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Jean Joseph
Sharon Nedd
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Keisha Sydney	Sesame Flyers
Maureen English	Area Resident
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7:07 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Public Hearing portion of the Community Board #18 Meeting at 7:07 P.M.

N 210270 ZRY - Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) - The MTA and DCP are proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow the MTA to work more efficiently with private developers to help achieve systemwide accessibility. The proposal includes a system-wide transit easement certification and an authorization for transit improvement bonuses in high density areas to facilitate the implementation of ADA access at stations throughout the city more quickly and efficiently. *This Statutory Public Hearing has been duly advertised in the City Record.*

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning who provided a brief presentation. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning thanked the board for allowing them to speak this evening and informed the board that they're going to start things off with Zoning for Accessibility, and that they have Luke DePalma from MTA New York City Transit who is going to start the presentation. Luke DePalma introduced himself and informed the board that he is from Government Relations at the MTA New York City Transit and thanked everyone for having them here tonight and hoped everyone is well. He informed the board to kick the presentation off he's going to give a little of the context of what Zoning for Accessibility is all about and the need for it and then pass it back to City Planning to

delve into the zoning specifics. He informed the board the Zoning for Accessibility is a joint effort by MTA and City of New York and it's a citywide zoning text amendment that proposes to expand two of the tools that the zoning utilizes to allow the MTA to improve how they work with private developers in the private sector to build more elevators faster, and make our system more accessible. The first is a transit easement requirement that applies system wide in the five boroughs and the other is an expanded transit improvement bonus program, and that's only applicable in the highest transit density areas and districts, so it's not in any of the areas in CB 18 although it's part of CFA. So, they're going to speak a little bit about that. He provided some background on the current accessibility status, in terms of how accessible our public transit system is only 136 of the 493 subway stations and Staten Island railway stations are currently accessible. So, that's less than a third that about 28% of the system. They have a lot of ways to go to make the system more accessible and if they're talking about commuter rails, also, Metro North on Long Island Railroad, which also has stops in the five boroughs, it's only 25 of 39 of the stops for these railroads that are accessible. Accessibility features include a lot of different components in our stations, including track height, rail, and stairwell improvements with proper railings and any kind of ramps, at appropriate grades, and there's a variety of communication items that relate to ADA accessibility. But Zoning for transit accessibility deals with vertical access. So, you want to think that things like elevators or ramps getting in and out of a station. Lots of groups are impacted by the lack of elevator access, but these four primary groups that they highlight here he's sure we're all aware would have a difficult time navigating the system that's not accessible. Such as people with disabilities, parents with young children, seniors, and people with temporary injuries and they included this slide just to emphasize that it's not just people that are wheelchair bound, for example, that really need accessibility. There's a variety of people that would benefit and need that kind of accessibility in the system and without having the elevators or accessible entrances and exits the journeys that should take minutes can take very long and become difficult journeys. So, identifying the need in the community, the MTA has made a historic commitment to making the system accessible in our most recent Capitol program, the one that covers 2020 to 2024. They have capital programs that are released in five-year increments. This one commits more than 5 Billion dollars to making more than 77 stations in the MTA system accessible and that includes 70 subway stations and that would at the end once completed all of the 77 stations, 43% of New York City Transit stations, serving covering over 60 of our customers would be fully accessible and the goal of this current capital program is basically, they plotted these stations out in the selection process, so that customers wouldn't be more than two stations away from an accessible station obviously that's not perfect and in the future capital programs, they would address the gaps and continue to fill in until they get a system that was as accessible as possible. But, for now it's a huge leap forward for them in their investments. Luke DePalma from Government Relations at the MTA New York City Transit passed the floor back to the NYC Department of City Planning to discuss more about the specific zoning components of zoning for accessibility. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that today they have some zoning in place to help alleviate some of these issues and support the construction of transit improvements. Specifically, zoning can be used to coordinate between new developments and transit station needs which helps them to see any opportunities to make improvements in conjunction with the new developments where development is already occurring and as a result, they can get a better design station on the inside and a better sidewalk environment on the outside because the station entrance is located off of the sidewalk. These current rules have some limitation, so the easement provisions address the challenge of locating new station entrances and other transit amenities. An easement is legal right to use another property owners land for a specific and limited purpose and these are traditional being used to providing space for new station entrances for passageways, or for other facilities that support the subway, similar, emergency egress routes. But today these provisions apply only in

really limited areas in the city, and there's no consistent citywide approach to doing transit easements on development sites near transit stations and because of these limitations in the zoning there have been some missed opportunities for the MTA to locate FDA access on development sites next to subway stations. So, zoning for accessibility seeks to address and correct some of these limitations and to create more opportunities for accessibility in our transit system. So, the proposal includes a system wide easement requirement. This would help the MTA and other transit agencies identify opportunities to locate future station accessibility points or other station facilities as part of this requirement. All developments and enlargement on lots within 50 feet of mass transit stations, in the applicable zoning districts would need to file an application with the MTA and with the City Planning Commission to determine whether or not an easement on that lot is needed to help facilitate station access improvements in the future. Applicable districts where this would be required are residential districts that support multi family buildings. So, it's usually more compatible with transit station entrances and uses and these districts include R5 districts with a commercial overlay, R5D districts and all other residential districts with higher density. It would also include medium and high-density commercial districts and all manufacturing districts as these are also more easily able to accommodate station entrances. So, while this process of filing that application and obtaining certification would be required for most sites within 50 feet of a transit station, they expect that the MTA will only ask for an easement in limited places where it's really ideal for having that future transit access around the station. So, as part of this to facilitate the easements and make things easier. The proposed zoning text amendment would also offer some relief from certain zoning limitations and certain zoning regulations and general areas where this would happen. First is floor area and open space so this would ensure that including easement wouldn't reduce the development potential and it would allow greater flexibility on where that easement is located on a development site. Second, is height and setback modifications so that would be provided to make sure that all permitted floor area is accommodated on that site, and third parking relief. This would address potential limitations created by the easement on providing the required parking spots. Next use allowances, so this would be made available to support compatible uses around station entrances that would enhance the character of the surrounding street environment. Finally, they have some street skate provisions, so this will make sure that developments are designed appropriately around station entrances and in a way that will minimize any conflict between passengers entering or exiting and with vehicular traffic. She presented where these things apply in Community Board provided specific subway station maps. The New Lots Avenue station which is right on the border of Community Board 18 and the red line shows the 50-foot easement area, so new developments and enlargements within the area would have to file that application with the MTA. The blue area shows that those are zoning districts where this does apply. So, it's a manufacturing district and an R7A residential district which is a medium higher density district. Same thing with East 105th Street the red line shows what lots would be included and what zoning districts which is all a manufacturing district. At the Canarsie Station you can see that the little bit of yellow those are two tiny corners of zoning districts where this wouldn't apply because they are lower density, residential districts. So, if a new development or enlargement were to occur on those zoning lots these new provisions wouldn't apply to them. Finally, just outside of Community Board 18 but very close across the district line is the Flatbush Avenue and Brooklyn College Station and same thing with the red line showing and where it's applicable the blue line showing that these are zoning districts that fall under these new provisions. So, to sum everything up they are proposing the system wide easement requirements so in most zoning districts would be required for new developments on sites within 50 feet of a transit station to apply for this easement. If they did provide this easement there would be some zoning relief for these sites and future zoning modifications that would be subjected to more review and approval. Also, there's an expanded transit improvement bonus which Luke DePalma from Government Relations at the MTA New York

City Transit mentioned at the beginning of the meeting. This doesn't apply in Community Board 18 but basically it allows for a floor area bonus in very high-density districts that are participating in this. That's the proposal and then we can see where they are in the timeline. This project was referred out for Public Review on April 5th and is now being reviewed by all community boards, borough presidents and borough boards in the city and will eventually come back to the City Planning Commission in mid-June. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that was it for the proposal and can answer questions if anyone has any.

Board Member Jean Joseph stated that she wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the City Planning Commission to make our transit system 100% compliant through the proposed CFA plan but too often she has witnessed incidents in the subway station where disabled riders were sidelined while waiting on the masses to exit. She is proposing or suggesting that during rush hour that we have elevator operators who will make sure that these elevators are used for that purpose and that it provides for the disabled and at the same time it will provide additional income and opportunities for the working class population. The allocation of the bonus benefit for developers can be viewed as a possible income stream to fund the creation of this employment sector. This too will ensure that the 1.5 Million seniors in New York City and temporarily in June have more access and freedom of movement without being pushed over to the side. So, she is proposing that they have elevator operators.

Board Member Denise Gourdine stated that about the easement that may be on the junction, have they been in contact with the businesses that are already there and how this would affect that area, as far as, their business and having something protruding from their buildings? Josh Vogel, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning asked if he could jump in and clarify the way this would work is if one of those business owners filed plans for a new development or construction on their site. He explained, that is the time that they would have to provide plans for the easement and then they would have 60 days to consult with the MTA and the Department of City Planning to discuss its appropriateness. Not All of these lots that are in radius and specific zone districts that it would even make sense for an easement, but they would still have to have a discussion because as Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning said they've had so many missed opportunities in the past to make it ADA accessibility and there's been developments that are right next to subway stations and there's no mechanism in place right now for the city and that developer to have a discussion to see if it's possible. So, it wouldn't necessarily impact any of the current business owners that are functioning but, if they wanted to file plans for a new development or enlargement then it would just put in place discussion to see if an easement would be appropriate and if they would get a zoning relief as discussed just to give them back what was taken for that easement. He stated that he hopes that answered Board Member Gourdine's question. Board member Gourdine stated that it did and thanked him.

Board Member Violine Roberty stated that Josh Vogel, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning mentioned something about giving them back what was taken from that easement but does he mean that the space for the elevator or whatever means for accessible that's created that they would get that space back somewhere? Josh Vogel, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that's correct. So, if you think about a developer, property owner that has a lot on a commercial corner next to a subway we are asking them or requiring them to provide X amount of floor area and street frontage for an elevator. They're losing money and valuable property because that property could be rented to a store or an entrance to a residential building, so they need to give them back that space. So, zoning requires that you know, X amount of floor area that was taken for the easement would not be deducted from that total and then the other zoning reliefs like height and

setbacks, street wall requirements and an additional 10 feet would be provided to the property owner just so they don't lose anything from providing this good public benefit by adding ADA accessibility to the subway system. But no way, is it a bonus. They're not going to make out and profit from this. This is just giving them back what was taken for the public.

Chairperson Michael Ien stated that first he'd like to say thank you to the MTA for including East 105th Street on those maps because for a lot of people unfortunately they think that the only subway station in Canarsie is on Rockaway Parkway but there's also East 105th Street. And, to piggyback that entrance, people all over Canarsie maybe not all but on that side of Canarsie go to East 105th Street to get on the L train and allows a transfer to Broadway Junction and this is something that needs mentioning. He has been trying to fight for this for years with the MTA. There's no ADA compliance at the Broadway Junction station and what happens every other week the escalator breaks down. You don't know how difficult it is if you're a woman who's pregnant, an elderly person or someone with ailments like himself who has arthritis and sciatica. When you climb those stairs to get the L train. It's 114 steps on the escalator and 97 steps on the outside, and every time he brings this up they say they're going to do this and do that but they don't do it, so he doesn't know what's happening, but thank you very much for taking care of Rockaway Parkway because it's nice that MTA fixed the roof so when it rains it doesn't pour, and they added a ramp for wheelchair accessibility. Luke DePalma from MTA New York City Transit stated just to acknowledge Broadway Junction in East New York you're absolutely right and it is a major transfer point with many lines serving it and it's not accessible at all but the entire complex with all the lines in all directions have been identified as well and to be made ADA accessible in this current capital program that he spoke about earlier with the 70 stations. So, he doesn't have any update about awarding a contract that will build that, but it is going to be done within the 2020 to 2024 time. So, we're in 2021 now and they are slowly advancing their ADA project contracts and that will be done, and I assure you that it will be done and it's a major point for them to get that station done or that whole complex rather. So, thank you for your comments and they acknowledge the difficulty of going below ground and going all the way up and all of that. So, they aim to make that 100% ADA accessible. Chairperson Michael Ien asked Luke DePalma from MTA New York City Transit if he knows what Broadway Junction looks like during rush hour. Luke DePalma from MTA New York City Transit replied yes. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that it looks like if you were going to a yankee game and everyone is rushing home well it's like that every rush hour morning and night.

Board Member Nancy Walby stated that her question has to do with their last response to the question about offset and that the MTA is going to take property from a building owner for an easement then that building owner will get some property in some way to replace what was taken. Would that be done due through variances or some other way. Maybe it's a silly question but she doesn't know. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that's a good question. Josh Vogel, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated no and that would not be another action like land use action or a Board of Standards and Appeals board appeal to action. It would be when the developer files a plan for the new development or enlargement and the MTA and City Planning deems that an easement is appropriate there and needed then they would be given those that zoning relief and it would go across the board. It would not be that they wouldn't then have to come back and say well we need X, Y, and Z, which just once they say that an easement is needed then the zoning really goes into place. If it's a subway it would be 10 feet in height and if it was an elevator it would be 20 feet, but they couldn't exceed that or ask for anything else. That's already been determined what that relief would be, and it is just to compensate for that easement and the loss of square feet that they would be giving to the public.

Chairperson Michael Ien asked if this isn't eminent domain or anything like that. Josh Vogel, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated no not at all. They were very careful to make sure this is not a taking. This is not eminent domain. That's why they're giving developers the zoning relief. So, they are giving back what they are providing to the public in that form of zoning relief they are not losing any square feet from their development at all. They're not losing anything. At the end of the day they will not have any less developable rights. Chairperson Michael Ien asked if there was anyone from the public who had any questions or comments. There being no further questions or comments Luke DePalma from MTA New York City Transit stated that that's it for his role this evening but if there's any follow up questions or anything we can always share them with City Planning or whomever is the general or usual MTA rep for the board and they'll get back to everyone. He thanked everyone. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning thanked the board and stated that they really appreciate the questions and like Luke DePalma from MTA New York City Transit stated if anything comes up later just pass it along to them and they will get you an answer.

N210406 ZRY - Citywide Hotels Text Amendment - A Zoning Text Amendment to analyze and understand the potential impact of a citywide City Planning Commission (CPC) Hotel Special Permit in NYC. *This Statutory Public Hearing has been duly advertised in the City Record.*

Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that the 2nd Zoning Text Amendment that they will be talking about tonight is a new hotel special permit. So, this project is a text amendment that would create a new special permit for hotel development across the city and the goal is to make sure that there's a consistent framework for hotel development and to make sure that new hotels don't negatively affect the surrounding area. Just to quickly go into sort of what's been happening in the tourism and hotel world, by 2019 so just before the Covid pandemic your city was seeing record growth in the tourism industry and in hotel room supply and this was a trend that had been going for 10 years and just kept growing and the growth of this market was driven by travelers within the United States and from abroad coming for all different reasons. As we all know New York City has a lot to offer and a lot of things that visitors are excited to see and do but this rapid growth throughout the city did lead to some concerns with how the hotels interact with the surrounding uses and their surrounding environments. To sort of deal with this some of the special districts in this city have adopted their own special permits for hotels and in 2018 there was a special permit specifically for hotels in M1 districts and that was meant to address conflicts between hotels and operation of industrial businesses. Because there are different permits in different locations it's been sort of an inconsistent approach across the city in reviewing hotel development. So, this has led to this proposal to ensure that there's a more consistent framework for new hotels in this city and it will help support more predictable development. The proposed special permit doesn't preclude hotel development and it doesn't say that all future hotels are inappropriate it would require the City Planning Commission to assess whether that specific hotel development is appropriate based on the future use and development of the surrounding area. So, for example in commercial districts or M districts which have residential and manufacturing in the same place. Sometimes there are these conflicts between hotels and surrounding uses but because the tourism economy is very vital to the cities overall, economic health, and something that they're looking at as we start to recover from the pandemic. They're expecting that hotel development will eventually resume again and they want to make sure that as this happens these conflicts and this inconsistent approach, will have this special permit and more consistent ways to review new hotels in the city. The special permit would be applicable in high density, commercial districts, mixed-use districts and in districts that pair M1 and residential districts where they don't currently have a special permit and it will also apply to areas like those special districts that she mentioned earlier

that already have their own special permit for hotels and we can see in the pink on the map where that would apply in Community Board 18. So, it's not a whole lot of the district but there are some batches where this permit would apply. Because of the major impacts that the pandemic has had on the hotel industry and on tourism they've also created some provisions that will minimize the chance that the special permit would hinder the recovery of these industries and so that includes provisions that would help facilitate projects that were already in the pipeline, but were interrupted because of the pandemic. Projects filed with the Department of Buildings before 2018 need a foundation permit before looking forward projects filed since 2018 needs zoning approval from the Department of Buildings. Both categories have 6 years instead of 2 to complete construction and the addition approved City Planning Commission or Board of Standards and Appeals applications wouldn't require a special permit if these applications were approved after January 1, 2018. Applications that begin City Planning Commission review or filed with the Board of Standards and Appeals for that will not require a special permit and finally there is an extended discontinuance rule. So, vacant hotels have extra time to return to this use. Usually if the building has been vacant for 2 years the term of length is 2 years and then they are proposing to extend that to 6 years allowing for closed to hotels to reopen. These provisions will hopefully allow for a portion of the 42,000 closed hotel rooms to return and bring this industry back to the city and so that's the proposal. She stated that they can answer anyone's questions.

Board Member Barbara Bieber asked what's the difference between the old permit and the new one that's being done and how much of it is just all that is being changed or is there more to it? Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that Jonah Rogoff from City Planning can jump in and explain more but part of it is that there are multiple different permits right now and so instead of having different permits for different areas this would be 1 approach citywide and make it more consistent when they're looking at future hotel development.

Sal Calise, Planning and Zoning Chair stated that he has a couple of questions for City Planning. Firstly, they mentioned that it would make the special permit that is being used to look at negatively affecting an area. What is the criteria that would suggest the hotel will negatively affect an area that it's being built in? Jonah Rogoff from City Planning asked if he could jump in to respond as he is a planner in the Brooklyn Office. So, the main way to answer his question it would be more of a case by case basis but some ways that they're hoping to consider is access and egress or the way a hotel situates it's parking, so it's more of like a site plan review to ensure that if a hotel is next to certain uses that it's minimizing conflict with those uses but it really depends on the local condition and the streets and all that stuff. Sal Calise, Planning and Zoning Chair stated that the other question is on page 7 point 3 where it says existing hotels are allowed to convert to another use and may convert back to hotel use until 6 years from date of adoption. Can they tell him what constitutes the other uses? What are you going to do try to turn a hotel into a homeless shelter or something else? What are you turning it into? Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that was a good question. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that he should double check the zoning text, but he believes that it's just for other types of commercial use that are already permitted. So, if a hotel wants to convert to a let's say like a retail or office that would be allowed, or if it's in an area that allows residential. So, it'll allow the hotel if it can comply with other building code rules it'll allow them to convert to residential. Homeless shelters are already allowed so it's more of an emergency provision that has its own separate process but overall, they think that this will add on or narrow the review that will mostly reduce the likelihood that hotels will convert new hotels that go through this process will convert to being a homeless shelter. Sal Calise, Planning and Zoning Chair stated that he has a last question in Community Board 18 we have M1 zones that you have it on your laptop which is pictured across the street from residences. So, in other words we have a bunch of houses

on 1 side of the street and on the other side of the street we have an M1 zone. What's concerning to him is that in an M1 zone a hotel can be built even though we have houses across the street? Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that he doesn't know if he recalls or was on the board a couple years ago, but they actually have an existing hotel special permit just for M1 zones so they're kind of here today to expand that special permit to apply elsewhere but the special permit for hotels in M zones was really based on industrial uses and minimizing issues with those. So, the findings for the special permit are slightly different but it's really a similar process if that makes sense.

Board Member Judy Newton stated that she needed what he just said explained to us and if he could clarify what he just said because she's not clear what those are. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that in different parts of the city in order to build a hotel you have to apply for a special permit by the institution and that's like a ULURP similar to a zoning map amendment and that includes M1 areas in the city. So the reason they're here today is they want to expand that special permit to apply to commercial areas that are shown in red and the main overarching purpose is just to ensure a more consistent framework for reviewing hotels so they have a site specific review and that includes review by the Community Board. Board Member Judy Newton asked but is the area going to be constantly or incrementally oversaturated with whatever anyone wants to be put or to become for those buildings to become converted as. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that without the special permit the hotels can be built as of right in those red areas so you could just go ahead and apply for a permit at the Department of Buildings but for what they're proposing they feel actually addresses concerns around oversaturation by adding another layer of review by the City Planning Commission and others so they don't feel that it would result in oversaturation but more like that site specific review. Board Member Judy Newton stated that she may not feel that way because you don't live here or in these areas, but we do and that's the reason why I would speak for several of the residents here who are overly concerned with this project.

Board Member Jeff Rodus asked Jonah Rogoff from City Planning isn't this the special permit rule that the Chair of City Planning said wasn't necessary. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that there was an internal memo but can't speak to that. Board Member Jeff Rodus stated ok and doesn't want him to get in trouble and is not trying to get him in trouble, but the bottom line is this is really a political deal for HTC and so any new hotel that gets built has to be approved by the City Council and the City Council is partly influenced by the HTC Union is that correct? Again, I don't want to get you in trouble. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning replied and said that it's a valid question and he would think to that point he would say that this is a proposal that's been in the works for a number of years and can't really comment to that and it is a Mayoral priority so that's why they're moving forward. Board Member Jeff Rodus stated that he knows and understands and Also knows a lot of people have issues with this special permit rule. The bottom line is there is a process that works pretty well right now you know, and some could call this a very political rule that the Mayor wants to get through or do before he leaves office. HTC was the only union that supported the Mayor when he ran for president and that he's not asking him to comment on that and knows he has a job and he wants to keep it. So, this isn't for him to comment on but just to let his fellow board members know and other people that are on this is totally a political deal that was made to really hamper developing hotels in the city. There's already a process there and places you could build as of right. This really gives a lot of control to the union with all the hotels that will be built in the future and city council members sometimes they're influenced by unions and therefore you know a lot of new hotels might not get built. Now somebody could also say just to educate everybody here that a lot of hotels are going out of business right now because of Covid and there was an occupancy last year and stuff like that. So, he believes this rule will make it a lot harder for

new hotels to open up without being unionized and he's not saying that it's a bad thing or a good thing but he's saying that's really the deal here. A lot of people have said this is something that shouldn't happen, and he thinks they're trying to get this done before the Mayor's term is over. Again, Jonah no need to comment on that. I see you smiling that's enough of a comment for him. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked Board Member Jeff Rodus because he was so knowledgeable on this and you gave a lot of information that we're not privy to or made aware of in your opinion will this benefit us or in fact impact us negatively. Board Member Jeff Rodus replied well you know what it's an interesting question and he thinks it's a hard answer. It all depends on where the hotels are going to built right. The bottom line is if it's something as of right the Council which has final say and you know that the Community Board is only advisory. The Council you know who really passes or doesn't pass any land use decision. The bottom line is without this rule and if it's not as of right there'll be no say they have over it. Now with this new special permit and every new hotel that gets built will have to go through the land use process no matter where it's located. So, you might say that's good for the Community Board and for everybody, but others might say it hampers business and some might say it's not good economic development wise. So, it's all how you perceive it.

Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga stated that Board Member Barbara Bieber asked part of the question that she wanted to ask. Some concerns she has are the same as Board Member Judy Newton because most of this is almost going over her head and has no clue what this really means and she's sure there are a lot board members who do and she's trying to find out if this is going to diminish the boards say in terms of building a hotel because she's trying to figure in Community Board 18 where do we really need a hotel. Is it going to diminish our say? Yes, no, or maybe so? Or is this going to allow them to just say well tough we're building a hotel here like it or not. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that this would actually give the board more power and more ability to comment on hotel so just like we're here today to present a proposal. All new hotels would have to come before the board. Like they are in a process similar to public review actually, it's part of the public review process and that would include not just the board's review for 60 days but also the Borough President, The City Planning Commission and the City Council as Board Member Jeff Rodus mentioned. Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga asked but how much say does the board really have. There are things like where we come to the board for review and the board says well, we don't agree but it had things happen anyway so how effective can the board be. That's her question with this new proposal. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that it would be similar to a rezoning application so if a new city facility that wants to locate so the board's review would be advisory and that's just consistent with all ULURP applications that require public review.

Board Member Violine Roberty asked if the M1 residential permit for hotels still stands. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning replied yes that's correct. Board Member Violine Roberty asked why they would do the 6 years to go back to being a hotel after something else. That makes no sense to her. Why after 6 years they can go back to being hotel. Why give them that. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that he believes it was part of what Board Member Jeff Rodus was mentioning that they're trying to strike a balance where they do want to have this site specific review but the city is in the midst of this longer term recovery so they want to give hotels some amount of lead time. So, that's really the driving force behind that. Board Member Violine Roberty thanked Board Member Jeff Rodus for the great explanation earlier.

Board Member Sal Calise stated that they mentioned that with this new proposal they would have a say but does the Community Board have a say when that hotel gets turned into something different as it states on your page or when the hotel is changed to something else. Do we as a

community have a say in that or is it just the hotel is there and the community had something to say when the hotel was left after that when they change we have nothing to say about it. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that he would like to double check the text. He wants to say that there's a limited time where a hotel can convert to another use and then convert back. Board Member Violine Roberty asked if he could also check what the other uses are, and what is allowed.

Board Member Kenny Jean-Baptiste stated that he knows the city has been talking about homelessness for a while and how they've been addressing the issue. It's from his experience that hotels do in fact rent out floors to shelters. How can we be guaranteed that these hotels and other places are not occupying a floor or two to shelters and if so, will we be aware of these things going on especially within Community Board 18. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that this wouldn't change the process where homeless shelters are cited. He knows that the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) has its own noticing procedures and they do a fair share. This proposal is more so to be compatible with that but that being said as he mentioned earlier it takes a long period of time to put forth an application for a special permit so that includes environmental review, preparing application materials, and then about a month or so period for the public review process. So, they anticipate that it's unlikely for a hotel operator to go through this long process as sort of like a bait and switch. Board Member Kenny Jean-Baptiste apologized for interrupting him but that's so much bait and switch because he knows of hotels who are fronts for hotels to rent out floors to shelters. So, it's not so much of a bait and switch because it's still operating as a hotel. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that to tap into what he said and if this is something out of the Mayor's Office then all you can hear about is how he's 'gung hoe' with getting the homeless off of the streets and finding facilities and places for them to live. In the back of her mind she's thinking that there's that little underlying thing that he wants and that he's trying to slip it through the door before he leaves. So, her point is it sounds like you're going to be positive and it's going to help us but on the other hand when she hears him talk about he's going to open up a shelter and we need to do this for the homeless. We need to do this and that and while she understands it's a problem but when you live and or work in an area and everyday that you come and it's a hotel and all of sudden one day you have a homeless people living there then it becomes a problem. How do you maintain it and make sure that there's security there? We know there's a lot of issues and a lot of negativity that goes with housing the homeless, so she thinks in her mind she's looking at it that this is not for our benefit. She thinks that this is the City Council and the Mayor who are trying to get it through before he gets voted out or before he leaves. She thinks ultimately, it's going to be for the homeless and like what the gentleman said down the line they're going to start renting out floors.

Roxanne Need stated that she had a couple of questions and the first one is will the Community Board be notified when a permit is filed and when they change the usage of that building will the Community Board be notified? Jonah Rogoff from City Planning thanked her for her question. So, for the 1st question yes absolutely. When an application is filed with the Department of City Planning, they do send a copy of that application out not only to the Community Board but also to the local Council Member and to the Borough President. To your 2nd question he would like to take a closer look at the text and believes that if the usage changed and it's almost like as of right project. So, he doesn't believe that parties are notified but he just wants to double check with City Planning.

Board Member Denise Gourdine stated that if we're talking about the future of the hotels will this special permit going to allow City Planning to take in time to look at the areas that they're planning to put these hotels and she's not talking about Manhattan or Downtown Brooklyn. We're talking about residential communities where hotels are being popped up. If you look at the area,

why do we need more hotels in certain areas in Community Board 18? It's lovely to have a special permit but through the board's request and look to see if there's really a need first. This permits a discussion that really makes sense there's too many hotels popping up in Brooklyn and they do not need to be in Brooklyn at all. So, this special permit needs to go a little bit further and there needs to be somebody thinking about what they're permitting before they let them. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning thanked her and stated that the concerns that she has are partly the reason why they're moving forward with this special permit and they're trying to get that balance where they're having more of like a citywide view and applying it across the board to all areas where hotels are allowed and so like those quality of life and small concerns and what you're expressing really is the heart of why they're here proposing this and so, they're trying to use the special permit as the tool to regulate hotels and can talk more to the process of that but he just wanted to really hit that home for you and the other board members. Board Member Denise Gourdine thanked him and said that she hopes so.

Board Member Jeff Rodus asked Jonah Rogoff from City Planning if he mentioned it but if he did, he didn't catch it but what's the process now? Does he have to go to all Community Boards and the Council votes on it and that whole and that's trying to be done before the end of this 2021 year correct. Jonah Rogoff from City Planning stated that this is technically a non-ULURP proposal so right now the Community Board and the Borough President are reviewing it together and then it would go to the City Planning Commission likely for 60 days followed by the City Council for 50 days and targeting fall or sometime in the fall for approval. Board Member Jeff Rodus stated that the question he was just asking and the answer that Jonah Rogoff from City Planning gave and what everyone should understand and he knows this is a complicated issue because probably most people have never heard of what a special permit is before this especially unless you do land use or whatever you know so you're not going to know what a special permit is in most cases. Basically, this just means every hotel will go through a very vigorous review before they're allowed to put it up. So, in the past when there's an area that's not currently zoned where a hotel could just go up without asking anybody that's no longer the case. Now, this will change that to make everyone and every hotel go through a thorough review at the Community Board, City Council and at City Planning. So, a hotel can't pop up anywhere and again it's just a very political issue and it has to do with unionization of hotels really. That's the bottom line here. The Hotel Trades Council (HTC) will have a much larger role in seeing what hotels are developed and whether they're going to be unionized or not and he thinks that's the main point here that people should understand.

Denise Gordon stated that she is a community member but not a board member and always likes to learn about these proposals in advance of a vote being asked for. She asked how the community residents who are not members of the Community Board learn about these proposals before they're presented for a vote. Are there any recommendations in terms of a website where proposals by the Mayor's office or any of the city agencies are recorded for review by community residents? Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 stated that the meeting notice that was sent out for this month's agenda included a link to the City Planning portal with information on the two applications that are being discussed tonight. Denise Gordon responded and said yes but apart from that is there a city website for example where individuals can go and peruse it just to see what other proposals are being considered or will be offered for consideration. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning thanked her for that question as it's a great one because they want to make sure people know what's going on with different land use actions. She mentioned that she just put a link in the chat box and can send it to Dorothy after the meeting to share also but it's the City Planning zoning application portal. So, projects that come through whether they're special permits like this what we're talking about now or

the Zoning Text for Accessibility is on their and all other sorts of things are on the website.

8:09 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Regular Meeting at 8:09 P.M. Chairperson Ien asked for a moment of silence for Maxine Needle the wife of 1st Vice Chairman Sol Needle who has been a member of this board for about 30 years. His wife Maxine Needle passed away last month, and they had been married about 45 years. He also stated on a personal note to Sol Needle if he's here tonight if you need anything the board is here and to just let us know. Grieving is hard, he knows because he's been through it and just to let him know that his wife is in a better place.

Chairperson Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on April 21, 2021. Chairperson Ien stated that there was a correction to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on April 21, 2021 as Board Member Melba Brown was present via phone and her votes were not counted. Chairperson Michael Ien made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted with the correction. Board Member Mitchell Partnow seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 35 Yes Votes.

Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader, 59th A.D. greeted everyone and wished everyone a Happy Belated Mother's Day to all the ladies. As she goes out throughout the community she just wanted to touch on something that we've all been plagued with, scams whether you have had the opportunity to be plagued through the pandemic, before the pandemic or as the pandemic's ending. Unfortunately, it's frightening that all our information is out there just for the taking. She knows for herself she received a call after going to the bank, the very next day on her cell phone and then a call on her house phone so obviously it wasn't the bank and it's a scam and they want you to press numbers and give out your information. She called the bank and of course they said they don't do that. She received a call from the FBI that they got a package from UPS for her, but they needed her name and her address to deliver it because it was suspicious. She ordered something from Amazon and right afterwards she received an email that said there was fraudulent activity and that she should call the fraud department, but she did not. She went on google and found the Amazon number and of course it was not Amazon that sent her the email, but it looked extremely legitimate. Again, it's frightening that our information is out there, and it's easily accessed. So, if somebody calls and it doesn't sound legitimate, or you receive an email that looks suspicious take the time to call the company, agency or the business that has claimed that it sent something to you or that something was fraudulent, put in a complaint to every business, or agency. Most agencies have complaint departments so put in a complaint. Don't be aloof but be vigilant because there's a lot of things going on out there and they have a lot of people wanting to take advantage of all of us, so you must be careful. Just a reminder that Memorial Day is coming up so let's remember those that fought for freedom that we enjoy and for all of you please stay safe and it looks like we'll be getting back to normal very shortly as everything is opening up at full capacity and let's hope that when we come back we come back big and Brooklyn Community Board 18 goes along with that. Enjoy next weekend and everybody be well.

Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct greeted everyone and reported on the crime statistics involving the recent 28-day period overall are wonderful. Year to date they're down 30% in all of their crimes. Their shooting victims they're up 13 in the year to date verses 4 last

year. Their shooting incidents, they're up 10 verses 4 last year. Overall, every other crime is down, and they only had two robberies, one in the train station and one in the street in the 28 day which is excellent. Last year they had 6. Traffic overall they're up because last year there wasn't a lot of cars in the street, but their enforcement and education are up. Not only are they writing summonses they're doing a lot of education classes. About a month ago they received a lot of complaints on East 108th Street, so the whole corridor of East 108th Street they gave out over maybe 300-500 flyers to ask motorists to slow down. They're also doing that through Rockaway Parkway and Flatlands Avenue. One thing she could say going back to their overall crime their shootings are up. They have their youth officers talking to a lot of kids and if some of you know any kids that they could just go visit to see how they're doing and try to steer them in the right direction or just to say hi. It's not all about locking people up anymore. Don't be afraid because they just want to try and help keep these shootings down. It's getting warm and they're worried. Shootings are up overall throughout the whole entire city. Her and Captain Robert Conwell oversee the 69th Precinct and they're trying to get extra police officers in certain areas just to have fixed posts. Also, just talk to people, she loves talking to people. Especially this young generation because the young generation are doing a lot of the shootings and they are covering a lot of gun collars and they're making gun collars. The thing about these kids is that they don't have extensive arrest history, and a lot of them are having guns for the first time. So, they would just like to talk to them and steer them in the right direction. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct asked if anyone had any questions. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that he has to say that he does notice their police presence on East 108th Street, stemming from Flatlands Avenue to Glenwood Road and beyond and that's pretty good. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct replied yes because not only were they doing enforcement like she said they took that corridor and are doing a lot of education and telling people to slow down because it's not just about writing summonses all the time. So, they can thank the Chief because she's done a lot of work of the education and at least once a week she's in a different area. Chairperson Michael Ien asked if they could continue that and the reason is the weather is getting nicer and people are going to be out there flying down East 108th Street. But with their presence it will hopefully help mitigate it. He appreciates it because there is some improvement. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that they have a problem and she believes it's coming from East 96th Street between Glenwood Road and Farragut Road, and whatever this guy has in his backyard which she believes is one of those old fashioned \$5 dollar parties. Do you remember those \$5 dollar parties? Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct replied yes. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated because she has a house on her block about four doors down that used to charge \$5 dollars. It's called the \$5 dollar party where they charge you \$5 dollars to come in. They believe it's on East 96th Street between Glenwood Road and Farragut Road. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct asked if she knew the exact address. Board Member Barbara Bieber replied and said they walked around the corner but her and her neighbors are going to go again. It's very hard to pinpoint which house it is because it's so loud that it literally rocks the glass in your house. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct asked if she knows the exact days and times that they are having these parties because usually they can bring a ghost in and if they see them or find out if they are selling tickets to get in. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that it's either Friday or Saturday but she's going to start keeping track. The biggest thing is she doesn't understand how the precinct doesn't hear it because it is so loud it rocks your house. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that there is new policing now and they can only ask people to turn down the noise and let them know their neighbors are bothered by it. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked isn't there a 10 o'clock law and if they come knocking more than twice than the police can act by confiscating the equipment. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct replied no and that they are not allowed to go in private property anymore even if it's loud noise. They have to follow the law but

sometimes what she will do if they get enough 311 and complaint calls, she will call her legal and they may send the Sheriff's Department and sometimes they will go in and write summonses, but if they know and get information that they are selling tickets to get in they have a reason to go in. But if it's just for noise they're not allowed to go in. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that she can't imagine someone having a friend that has a party every week and people show up. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that like she said before they also must follow the law. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked when that noise law was changed. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she doesn't have that information now but can get that information for her if she'd like. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant of Community Board 18 mentioned that the office received a letter today from the residents of East 99 Street near Avenue N with a complaint similar to what Board Member Barbara Bieber just mentioned. The letter states that they have parties from 3 PM to 3 AM and is open to the public with a \$20 dollar entrance fee. She also mentioned that the residents also sent a copy of this letter to the local elected officials and the 69th Police Precinct. The address of the property is 1384 East 99 Street, Brooklyn, NY. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that what she will send her public safety team over there this Friday and see if they can speak to the owners about the noise and see what's going on. However, if they can call their ghost to go in and see if they can also try to get into the party and if they are charging to get in then they will be able to shut them down but they have to be able to say yes they have that evidence. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked isn't it illegal since it would be considered a commercial venue at that point because they're charging an entrance fee and isn't it illegal to use that personal property as commercial property. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct replied yes and that it's definitely illegal and if they have evidence to prove that and their body cameras show that they are charging then yes they will be allowed to shut the party down. So, she'll get her public safety team on that to see whatever they can get that's illegal and they will take police action but if its just for noise they cannot. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if she's still going to find out when that noise law was changed. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct replied yes and that she will contact her legal department and they'll advise her when it was changed. She also stated that just because of the noise they're not allowed to force there way in and take people's property. They're not allowed to do that anymore. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that sometimes they have three houses running different music and it's so loud. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that it's alright and she's glad that she told her about it because this is the first step and the first step is they're going to go there and try and see what's going on and get anything that's illegal going on. They may not be selling anything, but you know now they're allowed to smoke marijuana now before if they were smoking marijuana that would give them probable cause to go in. Now that they took that away, but she sill speak to her public safety team and they'll look, dot their eyes and try to get in there legally. Board Member Barbara Bieber replied we'll see and hopefully she can get her an address of the property. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that they're going to ride through there Friday and Saturday night and going to go there and see exactly where the noise is coming from and then the first step is to try and speak to the these owners and then they will just take it further from there. She's pretty sure they will identify the problem. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked how she can contact Capt. Elissa Carlies say if nothing happens this weekend although it's a miracle but then all of a sudden, the following weekend then your officers say well it happened last weekend and so they're not going to go back. How do they get in touch with her to let her know that it's happening right now? Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she can call her on her personal cell number. Like she said before she'll reach out to the public safety team and they'll go in and by the way she knows that Memorial Day is coming and that's going to be a big weekend and they're going to have probably multiple parties going on so they might be a little delayed but they'll come through.

Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that if the Capt. Elissa Carlies doesn't want to put her cell number out there if she wants, she can give it to Dorothy Paul at the board office and then she'll call the office tomorrow and get it. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant to Community Board 18 informed Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct that Board Member Melba Brown contacted the office concerning speeding cars, motorcycles, and ATV's 24hrs a day on East 105 Street between Flatlands Avenue and Avenue J. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct asked if these are motorcycles. Dorothy Paul replied and said motorcycle, cars, and ATV's. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that they're probably coming from East 95th Street. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that they noticed that there was a problem and so they started an initiative for her officers to go out and try to voucher these unregistered vehicles because most if these motorcycles are unregistered. Within a 28-day period they took over four unregistered motorcycles. So, they are trying to take them down one by one off these streets. So, if you see anything please call 311 or you can call her cellphone if you know that they may be congregating in any location because sometimes it's hard to catch them the way that they're flying down because officers have to make sure that they don't get into an accident. But know that anywhere that they congregate they could also go in and shut that down. Board Member Sylvia Whiteside raised a concern about a proposed restaurant and lounge coming to 9712 Seaview Avenue in the Seaview Plaza Shopping Center. She stated that the owner is looking to open a restaurant and lounge and serve alcohol, but how would they even allow that when that strip already has a lot of problems and people go there to shop with their children. So, it's also a quality of life and safety issue. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she couldn't hear what Board Member Sylvia Whiteside stated because of the feedback. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 explained Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct that Board Member Sylvia Whiteside is concerned about a possible restaurant and lounge coming to 9712 Seaview Avenue located in the Seaview Plaza Shopping Center. She also informed the board that she contacted the NY State Liquor Authority who informed us that they have no pending applications for the mentioned premises. However, if they are planning on operating with a liquor license, they are required to notify their community board prior to applying to the SLA but until the potential licensee applies for a license, they have no further information. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she will check it out. Board Member Sylvia Whiteside stated that she went by there this afternoon she noticed that their gates were down. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she was just speaking with her SOL regarding these parties and he clarified that he will have to get Vice involved if they are selling or charging an entrance fee to get into these parties but for noise they cannot go in for just that. Board Member Bieber asked based on the noise thing and she knows that they can't enter the property but if she sends her the address and you can clearly see, and here that the music is coming from the yard and it's past 10 o'clock and it's exceeding the noise level are they at least allowed to give that property owner a summons and put it in their mailbox. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct replied yes, they can give them a summons, put it in a mailbox or on their door but if they go there and they say that they can't come in and they close the door they can't go in. Board Member asked but can they give them a summons. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct replied yes and that they can give them a summons to the house address, however if it's a lounge and they're selling alcohol that's a different story they can go in but if it's private property that's another story. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that but either way you could if it's a private property and it's a party and they're not selling \$5 or \$20 dollar tickets to get in you could still summons them for loud noise if it's on past 10 o'clock. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct replied yes, they can summons them. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that so it's two ways to combat it because if the new that the law states that you can't enter their property, they're going to say well to hell with your neighborhood

we're still going to play our music and we don't really care but if you continuously summons them and give them a ticket eventually at some point they're going to have to acknowledge that there's a problem. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she's right but not only that if they know about it, they will give out double parking tickets and do their job by towing cars in front. They have other tools that they can use so yes, they will put a summons on the door, but they will also do other stuff every day because this is his job to go and stop these parties. They'll do so much other stuff over there that they'll say you know let's take it down a notch. Board Member Barbara Bieber thanked her. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 informed Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct that the board received a complaint concerning the newly erected "No Parking Anytime" sign on Schenck Street and Canarsie Road. She informed her that we contacted the NYC Department of Transportation and asked why the sign was placed there and they informed us that it was requested by the NYPD because of illegal activity taking place at that location. She also informed her that the residents on the block will be emailing the board office a petition tomorrow asking to have the sign removed. She asked Capt. Elissa Carlies if she knew anything about it and if the precinct would be okay with having the sign removed. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that the problem was that they would dump cars over there and do all sorts of stuff which is why they requested the "No Standing Anytime" sign and what she was hearing is that the community was having some problems with all the dumped cars over there. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 stated that the NYC DOT would have the signs removed if the NYPD is ok with it. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she'll be fine with that, but she will speak with Capt. Robert Conwell. But they know that they might have another problem there again with the cars being dumped over there. Also, inform them that they do realize that if people start dumping cars over there and smoking weed back there that they only remove cars maybe once or twice a month. So, they will take the cars but they only schedule that maybe twice a month.

Matthew Pitt, Representing Council Member Farah Louis' Office greeted everyone and thanked Chairperson Michael Ien for allowing him to speak to the community. He provided an update on different things that they have been doing in the community over the last few weeks. He extended condolences to Mary Bishop's family and to Congress Woman Yvette Clarke's Office and that this is a deep loss for everyone, and he wanted to express their deepest sympathies on behalf of Council Member Farah Louis. He informed the board that a few weeks ago their office partnered with Assembly Member Jaime Williams on a construction career day workshop and just introduced high school students from the community to trade unions and other important stakeholders in the construction community and shared information about jobs and about environmental justice work as well. In addition to that he talked about the new recruits that graduated from the police academy that the Council Member met last week at the 63rd Police Precinct, He thanked the police officer for allowing the Council member to come out and meet them and to have a chat with the new recruits. He mentioned the free Covid 19 vaccination site that's at 3931 Kings Highway this Saturday from 9 Am to 2 PM and its being hosted by HCC at the Flatlands Reform Church so please sign up. He stated that he will drop the information in the chat box for everyone to sign up to schedule an appointment so that they can receive their free vaccine. He mentioned that there was a significant victory for their office. After several meetings with NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and their office they were notified yesterday that they have withdrawn their application for a Pest Control Facility located at 1427 Ralph Avenue. They have cited the fact that they did not do their due diligence with respect to the community outreach as one of the many reasons why they had to withdraw the application at this time. He wanted to thank several organizations for helping them out during this process such as HFCG, Flatlands Civic, The East 59th Street Block Association, Utica 2 Flatbush and Pastors for multiple congregations for voicing their concerns and standing with us as

they opposed this application. Remember residents always have a right to raise their concerns and if anything is going on in the community please feel free to contact their office they will be there to help. Speaking of which if you wish to contact their office, they are located at 1434 Flatbush Avenue and their phone number is to contact them is 718-629-2900 but don't worry he will drop this information regarding their office in the chat box and he'll also drop the information regarding the vaccination sign up in the chat room as well as any other information regarding events, or any services that is happening on District 45. He thanked everyone and wished everyone a wonderful evening.

Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes' Office greeted everyone and stated that it was a pleasure to be here tonight on behalf of the senator. This is probably the most optimistic report they've had in a very long time. First, she wanted to address the noise concerns and that the legislative session has almost another month left to it and one of the senator's prime pieces of legislation is the sleep legislation which would address these noises and make it a highly sizeable offense. So that's on his priority and that should hopefully pass this session and as of this afternoon it was looking good. So, that would be a major help for enforcement as well. A couple of community things that are going on and again this one in particular which is starting to happen they've started their cleanups throughout the district and they're every Wednesday night in the district and if you haven't seen the district map it's very widespread so they're going to be all over the place in Marine Park and first of those was tonight and Board Member Josh Rubenstein if you're still on the call thank you to JCC of Marine Park for being their partners tonight and they're trying to involve a lot of community groups in addition to parks in this initiative and hopefully that will make a big difference in the way that the parks look. Unfortunately, they did massive clean ups last weekend and by Monday the park was a mess again. So, it's really a two-edged sword cleaning it up and keeping people from dumping again. The other thing is that they will be doing concerts in Marine Park in conjunction with Assembly Member Jaime Williams and those will be late July into September and there will be five concerts and a combination of Wednesday evening shows and Sunday afternoon shows that are more family oriented and yoga in the park is coming back with six sessions and you can call their office for additional information. They're open Monday to Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM and the phone number is 718-238-6044 for any questions or concerns that you might have.

Orlando Ross, Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke's Office greeted and thanked Mathew Pitt, Representing Farah Louis' Office for his condolences on behalf of Mary Bishop because as you now they lost a parent and so he's going to drop in the chat box all of the information for Mary Bishop's funeral arrangements that will be happening on Monday, May 24th. You can view the whole entire event via Facebook and the link will give you all the information that you need to know. Again, he thanked Mathew Pitt, Representing Farah Louis's Office and to give her their regards as well. He just wanted to drop in the chat box a few things but he's not going to stay too long. Their office had an event on YouTube, Facebook for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and it was in partnership with the Small Business Administration SBA. If anyone has a restaurant or if you're involved in the entertainment industry, the SBA which is federal agency is not offering funding for you to open up your restaurant with the unnecessary fees that you would have to go through and getting your stuff up and running. They also have the Shuttered Venue Operation Grant that is also open and that is also for the entertainment industry organizations. The Congress Woman would also like for you to pay attention to the American Family Pine Act which is the children's child tax credit that is going to be able to pull almost 50% of the children out of poverty right now and give them the necessary funding they need to get through whatever they need to get through whatever they need. They also have the American Jobs Plan and the American Rescue

Plan which he will put the links on them in the chat box. If anyone has any questions regarding any of these services, they would definitely like for you to contact their office. Again, he will put the information in the chat and the Congress Woman extends her love to everyone in Community Board 18 and she stresses that you take advantage of all the resources that are now coming from the federal government. Once it is taken and goes away it would be hard to access it but the information that you need access these resources are in the chat box. So, feel free to give them a call.

Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud greeted everyone and wanted to join Chairperson Michael Ien's in his comments earlier about the loss of Maine Needle the wife of our longtime hero and 1st Vice Chair Sol Needle. People don't know but she ran the Early Childhood Program in District 22 and when we can take advantage of these days of Pre-K and soon to be 3K it's because of pioneers like Maxine and the teams that led the way in District 22 and District 18 and really made us have a better city today because of their efforts. He mentioned that Board Member Tomas Hernandez's son who's active duty military to him he's our soldier. So, we have to not take for granted that people join the military and they're there to protect us and put their lives on the line. So, to Board Member Tom Hernandez the row is hoping and praying and for everyone's wish is that your son and every member of the armed forces stay safe. He says it almost monthly, but he urges people to get on Senator Roxanne Persaud's email lists. She has a weekly newsletter that affects many of the diverse communities in her district and the way to sign up for that is just send an email to persaud@nysenate.gov and just request to be added to that and that's very helpful tools for a lot of people. Almost every Friday there's an electronic drop-off at the senator's district office so, if you have a refrigerator, computer screens, televisions or however large they maybe you can drop them off and they'll be properly and environmentally exposed of and that's at the district office located at 1222 East 96th Street in Canarsie. Finally as we're getting closer to getting out of this Covid nightmare pandemic you read each week in different articles about the effect that it's had on all of us and there's a term that keeps coming up that you get more and more and that term is languish, which he understands to be the sense of stagnation and emptiness that so many of us are feeling more than a year into this pandemic and in response to that whole phenomenon, somebody wrote a letter to an editor and it's maybe 20 words and he's going read it but he thinks it sums up for so many of us what we've been through. Now more than ever people should take advantage of available mental health services if they're feeling down, there's nothing wrong with that. There's almost something wrong if people aren't because we've all been hit in the head and we're almost at the end of this and just remember that we're all in this together so, stay strong and if anyone needs help get the help that they need and on behalf of the State Senator Roxanne Persaud thank you and stay safe.

Thomas Podd, Representing 63rd Police Precinct greeted everyone and mentioned that he wanted to bring up a couple of points and wanted to bring up crime prevention and obviously of you're driving your car and you're parking and go into a store please don't leave your key in the car and don't leave the key in there running. They get a lot of these grand larceny autos because people are leaving their ignitions on while they're running into the store. He knows it seems very logical not to do it, but a lot people actually do this. So, please don't do that. Also, if you are running into the store please don't put your personal stuff down it only takes a second for someone to take this stuff. Whether it's your purse, car keys, house keys, or your wallet just don't put it down. One thing that's going on now with all the precincts and it's not just the 63rd Police Precinct it's called the NYPD blue chip program and it's basically a program to get kids and NYPD officers to play basketball together. Most cops are going to be participating including himself and he's going to be a volunteer ref for these games but if you know any kids that want to just play basketball and get out of the house and just shoot hoops with them they can shoot them an email which he put in the chat

or you can ask Dorothy Paul the Community for Community Board 18 , she has his contact information as well. Again, it's not just for the 63rd, 69th precinct but its for every precinct and there's going to be locations throughout the city so it's a wonderful program for kids to come out and play hoops with them.

9:01 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Nancy Walby greeted everyone and stated that just a reminder to everyone that this weekend the Annual Major McCarthy Memorial Ceremony will be taking place this Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 starting at 10:30 AM at the Major McCarthy Triangle located at Avenue N and Kings Highway and East 31 Street, Brooklyn. It's a memorial that Fraser Civic has been holding she believes for over 20 years to just honor and not only Major Marine McCarthy but now all the uniformed military officers and the local heroes. So, she hopes to see many of you there. Secondly, now that the mask mandate has been lifted in New York and in a couple of other places there will be a lot of people and activities going on in the parks and that means that there will be lots of individuals, sports groups, and families enjoying the great weather. Just be mindful of physical distancing and respectful of other people when you visit a Park. Some of us are vaccinated, some are not and some us are not wearing a mask and some of us are not comfortable without the mask so just be respectful of everyone around you while you're having fun. Like everyone has said before stay safe out there.

Anne Richards, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams' Office greeted everyone and stated that they will be having their Legislative Director representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams in the future. He was on but had to jump off so she decided seeing that she's here as a board member she can now represent the Assembly Member also. Again, it is nice seeing everyone and like Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud mentioned the Assembly Member along with Senator Roxanne Persaud has been hosting numerous events throughout the district and basically since this pandemic really haven't stopped. They've both been doing a lot of food distribution in the district and a lot of events to keep the constituents updated. One particular event that will be tomorrow that's being hosted by a State Senator Roxanne Persaud and Assembly Member Jaime Williams will be a homeowner benefit community event. That event will be a virtual event at 6 PM and it's in collaboration wit the NYC Department of Finance. So, it's going to talk about property tax benefits for seniors, veterans, clergy and disable homeowners and how to freeze your rent and eligible and how to apply. That's an event that is very important for constituents and our community and so that will be tomorrow night. Today there was a virtual luncheon and very important event. It was the Anti Displacement Hotline creation that was created to basically protect our home programs to help struggling homeowners with counseling, finance assistance, legal services, and to raise awareness about deed theft, and scams that's been going on in the district. They do know that since this pandemic there's been a lot of scams and just like our District Leader Sue Ann Partnow spoke about when we started this evening. So, this something that was launched, and it involves NHS Brooklyn, the Attorney General and Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation Inc. If anyone wants more information about that hotline, please feel free to contact their office. Assembly Member Jaime Williams' Office phone number is 718-252-2124. She wished everyone a wonderful night and it's been a long day for her, and she knows its been a long day for everyone else as well and so she's not going to take any more of everyone's time.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Sal Calise, Chairperson

1. N 210270 ZRY - Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) – Vote

Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the Non-ULURP application for N 210270 ZRY - Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA). Board Member Grace Zwillenberg seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 35 Yes Votes.

2. N 210406 ZRY - Citywide Hotels Text Amendment – Vote

Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends denial of the Non-ULURP application for N 210406 ZRY - Citywide Hotels Text Amendment. Board Member Jeff Rodus seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 35 Yes Votes.

3. U.L.U.R.P. Application #210106PCK – Premises affected – 1427 Ralph Avenue, Block 7918, Lot 86 – Vote

Chairperson Sal Calise then turned the floor over to Chairperson Michael Ien.

Chairperson Michael Ien informed the board that at our regularly scheduled Community Board Meeting held on March 17, 2021 the Board voted to recommend approval of U.L.U.R.P. Application #210106PCK for a Pest Control and Vector Control Program Facility at 1427 Ralph Avenue, Block 7918, Lot 86. Due to community opposition Community Board 18 will be changing its position on the application and voting to recommend its denial. In addition, Community Board 18 was notified on Monday evening, May 17, 2021 that the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene wants to be responsive to community concerns and make sure that there is ample time for community awareness and education, therefore, they are withdrawing their application at this time. He asked for questions or comments. There being no further comments or questions. Jerry Hadley stated that since the NYC Department of Health has withdrawn their application there's no need for him to voice his objection. Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush stated that he had a statement more than a question and appreciates that the board is looking at this over but what he does have a concern with is the callous nature which that vote took place. There was no consideration, and no one found it very hard to believe that 35 people voted no because he's spoken to several people and they've said that they voted no, and the board said that they did. The board does this roll call vote and it's not really a roll call vote. If they're 35 people there and 36 people then guess what each of them should when you get to that vote they should actually cast their vote at that time but by saying all opposed and the way that the question was actually framed people were confused. But he can assure that 35 people did not vote in the approval of the Pest Control and Vector Control Program Facility at 1427 Ralph Avenue. So, he's glad that they're doing the vote over. Sal Calise Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee made a comment that we were all at the meeting and the way that vote took place and there was a roll call vote made on that application if he understands correctly and it wasn't a callous vote. At that meeting many questions were asked before they made that final decision and doesn't understand where this was a callous vote. Chairperson Michael Ien replied that he could agree. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that she believes Gerard Brewster's objection is the way that we do the vote but we're on WebEx and there's no other way to do it. So, the question that she's saying is when she's doing the voting this way and she says to everyone as far as she's concerned that they're voting to disapprove. So, if no one answers and she says does anyone object meaning do you object that we're disapproving the motion. You have the right to right here in front of her to either put in the chat to Dorothy Paul or you can verbally say it and she does take the time so that she can hear someone say something if there

are no objections and nobody says I object well then she's assuming that everyone so far is in favor and then she'll say are there any abstentions, and she hesitates and wait a few moments and if anyone wants to abstain at this point they have the right to either say it out loud or in a text in the chat box that they're abstaining. Therefore, that vote carries the way that she does it to save time. Everyone is given a fair opportunity to either say yes, no, or that they abstain. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald stated that maybe for future since we can't go back now that we need to do roll call votes the right way and actually do the roll call and have every person whether they are on or not, needs to voice yay, nay or abstain because a lot of people are not still on the call. At times a lot of them are just on the call but they're not physically on the call. Moving forward she votes or rather suggest that we do an actual roll call vote. She knows that times the issue, but we know what we're here for. Board Member Barbara Bieber replied and said that's fine but if we're on virtually then they should be on this Webex. So, the same way that we're sitting here in front of this screen every board member who signs on to WebEx should be visual and if you're not it doesn't give you an excuse to go and do whatever else you want. You dedicate two and a half hours to be on a WebEx just like us. But if the motion carries and if you want to do it that way then she'll call each name and if you don't answer within a minute or so she's got to say that you're not in the room or someplace else and that's not fair to everybody else that's at this meeting. But if that's what they want, and she likes it that way then she'll do it that way. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald stated that it's not what she wants and that it's just a suggestion and so that way we don't have any issues moving forward. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that she agrees with her. Chairperson Michael Ien informed Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald stated that it's a suggestion that we will take up. Although, we can't promise but they'll try and take it up. Board Member Denise Gourdine stated that right now with everyone talking in the back that she has such a feedback. So many people have their microphones on, and it's garbled, and she tries to listen but feels like she's blind. She's up close against the screen and only get 80% of what anyone is saying and even with that last vote to disapprove she didn't hear the vote because there's a lot of extraneous noise going on. People have their microphones on and don't even realize that they have them on. You cannot hear, it's not clear and she knows it's late but she's trying to listen, and she can say that a lot of times she misses a lot. Unless people can learn to mute themselves or other things going on there's going to be a lot of noise. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that he agreed with her and what she said made sense, but this WebEx is a very difficult thing. He also stated that like Board Member Barbara Bieber mentioned we do the votes this way to help facilitate things. Board Member Denise Gourdine replied and said it is. Board Member Barbara Bieber also stated that it's very hard as well because there's so much feedback and it's hard to hear with everything that's going on. There being no further comments or questions concerning the application Chairperson Michael Ien made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends disapproval of U.L.U.R.P. Application #210106PCK for the Pest Control and Vector Control Program Facility at 1427 Ralph Avenue, Block 7918, Lot 86. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 35 Yes Votes.

Board Member Violine Roberty stated that she knows that we're going backwards here but just to double check that we're doing the right thing here because she thinks a lot of times with these votes and the things that they're voting on like the Citywide Hotels Text Amendment they don't have a lot of information beforehand and maybe getting a lot of information at the meeting. And thinks that Board Member Jeff Rodus was able to provide a more understanding on that subject but at the same time she just wants to confirm with him again that we're not voting for something that's going to hurt us in any way and that saying no will not be something that they look back on and will regret because she understands that from what he's saying that this would've stopped hotels from being built in any area of commercial area or other areas besides the M1 so she just wants to be sure again that voting no for this does not hurt us in any way where a hotel is being placed and let's

say like Avenue H or an area where there are residential homes or a commercial area like Utica Avenue because it's a commercial area. She just wants to make sure that our vote here does not affect that in any way and then we look back in the future and say oh we voted yes. She knows that it's political and she doesn't care that it is but cares that it does not affect us in any negative way in the future. Board Member Jeff Rodus stated that he is still there and the argument that he made and again he's not an expert on this subject, so no one should've taken his word as gospel. He was asking questions and trying to understand what was really thought about it from the inside of the City Planning Commission and they didn't want to do it. They didn't want to do it and they said that it was not good for the city. Now in terms of the community he would assume that whatever project that would come up would have to go through the normal zoning that they go through anyway. Board Member Violette Roberty stated that so the normal zoning would cover them already. Board Member Jeff Rodus stated that it depends exactly on the zoning of the area so he can't speak to that because he's not a zoning expert and doesn't know how every piece of property is zoned and if something is as of right. That means that they could just build what they want on different zonings. They must come to the Community Board, City Planning Commission, and the New York City Council to get approval for a zoning change and we'd be involved in that process so that wouldn't change. What that did was restricted development all over the city because they didn't want to build any hotel, they wanted to have a special approval every time a new hotel went up and he believes for the good of the city that that's not a good thing right now because hotels are hurting and the economy is hurting. If a hotel wants to build you have to encourage them, you shouldn't restrict them more, but he thinks that was his thinking around that to be honest. Board Member Violette Roberty stated that she thinks people with hotels in their community would differ. We understand that hotels are needed but she doesn't think any one of us would want it in our backyard, and if this thing stops hotels from being put in our backyards then she thinks we should take time and really look into it and research and really get an understanding on what we're voting on. Because sometimes she thinks that's the problem and they're not understanding exactly what they're voting on but if this doesn't hurt us in anyway then she understands. She's just feeling like maybe we need to understand what we're voting on and we say no regardless of political consequences. Board Member Jeff Rodus stated that he respects what she's saying, and he will also say this, and this is because he's cynical and he's been around this for a long time. Whatever we vote on is great and it's an advisory thing, but it goes through the NYC Council and the stuff gets passed anyway eventually. So, he's not trying to deny you a voice in the process and would never want to do that but, we only advise. It must go to the NYC Council, and The Brooklyn Borough President and it's a process to get anything approved and he'll be honest this thing is pretty much a done deal from what he understands. Board Member Violette Roberty replied yeah and that she just wanted to say that because she feels it's the same thing with the 1427 Ralph Avenue application. It's just voting on things that maybe they're not thoroughly understanding prior to the meeting and you just get to the meeting and now you're voting yes and not really looking into what you're voting on and she thinks it's important to really research and know what we're voting on because she doesn't want to look back and know that she voted for something that she doesn't want in her community, that's all. Board Member Kenny Jean-Baptiste stated that regarding voting to save time we could also put it in the chat box and go over the votes later. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that Board Member Jeff Rodus if he remember many time in a board meeting if we really didn't understand something and that we needed more time to rethink whether or not we should approve or disapprove we use to table it. So, her question is if we were to table something like this and say that we didn't want to vote on it strictly tonight what would be the ramifications of tabling it. Is it still going to matter? Board Member Jeff Rodus stated that yes it matters because all Land Use stuff is on time clock as you know. He's not saying that we don't have more time for this and we might very well but you have to ask them but usually if it is and the clock runs out you know that you'll have no say technically if you

know what he's saying, but saying that maybe this item could've been withheld because maybe it's not next week and we have a couple of weeks for that he doesn't know. You would have to check that.

Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush stated that when he spoke earlier, he wasn't directing it to anyone in particular. He was just stating that this place anywhere and by this place he's speaking about this Pest Control and Vector Control Program Facility and that it shouldn't be anywhere in Community Board 18 and if they come to me and they say hey it's your decision what's going to happen on Schenectady Avenue and they're going to put it down by Avenue H whether it's in the middle of the block. It doesn't belong anywhere near Schenectady Avenue and it's the same thing here. If something were to happen in that pesticide plant, the focusing thing is that Ralph Avenue is only two miles away and Bergen Avenue so guess what it's going to get you too and to the Community Board there wasn't enough time spent on it. Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush stated that it didn't appear that way. Board Member Barbara replied and said that if it did then she apologizes. She misunderstood and thought it was meant that the way that she was doing the roll call for the vote and all she needed was someone to say to her Barbara let's talk about this and we need to do it the old-fashioned way. Listen if the board wants to do it that way and everyone agrees including Chairperson Michael Ien, she's fine with that. Chairperson Michael Ien replied and told Board Member Barbara Bieber not to worry about it and that appreciates it and we should move the meeting along.

4. State Liquor Authority Applications Received and Vote for the Following:

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

- Tara K. Greenidge BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street – 11236

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

- Milo Bear Inc., Pizza D'Amore, 2147 Mill Avenue – 11234
- Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road – 11234

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

- Gerardo Camarda, Da Gerardo Corp/Salvi Restaurant, 4220 Quentin Road – 11234

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

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

Chairperson Sal Calise stated that the Community Board 18 notified the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63rd and 69th Police Precincts about the SLA Applications, and objections were received for the New Applications received from Tara K. Greenidge BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street, 11236, and Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234. Chairperson Sal Calise asked if the applicants were present and asked for questions and comments. Tara K. Greenidge for BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street, 11236, and Patrick Agard for Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road were present. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that we received objections from the 63rd and 69th Police Precincts, and the local civic associations and therefore the boards motion would be to deny these applications. Tara K. Greenidge asked what the basis of the denial was. P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct stated that the application that the 63rd Police Precinct has concerns over is the Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234 and it stems from when they've had to shut down several events at that location because alcohol was being served without a liquor license. Therefore, they still have concerns. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald asked if the 63rd Police Precinct's asked if the 63rd Police Precinct's objection is for Tara K. Greenidge, BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street, 11236. P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct replied no and it's for Wayne

Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road. Chairperson Sal Calise asked if the 69th Police Precinct was there. Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant for Community Board 18 stated that the 69th Police Precinct may have left but they sent an email stating that they are opposed to the application received from Tara K. Greenidge, BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street, 11236. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked Tara K. Greenidge what type of establishment it will be and what are the hours of operation. Tara K. Greenidge stated that it's a catering establishment and that she's registered nurse opening a business but her cousin who's a chef. So, they want to provide food and be able to serve alcohol and not sell on premises and off premises. So, if you're having an event and need bartenders, they can responsibly serve alcohol at your event and at their establishment. They don't want to sell alcohol at their establishment because it's not a bar it's a catering hall. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked so no one can come in and sit down and eat at your tables. So, it's just being rented out. Tara K. Greenidge replied yes and that she's not looking for a license sell alcohol. Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant for Community Board 18 stated that she believes the reason for the 69th Police Precinct's objection to the application may be because there are possibly 1-2 more similar establishments on that same block. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated yes there is. There's a rental hall that's two doors away and then there's a Ramajay Mas but doesn't know what type of establishment that is. Tara K. Greenidge responded and said that Ramajay is no longer there. She's right next door and just acquired that building. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that we should ask the 69th Police Precinct because there is another place on that block called DZone that rents out for parties, and a One Stop Shop Mail Box Plus & Variety Store, The E&R Rental Hall that's right next door, and then the Ramajay Mas which the applicant states is no longer there, and now a new one for Tara K. Greenidge. So, that would make three of them on the same block. So, we must find out from the 69th Police Precinct what their concerns are. Tara K. Greenidge stated that she went on the NY SLA website where they show you the liquor licenses that they have within a radius and the only place that had a beer license was the corner store. Nowhere else on the block had a license to serve alcohol. Terri Cadet-Donald asked isn't this block half residential and half commercial. Board Member Barbara Bieber replied yes, it's a mixed use. Chairperson Michael Ien asked what the cross streets are. Tara K. Greenidge responded and said that the cross streets are Bedell Lane and Farragut Road. Board Member Barbara Bieber replied and said it's between Farragut Road and Foster Avenue. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that's a residential block. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that there are houses across the street, there are houses next door to The Living God Church, and directly above each of these establishments is an apartment. Chairperson Michael Ien replied and said this block is mostly residential. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that at this point we have the information from the 69th Police Precinct and not sure how the board wants to handle it. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that this is one of those things where she believes we should table it until we get more information from the 69th Police Precinct. Board Member Maria Garrett stated that she's making that same suggestion that we should table the vote and wait to get more information from the 69th Police Precinct. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that same goes for the other New Application received for Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234 because that's residential also and if it's going to be a party center, we should wait to find out more about that. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that the 63rd Police Precinct was on earlier and provided the reasons why they had concerns with Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234. Chairperson Michael stated that the 63rd Police Precinct is opposed to it correct. P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct replied yes and that they have concerns with the location. However, again it's up to the Community Board to decide on what to do with regards to the application. Chairperson Michael Ien asked if the representative for Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234 was present. Patrick Agard replied yes. Chairperson Sal Calise informed him that the 63rd Police Precinct states that they were serving and

or selling alcohol without a license. Patrick Agard stated that it's a catering hall and not a restaurant and they cater out to different events whether it's a baby shower, receptions or whatever else. They didn't fully understand because a lot of people have the thought that it's a BYOB and they were never selling there from what he understood and so now that they were made aware of how things are to be done, they want to do it right. His question to the board is outside of the alcohol issue was there any other issues there that the police had to show up for. Were there any 311 calls made? Is it possible you can share what's in the report? P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct responded and said that he doesn't have the complaint right now but again their concerns are the incidents where they had to respond to for illegal use of alcohol. Patrick Agard stated okay and like he said before that was just out of ignorance and he knows that's not excuse. They know that now and that's why they're coming before the board and bringing this matter to you. Also, it's not a full liquor license. They're just looking to get a Wine, Beer and Cider license. Board Member Denise Gourdine stated that since it was mentioned that this block is residential is there anyone from the community that's on the call from any one of these two areas. Patrick Agard asked if he may interrupt quickly to say that they're located on Glenwood Road between East 55 Street and east 56 Street. It's like a strip mall there. P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct stated that it's on the northside of Glenwood Road with a strip of commercial establishments and across the street there's actually a school from what he believes that's under construction and diagonally across from that is the Glenwood Housing Developments a highly populated area which has been a little bit of concern with crime. They've had numerous shootings in the area very frequently. Again, not directly in front of where Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234 is located but in very close proximity to it. The Glenwood Housing Developments is a large population center for their precinct. Chairperson Sal Calise asked if he just stated that a school was being built across the street. P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct replied yes and believes the school that's being constructed and think it's slated. He's not sure what kind of school it is but doesn't believe it's a public school and believes it's a private school. Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant for Community Board 18 stated that it is not a public school and that it's a Charter School. Board Member Maria Garret stated that there's also a church on that block as well. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct replied yes, it's on East 56th Street between Glenwood Road and Avenue H. There's a church on the west side of East 56th Street. So, it's actually on East 56th Street and Glenwood Road right at the corner of that location which takes up two storefronts which he thinks is directly next to one storefront from where Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234 is. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that if there's going to be a school right across the street whether it's a charter or public school isn't there a certain rule that prohibits certain licenses from being issued if the location of the establishment is on the same street and within a certain feet of a building that is used exclusively as a school. P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct stated that he's not 100% sure on that and he would have to find out and get back to him and doesn't want to say one way or the other. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that he thinks there is. Patrick Agard asked of he could insert but if it was going to be a full liquor license then definitely the 200-foot rule but being that it's not hard liquor and again it's just beer, wine and cider and that falls under the restaurant wine purview. So, there's not a stipulation for a church or school against the establishment. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked what the hours of operations are. Patrick Agard stated well again it's a catering call so it's basically when they get hired to do a job so he doesn't want to say to us oh they'll never go to 2 o'clock in the morning because he doesn't know, and it depends on what they contract for. If there's some stipulation that you all would suggest or willing to discuss they're open. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that to be honest he's not too comfortable them being open till 2 o'clock in the morning when we've just been told that there's residential homes a block away. Patrick Agard responded and said that this is Brooklyn, and everything is a block away from either a home, housing, or some type of area where people live, shop or some type of institution, Brooklyn is just a very tight community.

Board Member Violine Roberty asked will there be food served there and it's a catering hall. Patrick Agard responded and said yes, they must have both and that they must have a contract with a restaurant. Board Member Violine Roberty stated that what she's asking is are the people going to be sitting down and being served like a restaurant at this place. Patrick Agard stated that whenever they have an event, they must have food at that event. If you have an alcoholic beverage license and you're open, you cannot have an event without food being served. Board Member Violine Roberty stated that she understands that but what she's asking is an event being catered to that location. Patrick Agard responded and said yes and that he understands her question. Whatever they hold in that location. Terri Cadet-Donald asked Board member Violine Roberty if she's asking if they will be cooking on premises. Board member Violine Roberty responded and said not cooking but serving the food on the premises because she thought that was a catering hall where the food would go elsewhere not that the food will be served at the location. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald stated no and basically, they're a hall and just like if you rent out a hall to have a party and you bring your own food. Board Member Violine Roberty stated that she gets it. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald asked the applicant is she correct. Patrick Agard responded and said yes that's correct. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald stated that they don't cook on premise and whatever comes in comes in and they just rent out the hall and you do what you have to do. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald asked Patrick Agard if he is the owner of the establishment. Patrick Agard replied no he's just the representative. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald asked the same question that she asked before and that was if they're going to serve liquor and she asked him what the hours of operation would be so that proposes Monday through Thursday night and then on Sunday night through whatever. What are the hours? Because of you're going to serve liquor you can't tell me that in a residential area that you're going to be open serving and have people at this hall to 1-2 o'clock in the morning. This is a residential area. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald responded and said that the thing is that it's for whatever they rented it for. So, they have to come up with their own hours and say that we cannot rent out past 1 AM or 10 PM. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that then this is something that has to be spoken to the owner who's going to run this establishment and not this gentleman here. It's nice talking to you but the owner should be here. These are stipulations that we would want to know such as on Monday night you're not going to stay open until 1 o'clock in the morning. We expect because it's in a residential neighborhood that it's shut down at a decent time frame but there's no one here to discuss the stipulations or come up with a plan or an idea and they want us to just vote to give you a liquor license with no timeframe, no hours of operation no anything. Tara K. Greenidge stated that for her establishment and not to diminish anybody else's but she is the owner of her establishment and during the week she has no plans to letting it go past 12 AM and on the weekend it's definitely not going past 12. She's seen other establishments on the block, and they do not go past 12 AM either. Board Member Barbara Bieber replied ok, but she still has a problem with Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that the board should table the application received from Tara K. Greenidge, BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street, 11236 until we receive more information. Basically, we would want to know when you're going open and close during the week, and when you're going open and close on Saturday and Sunday's, what the establishment is going to actually cater to, what do you have in the catering and whether you will have food cooked in or not. We want all this information by the next meeting. When it comes to Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234 there's too many variables here to decide. So, he's going to oppose. Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga asked Patrick Agard if the owners live in that residential area. Patrick Agard responded and said yes, they live in that vicinity, but what he was going to ask is if he could receive that the same courtesy as the other establishment and allow them to come back at the next meeting with the owner and with all of your questions and we'll come back with as many answers as they can before

you write this off. Because like with anything else these are people who invested a lot in this place and through the pandemic they were closed for the whole year and they've arranged with their landlord to come back. So, he would appreciate it if we can give him the opportunity to come back to the next meeting and answer your questions and be prepared for the questions. Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga stated that when we said we had concerns about the residential homes Patrick Agard responded and said that this is Brooklyn and that didn't sit well with her. We all have jobs, we want to get our rest, we pay a lot for our homes and yes this is a part of Brooklyn that we want to remain civilized. We have families and everything, so the response that this is Brooklyn doesn't sit well with her. Patrick Agard apologized and stated that maybe that was a bit distasteful. It was just really to try to bring to light that as a tight close borough and many parts of Brooklyn is very tight and you don't really go far to find a lot of different things and he wasn't trying to seem dismissive. He was just trying to bring to light that we work in very close quarters and again he apologizes for that and again if it seemed dismissive to any of you or offended any of you. But he's just asking that if the board would give them the opportunity to come back and present and they can have many of the board's questions answered and then you can be able to question Mr. Wayne Brown directly. Tara K. Greenidge asked if there is any way that they could recommend the hours that's favorable to you and the community. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that he would go to his local civic association and talk to them. Chairperson Michael Ien asked Chair of the Planning Zoning Committee to make the motion.

There being no further comments or questions concerning the applications Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends we table the application received from Tara K. Greenidge, BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street, 11236. Chairperson Michael Ien seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 35 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends Denial of the application received from Wayne Brown, Baby Wayne Movements Excyte Hall, 5507 Glenwood Road, 11234. He stated that this establishment was already in business and had problems with the 63rd Police Precinct, and yes, he understands that he's an established business and was closed due to Covid, but the history is there and so that's the motion. Chairperson Michael Ien seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 33 Yes Votes 2 Abstentions.

Board Member Paul Curiale stated that he wanted to remind everyone that at last month's meeting we voted to Co-name Mill Avenue between Avenue U and Strickland Avenue in memory of Frank Scollo who was the owner of Pizza D'Amore and he knows that if he was around that he would be here tonight and would still be a part of this community. So, just want to let that be known to a community business. Also, John from Gourmet Grill, which is in Mill Basin couldn't be here tonight, but he has been here in the past but tonight's his wife's birthday. He too is very community minded and dedicated to this community and he wants to continue to do what he does for the community and that's service.

Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the applications received for Milo Bear Inc., Pizza D'Amore, 2147 Mill Avenue, 11234, Gerardo Camarda, Da Gerardo Corp/Salvi Restaurant, 4220 Quentin Road, 11234, and Gourmet Grill Inc., Gourmet Grill, 6334 Avenue N, 11234. Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 35 Yes Votes.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA WEBEX . . .

Glenda Elie stated that she didn't have a question but more of a suggestion and that is that the board should use the polling feature on the WebEx for the voting which would eliminate a lot of the time on doing the voice voting.

Denise Gordon asked when will the In-person meetings resume because it seems as if the way things are happening on the WebEx the process is not really very effective. So, is there any plans for the In-person meetings to resume now that Covid restrictions have been lifted. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that our June meeting may be held In-person.

There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Michael Ien thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight. Board Member Violine Roberty asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18 and Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 35 Yes Votes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 P.M.

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