

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga
Sallie Viola Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Ernest Borno
Sharon Borno
Gardy Brazela
Melba Brown
James Buchanan
Terri Cadet-Donald
Lucina Clarke
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler

Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Joan Gilbert
Denise Gourdine
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Jean Joseph
Leon Kizer
Sharon Nedd
Saul Needle
Judy Newton

Mitchell Partnow
Anne Richards
Yolaine Ridore
Violine Roberty
Jeff Rodus
Marcia Schiff
Michelle Sealey
Nancy Walby
Sylvia Whiteside
Bishop Nathan Williams
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Hon. Roxanne Persaud
Michael Benjamin
Jessica Parks
Ronald Kroening
Arlene Perkins
Sue Ann Partnow
Reeves Eisen
Joan Gilbert
Linda Steinmuller
Hon. Jaime Williams
Anne Richards
La Shawn Paul
MarieFrance Laporte
Zahid Shah
Capt. Robert Conwell
Capt. Genevieve Isom
P.O. Ronette Benjamin
Dolange Donacien
Lesley Bruno
Denise Mason
Venessa Harry
Kim Robinson
Audrey Julien
Carmen Craig-Lawrence
David Nissenbaum
Roy McKenzie
Dee Washington
Carletta Joseph
Gen Harris
Roger Lutchman
Jerry Theodat
Marsha Goodluck
Gerard Brewster

Member, NYS Senate
Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud
Brooklyn Paper
Area Resident
Area Resident
District Leader, 59th A.D.
Representing Senator Andrew Gounardes
Flatlands Civic Association
Canarsie Courier
Assembly Member
Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams
Area Resident
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Commanding Officer, 63rd Precinct
63rd Precinct
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Naudia Salvodon	Area Resident
Jasmine Spence	Area Resident
Angelica Ramdhari	Resilient Solar Program at Solar One
Michelle Chung	Resilient Solar Program at Solar One
Amy Doan	Resilient Solar Program at Solar One
Lincoln Xia	Resilient Solar Program at Solar One
Harold Jones	CCDI
Jennifer Bedeau	East 59 th Street Block Association
Jenika McCrayer	Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams
Maureen English	Area Resident
Keisha Sydney	Sesame Flyers
Ricardo Parker	Area Resident
Margot Perron	NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
Orlando Ross	Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke
Elba Melendez	Area Resident
Stacey Johnson	Area Resident
Johnny Arcenteles	Area Resident
Akilah Williams	Area Resident
Joyetta Gordon	Area Resident
Jibreel Jalloh	Area Resident
Hon. Farah Louis	Council Member
Ezra Pean	Representing Council Member Farah Louis
Patrick Jayson Reyes	Area Resident
Jodieann Nelson	Area Resident
Petal Boval-Proffitt	Area Resident
G. Garcia	Area Resident

7:16 P.M.

Chairperson Ien introduced NYS Senator Roxanne Persaud, who greeted everyone and provided an update. She informed the board that the Senate is back in Albany and as we all know they're working on the budget and holding budget hearings. They will continue the budget hearings and hope that everyone had the opportunity to watch some of the budget hearings to find out some of the questions that they asked and what the budget entails. She also stated that if anyone hasn't had an opportunity to do so yet please feel free to go on to the Senate page and follow up on areas that are of concern to you. There are a lot of things that are going into this budget that will affect New York City so she hopes that everyone will be following the budget completely. She also mentioned that on her social media pages today she placed some information that she received a few days ago from The NYS Department of Labor after someone contacted her last Saturday and informed her that they received a card in the mail from The NYS Department of Labor for unemployment benefits that they did not file for and tossed it in the mail. Senator Persaud was informed by the NYS Department of Labor not to do that. On her Facebook and Twitter page she posted some information that she received from the NYS Department of Labor informing everyone if you receive a letter and a card in the mail from them about unemployment benefits that you have not filed for do not just throw it away, report it to them immediately for unemployment fraud. She informed everyone that she is going to put the address in the chat where you can file the fraud report because they want to make sure that they are checking. Don't just say oh, that's a mistake and that it's not my information it was sent to me an error. That's not so. Also, for those that are

watching your mail and getting the envelope as it's coming, remember the card that's coming is a debit card with money loaded on it. So, don't toss the card out. She's also going to put information in the chat about identity theft from the federal government and about unemployment fraud. So, please, if you know anyone who has said that they received information in the mail about unemployment, but they had not filed for it or for any other social services, have them file a complaint. She also asked if anyone has children who are in grades K through 6, the New York State Senate's Annual Earth Day 2021 Poster Celebration contest is on and the information is on the Senate page. The Senate's goal is to encourage children to develop an awareness of the environment and its resources and teaching children about the importance of recycling, waste reduction and how do we save the earth. They ask kids to participate each year. The submission is done through the Senate website. An individual child or a group of students within the classroom can do the submission. All the information is posted on the Senate web page. They get certificates, acknowledging what they did, et cetera, et cetera, and you can find more information on her Senate page persaud@nysenate.gov or you can visit the main senate page which is nysenate.gov. Also, she wanted to bring to everyone's attention something that The Office of New York Attorney General Letitia James is hosting. New York Attorney General James is hosting a virtual event, Nonprofit Mergers and Strategic Partnerships, on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, from 10:00AM - 11:30AM. Registration is required so if you know anyone in the nonprofit industry or if you're interested in nonprofits please participate in that conversation with nonprofit leaders to discuss the legal merger process and strategic partnerships that can be utilized to deepen an organization's programmatic and operational expansion and those kinds of things. They know the nonprofit world is struggling right now. So, they want to make sure that you have as much information as possible. This information is also going to be on her social media page so if you can please share that information. She stated that if anyone has any questions, they can contact her office at 718-649-7653. She also mentioned that they have been partnering with Brookdale Hospital and the Governor's Office on providing vaccines across the district. Once they have slots allocated to them, they've been sending information out, and many people across the district have been calling them and they've been able to get them slots. That does not happen every day. They'll call them and say, you know, I think I'm going to give you 20 slots and you must send everybody by 12 o'clock and so they've been doing that. So again, New York City has rolled out the vaccine page where you can log in and get all the information you need and how to find the nearest vaccine site to you. So, she encourages everyone to share that information. It's also on their page so you can register and get your vaccine. She's not telling everyone that they must take the vaccine, but she's encouraging everyone to take the vaccine. In Brooklyn we now have Medgar Evers College as the COVID-19 Vaccination site for vaccines, and they're looking up some others across the borough. She asked everyone to please visit her website at persaud@nysenate.gov or just the social media page. You'll get all the information that she spoke about this evening or call the office at 718-649-7653 if you have any questions. Lastly, she informed everyone that they're heading back to Albany this Sunday.

Chairperson Len introduced Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader, 59th A.D. who greeted everyone and provided an update. She thanked everyone and informed the board that she is very happy to see them all. She mentioned that it was a little easier to get onto WebEx this month whereas she couldn't get on last month. So, when she says she's really seeing everyone, she really means she is seeing everyone. So, she's happy about that and she thanked Community Assistant Dorothy Paul from the Community Board 18 office for all her help. She informed the board that as State Senator Roxanne Persaud stated earlier, she'd like to encourage everyone to get the vaccine and understands that some people might have some issues with it. She's also partnering with Brookdale Hospital so if anyone needs help getting the vaccine you can send her an email at

wontrap@aol.com. If you're over the age of 65 and or have underlying issues, please get in touch with her and she will be happy to put you on the list for a vaccine at Brookdale Hospital. From what she understands by the people that she has sent to Brookdale Hospital for the vaccine that they're very well organized and they've had no issues, maybe a little bit of lines but really no issues. People have also said that they're organized, and they really are very attentive to everyone. So, if you need any help with getting vaccinated, please get in touch with her. If you're over the age of 65, or you have any underlying conditions, they are making appointments. She'll be happy to assist anyone with that, as we all would like to get back to normal. She believes that this is probably the best way to do that and hopefully, in the next few months and maybe we'll be able to see each other in person again. So, until then stay safe and be well, and she'll see everyone next month. Chairperson len asked District Leader Partnow if she could put the information in the WebEx chat for everyone which she agreed to do.

Chairperson Michael len introduced himself as the new elected Chair and stated that before we start the Public Hearing, he'd like to say two things. He hopes that this meeting will be a lot better than the last couple of WebEx meetings which he believes it will be and in by part he had a lot of help from his daughter, wife and Community Assistant Dorothy Paul from the board office because he'd be lost without these ladies, so he thanked them. Secondly, he stated that he would be remised if he didn't do it now. He'd like to give a special thank you to his predecessor Gardy Brazela since he didn't get a chance to say it last week because of all the confusion. He thanked former Chairman Gardy Brazela for showing him the ropes and stated that he has big shoes to follow. Former Chairman Brazela thanked him.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson len opened the Public Hearing portion of the Community Board #18 Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

BUDGET – Michael len, Chairperson

- Public Comment on Agency Responses to the Community Board's Preliminary Capital and Expense Budget for FY 2022 as well as the Community Board's Statement of Comment.

Chairperson len explained the Budget Process and the Board's Letter of Comment, based on the Agency Responses to the Community Board's Preliminary Capital and Expense Budget for FY 2022.

Chairperson len explained that the Agency Responses are the preliminary steps in developing a draft Capital and Expense Budget for submission and adoption by the City Council. He provided a brief summary of the Budget Process, and reported that most of the Agency Responses to our requests are, once again, in the negative and did not demonstrate an earnest effort on behalf of the Agencies to address our demonstrated needs. Those present agreed.

He stated that our total Budget Requests for FY'22 was thirty-four (34) Capital Requests and ten (10) Expense Requests with three (3) Continued Support. Our requests are for maintenance of aging infrastructure and the quality of life for our residents. These projects are not designed to enhance but rather to protect and maintain our current aging infrastructure. Year after year we find ourselves advancing the same projects and getting similar hopeless "canned" responses. DOT and DEP responses to twelve (12) of our Capital Priority Requests # 3, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and 34 was ... "Further study by the agency of this request is needed." Will we ever get

results of these studies? Some requests received ... “This location needs to be investigated by both DOT and DEP.” Other requests just received “We have an unfunded new need request for this project.” responses.

Our Letter of Comment clearly states all of our shared views and sentiments and are hopeful that the Administration will listen to us with an open mind and a clear vision toward the future. Ask for questions and or comments on the Agency Responses.

There being no further questions and or comments, Chairperson Ien made a Motion to approve the Community Board's Letter of Comment and disapprove the Agency Responses to our Preliminary Capital and Expense Budgets for FY 2022. Board Member Mitchell Partnow seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes.

There being no further discussion or questions, Chairperson Ien closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 P.M.

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REGULAR MEETING

Board Member Nancy Walby led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Ien opened the Regular Meeting at 7:39 P.M. and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Special Meeting for the Election of Officers and the Regular Meeting of the Board held on January 20, 2021. There being none, Board Member Jeff Rodus made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Chairperson Ien introduced Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One, a small local nonprofit that does a lot things with renewable energy. They do a lot of technical assistance, educational things in classrooms when classrooms are open and workforce training. She informed the board that today she's here to talk about a project that they've partnered with Brooklyn Public Library, and the Governor's Officer of Storm Recovery. She's joined by her colleagues, Amy Lincoln, and Michelle Chung who are in the normal participant area, and she's going to show everyone what they have planned for the Mill Basin Library. She informed the board that back in 2017 Solar One partnered with the Governor's Office to figure out solutions to help with community recovery after power outages. So, there was this large grassroots effort to figure out how to help individuals and businesses and nonprofits recover after Super Storm Sandy. They have been tasked with working with different nonprofit organizations in different communities throughout Brooklyn and the East Bronx to bring them renewable energy that they can utilize during times of power outages. We've been lucky in that an event like, Super Storm Sandy hasn't happened to New York City again recently, but this is something that is affecting Texas right now. They had crazy weather and now they're without power and a lot of people are suffering because of that. So, what they're trying to do at the library is prevent that. We live in a Super dense urban environment where having access to diesel generator is difficult if you live in a multi-family building or if you don't have a lot of space in your backyard. The emissions from generators are bad and exacerbate the effects of Covid, so they want to stay away from that. So, to do that, they are installing a solar energy and battery backup system at the Mill Basin Library. The Solar Energy is going to be a canopy. So, they're going to get as much solar on the front portion of the building on the rooftop as possible. The canopy is going to be raised to 9 feet over the roof deck and that's so that the FDNY has access to the building and can conduct their firefighting activities as needed. There's going to be three battery cabinets on the roof of the bulkhead. The battery cabinets are what's going to provide power to the

building, and during normal operations, like, today the solar panels will just reduce the libraries electric load. The batteries will only function during times of emergency. So, Solar One has done the pre-design and have vetted all the processes associated with the procurement for the system. They're working with a core power to do the design and construction. They presented an initial design to the public design commission a couple of years ago and presented the preliminary and final design a few months ago. Which they're totally okay with and had a few comments mostly stay far away from the trees, which is necessary to ensure a proper production from your solar panels and a few other things like follow FDNY guidance like with everything else. They've given them their approval and they are here to just tell everyone today about what's happening there, and they would love to give everyone more information about this asset once they get closer to completing installation. So the idea is that if the power goes out in your community you would be able to go to this building to have access inside to inflated space where you can charge cellphones, computers, charge power tools and have access to resources that might be available during times of emergency. Its not meant to be a shelter. It's going to be open for a dedicated number of hours per day and its also going to be open for as long as the powers out, since its protected to solar energy. The solar will continue charging the batteries and it'll be able to get used as long as the sun is shining. So, that's what they're doing. She stated that she would love to take any questions that anyone has. She reiterated that they are still in the design phase, but they've already gotten the initial approvals. Installing batteries in New York City is incredibly difficult. So, that is what is taking so long, but they anticipate project completion by the end of this year. So, that they'll be ready for the next power outage and can go to the Mill Basin Library to weather the storm. Board Member Nancy Walby stated that just so that she's clear the solar panel what they're constructing or that would be constructed on top of the library is for emergency use only and to provide the surrounding neighborhood with emergency power to recharge their phones or device and not for regular use by the library. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that it's the reverse, and the way you install solar in New York City is its connected to a specific building, so the solar panels are connected to the Mill Basin Library for use at that library. So, people would be able to go to that branch and utilize the power they have. They're not going to have normal library operations, so you can go there and charge your cellphones indoors. The solar panels are going to be there for the libraries normal use and the batteries are the component that will kick in during a power outage. So, solar normally is connected to the grid but if the grid goes down your solar panels shutdown automatically to protect the people who are restoring power because if they're sending energy back into the grid, you can electrocute people. So that's a safety mechanism that they have in New York City. So, the batteries enable you to have essentially a small power grid on your rooftop so that you don't need Con Edison to produce power for you, you're producing your own power and consuming it on site. So, its very specific to the building that the community will have access to during these disasters. Board Member Walby thanked her for the clarification.

Board Member Maria Garrett asked why Mill Basin was chosen because Canarsie had a lot of power outages during Super Storm Sandy as well. So, why wasn't Canarsie picked in that process as well. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that they are working in a bunch of different neighborhoods in Brooklyn. She doesn't remember exactly why they didn't look at Canarsie. They looked at all of Brooklyn Public Library sites for the ones that can host these systems. So, if it's a building that Brooklyn Public Library doesn't own its not one that they can install them on. They have a lot of restrictions with these federal funds on how they can be used so that's one thing. The more likely thing that happened with the Canarsie Branch is that the building was getting too much shade from surrounding buildings or there was some other design constraint that made doing systems there impossible. They are working with another facility in Canarsie because it's one that's important and they are working with the other three Brooklyn Public

Library branches. They're working with Coney Island, Kings Highway and Gerritsen Beach.

David Nissenbaum stated that it may be better to invest in a generator that runs on natural gas. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that its not a better investment because this is something that is everlasting and doesn't require natural gas or diesel or anything to function. So, as long as the sun is out you are going to be able to get power. So, the key here is that its renewable and they're not putting more air pollution into the local environment. That's something that's a big concern especially now, when you have things like Covid19 that affect people's ability to breathe. You want to mitigate things that are externally polluting. These diesel generators have a lot of emissions and local emissions and they're right there in your backyard. This doesn't have anything like that and has the capacity to run things at a higher level. They don't need that for the Mill Basin Library. They are going to be powering lights and external outlets but if you needed to run an elevator, it's a lot easier to run an elevator on a battery than a diesel generator. These funds specifically were allocated for this type of project so they can't even if they wanted to look into deploying generators instead of batteries its not something that they would be able to do.

Denise Mason asked if there are any health risks associated with solar installation. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One replied no and there are no health risks associated with it. It's the cleanest technology that you can install for producing power. Unfortunately, the people that would have to deal with health risks are the ones who are involved on the manufacturing side. So, these panels aren't manufactured here. She thinks there's a lot of issues with the supply chain but they're pleased that when they get to that point of installing them at the Mill Basin Library its just going to be another piece of electrical equipment on the roof and its going to have some equipment in the electrical room in the building but its not much different than a HVAC unit or something else that you would install to provide more functionality to something. Denise Mason asked what's the financial benefit to the community with solar panels and this solar panel project. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that the biggest financial benefit is that they reduced the operating costs for the library itself. So, the funding for the solar part of the installation is coming from The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) operating costs will be reduced as well and given that they have more money to spend on infrastructure projects to improve other things going on in the community so long term the community would benefit from those operations savings but its not something that people will see directly because the benefit is going to this particular facility.

Board Member Joan Gilbert stated that Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One mentioned that Coney Island and Kings Highway branches are in place for these panels. What about the Paerdegat Basin Library that's located on East 59th Street and are there any plans in place for them to be included. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One responded and said not with this particular program. They have another restriction in that there's money and a deadline for all these projects that need to be installed. These are Sandy Recovery Projects and the neighborhoods that were really devastated by Sandy.

Denise Macon asked the cost of this project. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One responded and said the cost of the project is between \$300K-400K dollars and she only says that range because she doesn't remember the exact amount but again it's fully funded through both federal and city dollars. However, she can verify that number later.

Board Member Tom Hernandez asked how much energy can be stored in one day of operation including lights and is there a backup to the backup. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that there is no backup to the backup, and so this is essentially the backup unit. There will be a small backup to the fire alarm system and so since this is a battery its going to be a lithium ion battery very similar to like a Tesla power wall but at a larger scale. There's a lot of regulations around how this can be installed. There's a lot of monitoring and those types of monitoring and fire alarm systems will have a backup to them, but there is no backup to the actual battery itself. This system she believes is going to be 45 kilowatt hours. So, they anticipate that being able to store enough energy to power the facility for a full day and by a full day just 8 hours a day and then the idea is that the solar which is 24 kilowatts would be able to simultaneously charge the battery as its discharging. So, it can work at that capacity. A lot of this is behavioral so if there are tons of people who need backup power and everybody floods to the library, you'll drain the battery faster and maybe the sun is not out as much, you'll have less capacity for the day so its dependent on those types of things but it was designed for a full days use of power with the idea that it can continue as long as conditions permit. Board Member Hernandez asked will there be enough storage to be able to handle not only the lights, power for the computers and a full day of air conditioning on a hot day. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One replied no and that they cannot power AC with these systems because of how small they are. They follow the medium size range and that is the only thing they could fund and get permitted with this situation. So, the most they can do are high capacity fans which Brooklyn Public Library has already been thinking about, but they cannot power air conditioning at any of these buildings. Board Member Hernandez stated that basically we're talking about the lights, the computers, and a minor electrical outlet and as far as the AC and he's assuming probably heating through gas or oil so that's not an issue but it should be able to power the facility for 8 hours to be able to have a fully functioning library for the normal 8 hour day.

Board Member Reeves Eisen asked If that figure of \$300K-\$400K is that per branch or total for the project. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that its for this specific building costs very dependent on system size. This is one that is getting a really large and the largest of their pretty substantial solar energy systems.

Board Member Paul Curiale asked if it can generate heat in the winter for a full day as well. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One replied no because Mill Basin does not have electric heat. Solar batteries only function and operate with your electric system. So, most buildings in Brooklyn have natural gas for heat and some have oil but unless you have electric heat you wouldn't be able to power it and powering electric heat would drain this battery instantly. So, even if there was electric heat, they wouldn't be able to include that in the electrical load here.

Board Member Lucina Clarke stated that Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One mentioned that some of the funding came from federal and city, but is that by chance any part of the Canarsie Disaster Recovery monies that they received from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. Is some of the funding from that spot of money as well? Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that the federal funds are CDBG-DR funds that were allocated by HUD to New York State. New York State created the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and then they distributed those funds to various subrecipients of which Solar One is a recipient. So, it is likely that it is from this very large pool of money that was allocated to New York State. She can't say for sure because she only knows specifically about their projects but they're working within communities that were air marked as having some sort of community center that was able to get power during an outage. Board Member Clarke thanked her for her

response because she was curious since no one can seem to find the answer as to where this money is being held up or estimated to any particular projects within our community and also a little bit concerned about those federal monies.

Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One mentioned that her colleague Lincoln Xia who's also in the meeting this evening just messaged her the actual amount of this project. The project is \$284,00 dollars and she was off by \$100,000 dollars and to do solar plus batteries at all the branches is just under 1M dollars.

Assembly Woman Jaime Williams stated that she knows they included Gerritsen Beach Library, which is great because they were devastated as well. However, she just feels like Canarsie sometimes could be put on the back burner. The libraries there should have been included, however, those decisions seem like they have already been made. But you talk about the money that it's going to cost to install solar she is wondering if it was a yearly operational budget, say for instance something goes wrong. Is there something else going to be ongoing? Or is it just a onetime thing. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One responded and said that it's a great question. These systems are designed to have minimal maintenance associated to them. So, this is going to be installed as a onetime thing. The library is going to need to maintain the same use of the building and the system for seven years as per the federal regulations and they're also designed around weather to help clean them. So, the panels would have a slight tilt to them so that the rain can wash off anything that accumulates on them. You really don't need to do anything to them and that will be hard to get to them because they're 9 feet above the roof. So that's not a problem. The batteries also have very little maintenance and are going to be monitored constantly by the Brooklyn Public Library staff occasionally to make sure that they're working but that's what they do normally for other electrical systems. Assembly Woman Williams stated that so in the future what we're saying is it may be a cost that the library is going to accommodate in their budget expense right? Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One responded that they have someone that works on systems like this, so just like they have work done on their HVAC and on their electrical systems but what she's trying to say is that they don't anticipate there being ongoing costs because of how these systems are designed since it's a backup power system on the battery side its only going to come into play during power outages. She doesn't know when the last time was that we had a power outage, but it doesn't happen very often in our neighborhoods. So, because of that these are not only resilient in the sense that they're going to operate when ConEdison is down but they're resilient in that they're very self-sustaining. Assembly Woman Williams stated that last week we did have power outages within the area but what she's concerned about is that the funding to our libraries in New York City has always been cut and she's just a little bit concerned about funding in the future. With all libraries in desperate need of money for so many different things. So that was her question. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that that was something that came up in their initial discussion with Brooklyn Public Library. They were having the same conversations with Queens Public Library and that's an even bigger concern for them because they've had tremendous budget cuts and they want to do things like this. They have branches in the Rockaways that are just as needy but it's a lot harder for them to support it. So, ultimately, they're not moving forward with projects like this. They again design these systems, so they need minimal maintenance and have very little ongoing costs if any and the other great thing about it is that they're super warrantied. Lincoln Xia and Amy Doan and the contractor team are responsible for anything that happens to the building in the next five years. So, there's a lot of protections in there to make sure that there is little expense and any expense that the library would have incurred on their own.

Board Member Paul Curiale asked will there be a learning component for kids, families, and the community to learn about this project and its investment. Angelica Ramdhari, Director, Resilient Solar Program at Solar One stated that it's something that they've been thinking about a lot. They're going to be doing resiliency planning with the folks at the library to make sure that everyone in the community knows about it. It's not going to be an exclusive site and anybody who needs access to it would be able to go there and part of that is how do they let everybody know about it. So that's going to be one component and she believes that the library is interested and implementing programming around this sort of thing to let people know that they have a power plant that is operated by the sun. Its still being decided but they've been discussing all these things and would love to incorporate it as much as possible.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Capt. Robert Conwell, Commanding Officer, 69th Police Precinct who greeted everyone and congratulated Chairman Michael Ien on his appointment. He informed the board that in the 69th Precinct within a 28-day period it's down by 50% and that's half of what it was this same time last year and it's mostly down in all the crime categories. For the year to date since January 1st it's the same trend and it's down 51 ½%. Gun arrests are up 150% for the year. They're seeing some certain crimes repeatedly. They're seeing package theft. People get mail delivered to their homes when they're not home and thieves help themselves to these packages that are left outside. They could combat this by trying to eliminate having packages sent to locations where no one will be home during the day. There are a lot of options Amazon has Amazon lockers at certain locations where you can go pick it up. You can try and leave it with a neighbor, or have it sent to someone that you know is going to be home. But you really should try to reduce having these packages sent to your home or a location where you know someone won't be home during the daytime. They're seeing two types of Car break-ins. The 1st type is where the suspect smashes your window and takes something and then the 2nd type is called Handle Surfing. Handle Surfing is when a guy will walk up and down your block at night and pull all the door handles until he finds one where the car is unlocked and then he or she will just go into the car and help themselves to whatever they may find in there. There are a few ways to combat this problem. Number one and most importantly don't leave anything of value in your car, never leave your wallet in the car whether its visible or not because they can go into your glove box or your center console. So, the best way to prevent being that kind of victim is to not leave anything in your car. The 2nd way is to obviously lock your car doors and the 3rd is if you have a driveway, cameras are a good deterrent and if they don't deter them, they may help them solve the case. Traffic is down in collisions here to date at 35% and they're up in enforcement. They promised that they would tackle some of the reckless driving and they're happy to say that the 69th Police Precinct has issued 18% more speeding summonses and 119% more red light summonses then they did last year. Transit coverage which you may have heard in the news that the NYPD is sending 500-600 more cops into the transit stations to make the subway system safer and that includes the 69th Police Precinct. It started this past weekend and they are sending officers from the 69th Police Precinct to cover the train stations in Canarsie and that would be the Rockaway Parkway Station at Glenwood Road. It also includes the East 105th Street Station down by Farragut Road. They're also going to send some of their auxiliary police officers to help cover those stations. That's about all he has. We all know that we're getting about up to 10 inches of snowfall tomorrow. It does help emergency responders if you can stay off the road. So, if you don't have any necessary travel try and stay off the road. It might be a good day to stay inside and relax if you can. He asked if anyone has any questions or concerns and feel free to ask him anything.

Chairperson Michael Ien mentioned to Capt. Robert Conwell that the speeding traffic on East 105th Street going North to South that they spoke about last year has slowed down but still ongoing and the good thing about it is that there isn't a lot of pedestrians on that street but things can happen. Capt. Robert Conwell stated that they are tackling speeding enforcement throughout

Canarsie and East 108th Street is a concern of theirs because of him bringing it up two meetings ago. So, they hit that stretch and they hit it a lot and between that and Flatlands Avenue, Rockaway Parkway and Seaview Avenue these are corridors that they do a lot of summonses on now. Chairperson Len thanked him.

Chairperson Michael Len introduced Capt. Genevieve G. Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Police Precinct who greeted everyone and informed the board that they're doing good in the 63rd Police Precinct right now. They're seeing a reduction for the 28-day period. It looks like overall they have a 46% option similar to the year to date where they have a 36% reduction in crime. The only category that they're up in for the 28-day is grand larceny of vehicles. They reported nine for the period verses six so its up a little bit but just so you know roughly she would say five out of the nine vehicles thefts were when complainants left their vehicles running and unattended. She talks about this all the time and not being a victim who leaves your car running even if you're popping into the post office really quickly. She's seeing this all over her command whether it's the post office or Chipotle. The same things that you guys probably do every day just spread the word that its very prevalent in the 63rd Police Precinct right now. But like she said before they're doing pretty good and that's the only crime that they're up in for the 28-day. In similar fashion they're seeing that up in the year to date. Although they're having a good moment with crime, they had three shootings for the year to date and that's very unfortunate. They talk about gun violence all the time and that's their priority. They're trying to tackle that and dedicate resources in these areas where they notice these shootings. Additionally, they took a shots fired last night around the Glenwood Housing Development. Like she stated before they are allocating extra resources and overtime personnel to those areas. One last thing that she wants to mention that the 63rd Police Precinct was in the news recently, unfortunately for negative reasons. She doesn't know if anyone saw the news report at the mall. A patron of the mall was robbed inside. The video was on the news and the owner was on the New York Post, so they are investigating that crime. They took something else near Kings Plaza as well. They took a robbery including a dollar van and so they are working on traffic and crime related trends in that area. They have initiatives going on this week to address dollar vans so they're trying their best. Avenue U is always a topic of conversation so they're trying to deal with crime and traffic related issues at the same time.

Lesley Bruno informed Capt. Genevieve G. Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Police Precinct about the four large containers that are blocking one side of the park on Flatlands Avenue between East 38th Street and Coleman Street. Within a block away from the containers they have noticed hypodermic needles on the ground which is within a few feet from a store that has some suspicious activity taking place. While she does not know and is not trying to make judgements but all of this is within a close range of the park and its problematic for her because she has seen children running across the street and not seeing where they're going or falling and they can't see fully across the street because these containers are there. There's also no patrolling by the police either. So, she'd like to know if there's something that can be done regarding this matter. She has brought it up recently and there's been no progress on it. Capt. Genevieve G. Isom stated that this is the first time she's hearing about the hypodermic needles. However, what she can tell us about this area in question is that she has four dedicated zones that she's highlighting right now, as she talked about earlier. She's dedicating extra resources, extra patrols, and Avenue M is on the south side of her zone number 3. So, she has other unrelated issues going on within that area so there are police cars and patrols going on. She will touch base with her NCO's to see if they can address the park specifically, and these hypodermic needles that she talked about and then maybe they can take a look at the store she kind of mentioned if she wants. She will leave her name and contact email in this chat and she can reach out to her and then maybe they can talk offline about this issue. Lesley

Bruno responded and said yes that would be fine.

David Nissenbaum asked if the Mill Basin Security Patrol is existing at all. Capt. Genevieve G. Isom stated that she had a meeting with them in the beginning of their organizations start. She hasn't had a follow up meeting and she's trying to get them to meet up with her and her NCO's in that area to see what they're saying and would like to touch base but unfortunately she hasn't gotten in touch with them to set up a meeting. Hopefully, by next month she can have something to report back to us and let us know her thoughts and how they're working together and what their take is on patrolling in that area.

Chairperson Ien introduced Assembly Member Jaime Williams, who greeted everyone and provided an update. She reminded everyone about their Black History Month Essay Contest. The deadline for the essays is February 22nd, which can be submitted to her office by email or mail. She informed the board that tomorrow herself and State Senator Roxanne Persaud who is spearheading this virtual workshop specifically for property owners regarding how your taxes and property taxes are calculated. The workshop is happening tomorrow at 4 PM. If you go on to her Facebook page you can find the information, or you can call her or State Senator Persaud's Office for more information. It's a very important workshop and they know for many of us within the past week or so did receive our tax bill. Which we probably didn't see but our taxes increased a bit. So, this will be a great workshop to get further information on that. She thanked everyone. She informed Captain Genevieve G. Isom that her herself will be very willing and able to follow up with her as well regarding the meeting with the Mill Basin Security Patrol. She asked if Mill Basin Civic President Paul Curiale is on here still? She remembers the Mill Basin Civic use to have some type of patrol many moons ago. Probably we need to bring that back as well, just saying, but anyway it's a pleasure being here and hearing everyone speak to the important issues that continue to plague our district. She suggested everyone keep safe and her office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. But again, they are not doing any type of high profile in office face to face visits but they're open. You can call or submit your paperwork if there's an issue where unemployment is concerned or whatever issues are at hand, they can be handled via phone.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Orlando Ross, Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke's Office who greeted and wished everyone a Happy New Year and a Happy Black History Month. He announced that they're having a big event tomorrow and doesn't know if everyone had a chance to register. They're having the State of the District Event which Congress Woman Yvette Clarke is hosting. They're going to have a special performance by Will Downing and it's also going to be moderated by Angela Yee. They're asking for people to RSVP. He's going to put the link in the chat box and if you can put your information there so he can share it to you or you all can fill it out if you would like to be part of the event. Once you fill out the RSVP, he will return with all the details that you would need to be part of the event and that's about it. He wished everyone a safe and happy evening.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Council Woman Farah Louis who greeted everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year again. She shared that her office is open virtually. They can be reached by phone at 718-629-2900 or via email at district45@council.nyc.gov which she will put in the chat box as well. Her office can also schedule time to meet with folks outside of the office. So, if anyone wants to meet in person, they will schedule time outside of the office to meet up if it's a severe constituent complaint. Like today they went to Glenwood Houses because there was a shooting there last night. So, they had to go there to address that matter and met with the constituent directly. She shared that she has two new staffers that started at her office today. Her

new Chief of Staff is Ian Belizaire and Sabrina Dieujuste who are both on. She wanted to share that these are the two new staffers at her office that everyone can reach out to and she'll put their emails in the chat. Starting February 15th seniors in our district with certain underlying conditions are eligible for vaccinations. The number there is 833-697-4829 and if anyone is having issues with that you can feel free to contact her office and they will help navigate to help get you an appointment. Saturday February 20th from 8 AM to 7 PM they are providing Covid19 testing through a mobile van in our district at 3939 Kings Highway, so feel free to reach out to the office if you need more information. Lastly, just a quick legislative update. She co-sponsored a bill called Resolution 1535 which calls on the governor to create vaccinations that is equitable and to improve the Covid19 vaccination roll out process just to make sure that we're ending the disparities and increasing the number of dosages in our city, and hopefully they'll be voting on that pretty soon. If anyone needs or has anything else feel free to send her some information in the chat because she'll stay on. She thanked and wished everyone a blessed evening.

Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader, 59th A.D. mentioned that before we move forward someone sent her a question in the chat box about eligibility for the vaccine if they're under the age of 65 years old. She stated that if she could quickly tell everyone its COPD, Cystic Fibrosis, Severe Asthma, Chronic Disease, Chronic Kidney Disease, Chronic Liver Disease, Neurological Diseases including Epilepsy, Down Syndrome, Severe and Profound Learning Disability, Diabetes, Solid Organ, Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant recipients, and people with specific Cancers and those in remission, Morbid Obesity, and severe Mental Illness. You will need a letter from your doctor stating that you have one of these conditions. She informed everyone that she put her email in the chat box so you can always get in touch with her. This information is for people 16 to 64 years old. Obviously, if you're 65 and over you can get the vaccine.

8:42 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE – Michael Ien, Chairperson Pro Tem

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

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

- Brooklyn Estate Center Industries Inc., 1819 Utica Avenue – 11234

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

- Glen Terrace Inc., Glen Terrace, 5305-21 Avenue N – 11234

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

- Karabinis Diner Corp., Oasis Diner, 2132 Flatbush Avenue – 11234

Chairperson Pro Tem Ien asked if the applicants from the Brooklyn Estates Center, Inc or their attorney were present and asked if they would like to make a statement. Roger Lutchman, Jerry Theodat from Brooklyn Estates Center, Inc., and Gen Harris their attorney was present for the application. Roger Lutchman stated that this is their third time here and have addressed all the issues that the board had concerns with and that they met with Capt. Genevieve G. Isom and P.O. Ronette Benjamin yesterday. Gen Harris the attorney for the applicants wanted to clarify to kind of bring everyone up to date on the meetings prior. At the last meeting unfortunately she wasn't able to attend, but as she understands from her clients the board members just had a concern about the hours of operation and making sure that they put the hours that they were proposing to operate in writing. As what was agreed on originally and that was 1 AM on the weekends. Is that correct?

Roger Lutchman stated that was correct. So, what they did is they sent an updated letter to the board including those hours. Usually they don't do that because the Community Board will issue a stipulation that they then sign but they're more than happy and willing and able to comply with the hours that they had agreed on. So, that was really the only change and everything else as far as food service and just the overall method of operation that has all remained the same from the last time that they met with the board. Chairperson Pro Tem Len asked if they had any more comments. Gen Harris stated that was it for her and asked if the board is going to vote today. Chairperson Pro Tem len replied that the board will be voting today. Gen Harris stated that that's what she wants to hear, well she doesn't know what she wants to hear yet until the board votes, so she'll see.

Chairperson Pro Tem len stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63rd Police Precinct about the SLA Applications and objections were received for the Brooklyn Estate Center Industries Inc., N/A, 1819 Utica Avenue, 11234. Objections were received for the New Application received for Brooklyn Estate Center Industries Inc., N/A, 1819 Utica Avenue, 11234 because of the history of neighborhood complaints, destructiveness, rowdiness, limitless hours of operation and loud music resulting in numerous 311 calls and police actions at this location. These establishments create a general negative impact on the adjacent residential community-at-large. After due consideration, and exhaustive conversations between the NYPD, the commercial entities along Utica Avenue, and the overwhelming negative sentiments voiced by the area residents, it is his sense that the Board should cease this back and forth rhetoric concerning the above referenced application and make a decisive decision to recommend denial of the Application. It is in the best interest of the community to make a formal declaration of the Board's recommendation of denial of this Application. For these reasons, the Board should support the strong opposition of this Application and recommend denial of its approval. Gen Harris stated that the applicants met with the precinct and they received their support based on the conversations with P.O. Benjamin. They did a walkthrough which they invited the board members, the Planning and Zoning Chair Sal Calise who couldn't be there and they cc'd everyone. They've really done everything that they can to address the boards concerns. They gave the updated method of operation that the board requested so she's not sure if there's a disconnect. They did receive the support of the 63rd Police Precinct from what she's understanding from her clients. Roger Lutchman stated that was correct. Roger Lutchman stated that the Captain of the 63rd Police Precinct was there. Gen Harris stated that she doesn't know if Chairperson len is reading off of an original decision that the board had made but this was way before they came to the board in December, then again in January and then again this month. So that was the original decision and that was the whole point of meeting with the applicants and having that dialogue to address those concerns. They completely changed their menu and went for a full-service restaurant having substantial dishes. They've done all that to show not only the Community Board but the members that they're really looking to bring something new and different to the area. They understand the problems that were there before. They never denied that there were issues there before but that was under different applicants and even when her clients held the license there briefly this was many years ago and again they've met with the precinct and had the walkthrough on Tuesday that passed and they received their support. I don't know if there's a disconnect there because that was the original decision that he mentioned.

Joan Gilbert, Representing the Flatlands Civic stated that she spoke with Planning and Zoning Chair Sal Calise yesterday and what was said about this location when he visited the area of 1819 Utica Avenue was that the businesses around that area were not in favor of this establishment. He also spoke with the residents and they are not in favor of having this type of business. You stated that you want to open till 1 AM and they are near a lot of residents, houses,

and a school PS 326. This type of operation does not fit the neighborhood. It seems to her because she's heard from the people involved in the last two months that they go past the hours and it seems as though they change, or they say one thing and then it doesn't seem right. As Planning and Zoning Chair Sal Calise and residents have said this type of restaurant or type establishment seems as though it's going to turn into a nightclub type of operation. When this happens all kinds of other problems occur. The 63rd Police Precinct has reported gun violence there before. Unfortunately, Planning and Zoning Chair Sal Calise couldn't make it this evening because he spoke to several residents of this community and in that area and it's something that they do not want to have. Now the last two times she heard one of the applicants' state that they own a liquor store in another community. So now you want to have this type of nightclub style type of operation in another community. So, her question to them is have they ever thought of having something like a community center in the area where maybe kids can have an after-school program or something beneficial for that community. This type of method of operation does not hold with the community.

Chairperson Pro Tem Ien stated that this item has been on the calendar and agenda for about three meetings. It's been going on for too long and now it's time for the board to vote on it. He also stated that the Community Board is only advisory. They can choose to take it up with the New York State Liquor Authority and see what happens.

Gen Harris stated that the main issue that they're having is this is completely different than what the applicants were told previously. Just briefly to answer Joan Gilbert's questions. The applicants are looking to do an alcoholic beverage establishment not something for the children or the community only because a restaurant even that has alcoholic beverages has nothing really to do with the community. As far as the liquor store that they own that shows their experience. They've had no issues with that liquor store. The main issue is that this is completely different and a 180 from what was discussed at the previous meeting. They were told that there was going to be a walkthrough to get feedback from the 63rd Police Precinct. The 63rd Police Precinct has since approved the applicant. Capt. Genevieve G. Isom interjected and stated that before Gen Harris says anything further that she did do the walkthrough with the applicants, however she is not the deciding factor. She does not support or not support the application. She met with them with an open mind and they were very nice and very forthcoming with their plans, but she's never made any stipulations or guarantees about her position on the matter. She told the applicants straight up that she has concerns and that obviously she's the police and she's biased and thinks about the potential harm it's going to bring to the community or how can she keep the community safe? So, she does not want to say that she or the precinct, or the PD gave a blessing yesterday when that's not how she left it. So, she feels like there's a miscommunication a little so to make sure her voice is heard in this matter right now. Chairperson Pro Tem Ien thanked Capt. Isom for her statement. Gen Harris stated that she appreciates that as well and understands that it's not the police precinct to make the final decision and to her point about safety they've changed their menu to ensure that this is more of a food establishment and that the music is complementary. All they're asking is for an opportunity. They've obviously come before the board multiple times because they're really trying to comply with the community and not have the same type of establishment that was there before. So, to judge them based on what was there before by the other people that ran the bar and had nothing to do with these applicants. She would say it's a little bit unfair at best. You have two gentlemen in front of you that have experience running a liquor business. They have a license in good standing and are just asking for an opportunity to operate the way that they presented it to the board. She thanked everyone for their time.

Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush thanked Capt. Genevieve G. Isom because

that's the question he was trying to ask. Which was did she really give the applicants her blessing and apparently not. He also stated that his other issue is that they're saying they want to make this a wonderful restaurant in the neighborhood. He has never been to a restaurant without a window and why would he be at a restaurant without a window until 1 AM in the morning on Utica Avenue. The issue here is why are we discussing this any further. The community has made it quite clear along with the civic association and the residents in the area. They don't want it. Why are we having this conversation. Let's have the vote and be done with it. Flatlands Civic President Joan Gilbert interjected and stated that as Captain Genevieve G. Isom used the word potential to all of the issues that we know that those types of method of operations can have aside from the fact that the people who live in the area who do not want it. What's also striking is even the businesses in that area had negative comments. Jerry Theodat asked if he could respond to Gerard Brewster's comments concerning the windows in the front of the building. He stated that the way the building was structured the bathrooms are positioned in the front and so they can't put a window in front of the building. They had this whole conversation and explained to everyone that they're not trying to run a nightclub and it's a restaurant. That's why they had no issues with closing at an earlier time.

There being no further comments or questions concerning the application Chairperson Ien made a Motion that Community Board #18 disapprove the New Application received for Brooklyn Estate Center Industries Inc., TBD, 1819 Utica Avenue, 11234. Board Member Judy Newton Seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 36 Yes Votes.

The Community Board notified the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63rd Police Precinct about the SLA Applications received for Glen Terrace Inc., Glen Terrace, 5305-21 Avenue N, 11234 and Karabinis Diner Corp., Oasis Diner, 2132 Flatbush Avenue, 11234 and no objections were received. There being no further comments or questions concerning the applications Chairperson Ien made a motion that Community Board #18 approve the Renewal Applications received for Glen Terrace Inc., Glen Terrace, 5305-21 Avenue N, 11234 and Karabinis Diner Corp., Oasis Diner, 2132 Flatbush Avenue, 11234. Board Member Grace Zwillenberg Seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Gil Cygler, Chairperson

Chairperson Cygler, provided the following information:

1. Taxi & Limousine Commission For-Hire Base Station License Application received and Vote for the following:

CHANGE STATUS OF A BASE/AUTHORITY NAME CHANGE/ LOCATION CHANGE/ OWNERSHIP CHANGE APPLICATION FOR TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION LICENSE FOR-HIRE BASE STATION:

- Assist Express LLC, Assist Express, 1222 East 96th Street – 11236

The Community Board notified the Board Members, effected civic associations and the Police Precinct, and received no objections to the Change Status of a Base/Authority Name Change/ Location Change/ Ownership Change Application. He asked if the Applicant was present. No one was present.

Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald asked how many years the approval is for or how long are they asking for. Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant for the Community Board Office stated that State Senator Roxanne Persaud mentioned earlier that the applicant is currently in the same building as her district office and the applicant is closing there Coney Island Avenue location and relocating it to their 1222 East 96th Street location.

There being no further discussion, comments or questions, Board Member Cygler made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the Application received from Assist Express LLC, Assist Express, 1222 East 96th Street. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA WEBEX . . .

Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes Office greeted everyone and stated that what she was going to talk about is increased eligibility of the vaccines which Sue Ann Partnow District Leader, 59th A.D. covered and about unemployment fraud. Please contact your local elected officials if you do receive something in the mail from unemployment and you have not applied. It's happening a lot right now and its been a widespread problem. So please contact your elected officials on that. State Senator Andrew Gounardes' Office is open Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM and their office number is 718-238-6044. They're doing limited in person appointments and they're doing everything mostly by phone and by computer. So, they're here to help you if you need. She doesn't have much new to talk about, but the Senator sends his greetings and he's enjoying his little one month old. If you follow him on Facebook, you'll see pictures of little Evan who maybe she's partial but he's cute. She wished everyone a great night and to stay safe in this snow.

Chairperson Michael len stated that as we all know that next month is Women's History Month so how about we start something now by sending any information on any types of events and or discussions about Women's History going on to the Community Board so that we can put that information out there and everyone could be privy to it.

Anne Richards, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams' Office stated that in response to what Chairperson len mentioned Assembly Member Jaime Williams will be seeking nominees or anyone that you would like to nominate for the 2021 Women of Distinction title in her next newsletter. Which should be coming out by Monday where you will see more information on that. So, they're asking civic groups, the Community Board, or anyone that would like to nominate someone from the 59th Assembly District to be honored by the Assembly as a Woman of Distinction for the month of March. So, look forward to that information it will be coming out. She also thanked Chairperson len for bringing up that March is Women's History Month because that's a part of what the Assembly Member is doing.

Board Member Tomas Hernandez stated that these virtual board meetings are very nice, but asked if anyone has any sense of when they think we're going to start having in person meetings again? Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if he received the vaccine if so that's the answer. Board Member Hernandez responded and said that he did receive the vaccine. Board Member Bieber stated that she is going tomorrow for her 2nd dose of the vaccine. Board Member Hernandez replied good for her and congratulations. She thanked him and congratulated him as well.

Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant for the Community Board Office thanked Board Member Paul Curiale for saving the day by coming and having his guys shovel the front of the Community Board Office after the last snowstorm so that she could get into the building.

Board Member Maria Garrett stated that she knows that we must hold virtual meetings, and this was one of the best community board meetings we've had since we started. So, we're getting better

and this is a work in progress. Board Member Tom Hernandez seconded that. Board Member Barbara Bieber responded and said if only she could remember each month how she got on. Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant for the Community Board Office informed her to just make sure she registers on WebEx with the same email that she gave the board and she will be fine. Board Member Bieber stated that Board Member Valerie Woodford texted her and said that we don't have her email on file. Community Assistant Dorothy Paul responded and said that we do unless she is signing on with a different email address than what she gave to the board, but she'll check tomorrow to confirm.

Board Member Judy Newton thanked all the facilitators at tonight's meeting and thanked Chairperson Michael Ien on a job well done and congratulated him. She wished everyone a happy and a healthy. Chairperson Michael Ien responded and said thank you.

Board Member Joan Gilbert thanked Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant for the Community Board Office for always being there and answering her questions. Community Assistant Dorothy Paul responded and said thank you.

Board Member Nancy Walby wanted to remind everyone that the snowstorm is coming, and she knows there are a lot of CERT members on the board. Board Member Paul Curiale is one of them and he's fantastic and so is Board Member Judy Newton, Michelle Sealey, and Valerie Woodford but just to remind everyone please charge your phones tonight. You don't know what's going to happen tomorrow. If you have cars make sure your gas tank is full and make sure you get your supplies in before things are going. She stated that because she knows we have a lot of relatives down south and she's got relatives in Texas and they are without power, water and electricity. She knows one of them had to drive 25 miles just to find an open gas station. Although, she doesn't believe it's going to get that bad. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that all they need is a flashlight and batteries. Board Member Walby stated that everyone should check on their neighbors. Board Member Judy Newton responded to Board Member Walby and said that everyone should check on their next-door neighbors especially if that neighbor is elderly. If it's no trouble, please lend a hand or ask someone to assist in lending a hand. You could also pay it forward. Board Member Bieber stated that they do it all the time.

Board Member Ernest Borno thanked 59th A.D. District Leaders Frank Seddio and Sue Ann Partnow, and Board Member Paul Curiale for all the work that they continue to do for the community.

Board Member Barbara Bieber asked Sue Ann Partnow District Leader, 59th A.D. if hypothetically she couldn't make it to her appointment tomorrow for her 2nd dose of the vaccine would another facility be able to give her the 2nd dose. Sue Ann Partnow District Leader, 59th A.D. stated that she does not believe that they can do that. As far as she knows it's allocated already and doesn't think that's going to happen.

There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Ien asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18 and Board Member Barbara Bieber seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

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