naomi Hopkins**

We have two significant items on our agenda this evening — both of which speak to the heart of what community boards are here to do: shape priorities and inform the public.

First, we'll be holding our **Statutory Public Hearing on the FY2027 Capital and Expense Budget Submissions**. Over the past few weeks, we have invited our neighborhood civic and block associations — and the community at large — to submit budget requests for consideration. This process gives us the chance to identify what *our* neighborhoods need most and to ensure those needs are reflected in the city's funding priorities. These are not just numbers on a page; they're quality-of-life issues — from streets to schools to safety — and this is where your input matters most.

Second, we'll hear from **City Council staff**, who will present a **nonpartisan overview of the ballot proposals for the November 2025 election**. This is important because several of these proposals could shift how power and decision-making are distributed across city government- which, affect our neighborhoods.

Thank you for showing up, for staying engaged, and for continuing to make Community Board 18 a model of civic participation.

### **7:39 PM**

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

63<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Council, Mill Basin & Bergen Beach Civics meetings – Thank you Presidents Greg Borruso, Paul Curiale & Mike Trotta for working with CB18 to get things done in the community. As always, I would like to thank our elected officials - Councilmembers Mercedes Narcisse, Farah Louis & Chris Banks- Assemblymembers Jamie Williams, Monique Chandler-Waterman, Kalman Yeger & Nikki Lucas and State Senator Roxanne Persaud for always putting community first and providing free shredding events, concerts, movies, food giveaways, mammograms, flu shots, back to school supplies, informative workshops and more. These events are offered throughout the year, take advantage, they're free.

#### **IN & AROUND COMMUNITY BOARD 18**

- Tree pruning for CB18 began July 1, 2025, and will end on June 30, 2026.

- CB18 received a letter for the demolition of 2138, 2148 & 2152 Flatbush Ave. for the building of an Ion-Lithium Battery Storage Unit
- I was invited to meet with Microgrid, another Ion-Lithium Battery facility proposed for 3802 Ave. U. Ike Sinesi, a member of Planning & Zoning Committee joined me and will address the Board
- Open House this weekend to visit your local fire house – flyers outside
- Power Playground Utica & Ave. N and Hickman Playground Veterans & E. 68 St. reconstruction of playgrounds to begin 2026
- Construction on Canarsie Park pathways, sidewalks, basketball courts, and proper drainage began Summer 2025 completion expected Summer 2026
- Marine Park Ave. S parking lot construction began late Summer 2025 and was completed Fall 2025 (repave, re-line and proper drainage)
- Interior renovation of the Lott House expected to start 2026
- The Catch Basin on East 108<sup>th</sup> Street and Flatlands 3<sup>rd</sup> St. was cleaned out and is functioning properly
- The next co-street naming is for the Hon. Sy Gerschwer and is scheduled for Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm on E. 66<sup>th</sup> St. & Mayfair Dr. So.

### **CB18 OCTOBER CABINET MEETING**

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONIQUE CHANDLER-WATERMAN** – Questions for DOB on shared driveways and if the responsibility falls on the homeowners

**DDC- B82** – Remsen & Flatlands Aves. temporary water shutdowns. Kings Highway construction, near completion.

**DOT** – East 80<sup>th</sup> St. construction between Glenwood Rd.& Foster Ave. Request for Avenue S & E. 34<sup>th</sup> St. under review.

**Jamaica Bay/Greenway Project** – Block by block water main work at Flatlands Ave., East 76<sup>th</sup> St. and down Paerdegat Ave. Residents & businesses notified about water shutdowns and restricted parking. Start date, end of Oct. 2025.

**63<sup>rd</sup> Pct.** – Upcoming Blood Drive. Complaints about drag racing and donuts on E. 69<sup>th</sup> St. between Aves. X and V.

**69<sup>th</sup> Pct.** – Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Walk on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Marine Park Administrator** – Update on Ave. S parking lot. Amersfort, Canarsie and Marine Parks are plagued with dumping issues

**DOB** – Zoning questions about the property at 2794 Mill Ave., plans are in review

**MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT** – Update on afterschool programs

**PARKS** – Checking on status of chair and table removal at Sunner's Park. Requesting funding to replace deteriorated fence at Amersfort Park.

**DEP** – Working to have CB 18 electronic gate repaired.

**DONALD CRANSTON, REPRESENTING JAIME WILLIAMS** - Provided information on legislation introduced by the Assemblymember and gave updates on upcoming events and programs.

**ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH (BROOKDALE HOSP.)** – Emergency room nearing completion. Behavioral Clinic State of the Art comforting surroundings.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

Happy Birthday Board Member Frank Seddio.

Condolences to Board Member Donnamae Crossfield and family on the passing of her father

Watch for lots of Community Halloween and Fall Festivals that are coming up next week

All free local events in CB18 can be found in our Look What's Happening on our website and on the tables in our lobby

**7:45 PM**

**PARKS COMMITTEE** – Paul Curiale, Chairperson

The committee updated the list of parks across CB18. Floyd Bennett Field received \$25 million for hangar restorations, with \$75 million more needed. For Bike Month in May, the committee will host a helmet giveaway with DOT and Parks, along with park clean-ups as the weather warms. Canarsie Pier remains temporarily closed due to the government shutdown.

**7:57 P.M.**

State Senator Roxanne Persaud highlighted her Domestic Violence Awareness event. She also spoke about illegal dumping in Canarsie and her Halloween goody giveaway.

Assemblymember Monique Chandler-Waterman is connecting the community to mental health resources, including support for victims of gun violence. She is working with the CCRB (Civilian Complaint Review Board) to improve relations with the police and to ensure that residents know their rights.

**8:09 P.M.**

**SLA & CANNABIS COMMITTEE** – Jamaal Carryl, Chairperson

**1. State Liquor Authority Applications Received - Vote**

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

- Thai Me Up Speakeasy, 3323 Avenue I, 11210

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

- Halsey Bar & Grill LLC, NONE, 4404 Avenue H -11234
- NY Tracks Café Inc., NONE, 1556 Ralph Avenue-11234
- EKO Lounge Inc., EKO Lounge, 110-10 Flatlands Avenue-11207

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

- Allo Food Corp., La Villa, 6610 Avenue U-11234

**NEW APPLICATION FOR AN ADULT-USE RETAIL DISPENSARY PREMISES LICENSE**

- Sala Alammari, TBD, 111-14A Flatlands Avenue-11207

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from Thai Me Up Speakeasy, 3323 Avenue I, 11210. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Chair Jamaal Carryl moved the motion that the Board approve the new SLA license for Thai Me Up Speakeasy for Wine, Beer & Cider. Board Member Akis Sinesi seconded the motion. The motion passed with 23 yes votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from Halsey Bar & Grill LLC/Halsey Bar & Grill, 4404 Avenue H, 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 69th Precinct. Chair Carryl moved the motion that the Board approve the renewal SLA license for Halsey Bar & Grill for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with 21 yes and 3 abstention votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from NY Tracks Café, Inc., 1556 Ralph Ave., 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Chair Carryl moved the motion that the Board postpone the renewal of the SLA license for NY Tracks Café, Inc. for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. Board Member Paul Curiale seconded the motion. The motion passed with 23 yes votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from EKO Lounge Inc., 110-10 Flatlands Ave., 11207. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 75th Precinct. Chair Carryl moved the motion that the Board approve the renewal of the SLA license for EKO Lounge for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. Board Member David Price seconded the motion. The motion passed with 23 yes votes.

The Board notified the 63rd Precinct of a request for a special permit to operate an all-night New Year's party at Snipers Tavern, 2073 Flatbush Ave., 11234. The committee, along with the 63rd Precinct, recommends denying Snipers Tavern an all-night permit. The NYPD has limited resources for the holiday and is concerned about the noise, traffic, and issues that might arise. Chair Carryl moved the motion that the Board deny the special permit request for Snipers Tavern. The motion was seconded by Nigel Dupree. The motion passed with 20 yes, 1 no, and 3 abstention votes.

### **8:31 P.M.**

#### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE** - Ike Sinesi, Committee Member

The energy company, Microgrid, is planning to build an Ion Battery Storage Facility at 3802 Avenue U. Sue Ann and I accepted an invitation to attend a presentation at their Brooklyn facility in Williamsburg. We spoke, asked questions, and voiced our concerns after the PowerPoint. We expressed our opposition to the unit in a residential area. We explained that we understand the need for energy but only in an industrial area like the one we were meeting in. The committee stands with the community. Committee Member Ike Sinesi made a motion to recommend a letter to be sent to Microgrid opposing the building of an Ion-Lithium Battery Storage Facility in the middle of a residential neighborhood at 3802 Avenue U. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **8:41 P.M.**

#### **SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** - Andrenia Burgis, Chairperson

The Committee has reviewed the proposed legislation (Int. 1123-2024) and related reports concerning the installation of stationary on-street waste containers throughout the five boroughs. The Sanitation Committee believes that while the goals of containerization align with long-term urban cleanliness and pest reduction objectives, the current design and funding plan are not sustainable. We recommend further study and pilot expansion in limited zones before citywide implementation, a comprehensive parking impact assessment in each community district, and exploration of lower-cost, scalable alternatives that do not significantly burden taxpayers or reduce public parking availability. Until these measures are addressed, the Committee cannot support the advancement of Int. 1123-2024 in its present form.

### **8:44 P.M.**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Sabrina Dejuiste, Representing Councilmember Farah Louis confirmed the reconstruction of E. 80<sup>th</sup> St. between Foster Ave. & Glenwood Rd. She also addressed the issues at 3900 Kings Highway, catch basins and black outs in the Flatlands area.

Sharon Long, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams explained the upcoming ballot proposals and the issues it could cause in the neighborhoods here at CB18.

Canarsie & Jamaica Bay Library representatives provided updates on programs and events.

Flossy Organization & Rockaway Parkway Merchants Assoc. – invited everyone to the ribbon cutting of the new mural at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Space.

Enough – East Village – has a food pantry and safe space for young people.

H.E.S. is hosting a parent mixer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

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