

ATTENDANCE

Sallie Viola Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Ernest Borno
Sharon Borno
Greg Borruso
Gardy Brazela
James Buchanan
Terri Cadet-Donald
Salvatore Calise
Lucina Clarke
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler

Amar Dyal
Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Joan Gilbert
Denise Goudine
Stuart Heier
Fayth Henderson
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Jean Joseph
Leon Kizer

Judy Newton
Anne Richards
Yolaine Ridore
Violette Roberty
Jeff Rodus
Michelle Sealey
Robert Tracey
Nancy Walby
Sylvia Whiteside
Bishop Nathan Williams
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Kimberly Vick
Rhonda Watson
Harriet Wieber
Elba Melendez
Shirley Paul
Hon. Roxanne Persaud
Michael Benjamin
Reeves Eisen
Margot Perron
Daniel Goldfarb
Clark Adomaitis
Jenika McCrayer
Capt. Robert Conwell
P.O. Samuel Maria
Capt. Genevieve Isom
Thomas Podd
Hon. Farah Louis
Monique Chandler Waterman
Linda Steinmuller
Mercedes Narcisse
Venessa Harry
Roxanne Nedd
Frieda Menos
Joan Gilbert
Audrey Julien
Harold Jones
Krystle Daniels
Anne Richards
Orlando Ross
Gerard Brewer
Jennifer Dedeau
Hattie Hightower
Hon. Nick Perry

Area Resident
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Holy Trinity
Area Resident
Area Resident
Member, NYS Senate
Senator Roxanne Persaud
Representing Senator Gounardes
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
NYC News Service
Representing Brooklyn Borough President Adams
Commanding Officer, 69th Precinct
Community Affairs, 69th Precinct
Commanding Officer, 63rd Precinct
Community Affairs, 63rd Precinct
Council Member
Health and Hospitals
Canarsie Courier
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Representing Congressman Jeffries
Flatlands Civic Association
New Amersfort Assoc.
CCDI
Area Resident
Representing Assembly Woman Williams
Representing Congress Woman Clarke
Utica 2 Flatbush
East 59th Street Block Association
Glenwood Houses Resident
Assembly Member

Jack Plushnick	Area Resident
Brittany Luckain	Area Resident
Brooke Bailey	Area Resident
Lisa Lashley	Area Resident
Keisha Sydney	Area Resident
Mitchell Paolo Esteller	Area Resident
Lourdes Archer	Area Resident
Jerry Touissant	Area Resident
Frank Shea	Area Resident
Arlene Perkins	Area Resident

7:06 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Gardy Brazela opened the Virtual Board Meeting of Community Board #18 at 7:06 P.M. and welcomed everyone to our Monthly Community Board 18 Meeting. He reported that we are all here tonight shows that we are dedicated to our community. He took a moment to say a few words about District Manager Dorothy Turano, which he was pretty sure mostly everyone had probably already heard the news of her retirement. He opened the floor to the board members and to anyone who wanted to say a few words about District Manager Dorothy Turano. He stated that District Manager Dorothy Turano called him two weeks ago and informed him that she was retiring. He stated that he has known District Manager Dorothy Turano for thirty (30) years, she was like a mother to him and she lived a block away from him when she lived in Canarsie. Her regular attendance at the committee board meeting will surely be missed. He explained that he and District Manager Dorothy Turano had a mutual understanding and worked well together for the betterment of our district. He stated that District Manager Dorothy Turano knows her stuff when it comes to community issues and he has learned a lot from her and she will be greatly missed. He wished her good luck on her retirement and a wonderful life journey ahead. He opened the floor to board members and anyone who wanted to say a few words about District Manager Dorothy Turano.

Board Member Sharon Borno expressed that District Manager Dorothy Turano was like a mother to the whole entire community, she was exceptional at her job and she knew it very well. She was kind hearted and always there for everyone and she certainly knows that she will be greatly missed. She stated that she loved this staff and hopes that they will be able to carry on in District Manager Dorothy Turano absence.

Board Member Jeff Rodus expressed that he is a long time community board member and obviously knows mostly everyone, some of them pretty well, but in terms of Dottie the loss of her to this board is tremendous. He stated that for those of you that have been on the board for a long time, or just for a short time, and for those who've had leadership positions on the board knows he was the Planning and Zoning Committee Chair for a while. He had to leave the board due to his position at work because he worked for the city and it was a conflict. He came back to the board when he left the city. As you all know District Manager Dorothy Turano is just an incredible and amazing woman who did everything for this board all the time and it's kind of hard for me, at least to think about Community Board 18 without her sitting there running meetings. Helping out all the Chairs with what they're going to say at the meetings. Just helping with every Land Use project, every ULURP and dealing with Landlords and Tenants. He explained that enough can't be said about her so she's going to be greatly missed and, we know, the board and Chairperson Gardy Brazela will have their hands full. You have Community Assistant Dorothy Paul who's great but that

institutional memory of District Manager Dorothy Turano is something that we're all going to greatly miss. He wished her the best in all her endeavors in the future.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela informed the board that as a result of District Manager Dorothy Turano's retirement a Search Committee has been formed to select the candidate for the District Manager position. Five people have been selected. Board Member Saul Needle will be the Chairman, and the members are Yolaine Ridore, Ian Gaynor, Michael Ien, and Sharon Borno. These five people have been selected to be on the Search Committee for the District Manager position and himself as the Lead Advisor.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Capt. Robert Conwell, Commanding Officer, 69th Police Precinct; who provided information regarding increase in crime in the 69th Police Precinct such as Rapes, Robberies, and Grand Larcenies. Commercial Burglaries on the overnights is a problem, they're targeting stores on Avenue L and Flatlands Avenue. They're breaking gates and locks on doors and when they get into the stores they're targeting the registers and the ATM machines. The good news is they made an arrest this past Friday morning, and they have a career criminal based out of the 71st Police Precinct and he has about 47 arrests; however, he believes he have had some accomplices. They're still doing what they're doing, so they've increased patrols on the overnights especially on Avenue L and Flatlands Avenue and looking to make more arrests. They continue to see a rise in Grand Larcenies of autos where victims leave their cars running to run into the store and within that quick timeframe they leave their key fob in the car or the car running and then the perp just jumps in and takes off. This is going on all over the city. These are basically zip cars for perpetrators. They're just using these cars to transport back and forth to dump them at the next point and when they have to get back, they'll do the same thing over there. Again, he has said this at the 69th Police precinct Community Council Meeting; this is a crime that is 100% preventable. We have to make sure that we are not leaving our cars running. Shootings in Canarsie have dropped significantly since where they were in the summer, however, they are still seeing occurrences. In the past 28 day period, they have had three (3) shootings and also seeing a slight increase in Larcenies from cars, not the cars itself but from people leaving their cars unlocked on the street at night, or in their driveway and we have people doing what we're told window surfing. They go down a block and if there are 100 cars parked on a block, they're going to pull open the handles and if your car is the one that's unlocked, they're taking whatever is inside. He reminded everyone that Halloween is next Saturday and hope everyone has a safe week, but to please be responsible. He will have extra patrols on hand in case they have to deal with parties and house parties. They may have some checkpoints setup to combat DWI driving and he will be working late and will be out there. Early election sites open this weekend and for more information contact www.nyc.gov. The NYPD is planning ahead for the month of November to increase patrol in case of demonstrations before, on or after the Election Day no matter what happens. Lastly, please visit the 69th Police Precincts Twitter page and Facebook often to see what they've been up to. He congratulated District Manager Dorothy Turano on her retirement. He expressed that he only had the pleasure of working with her very briefly, because he just got here this summer. But from one public servant to another, she should be proud of the career that she built and all she's accomplished. Board Member Michael Ien asked if there is anything that can be done regarding cars racing down East 108th Street from Avenue J to Seaview Avenue from North to South. Cars race down this strip every day and they disregard the sign that says city speed limit 25 and photo enforced. Capt. Robert Conwell informed him that he will send out his Traffic Division to do speeding enforcement on that strip. He'll have his officer's focus over there a little bit because sometimes they tend to hit the busiest streets and forget about other areas. Board Member Michael

len stated that this strip is heavily trafficked because people are getting off the Belt Parkway and using that as a less travelled route.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Capt. Genevieve Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Police Precinct who informed the board that she hasn't seen many of them in a long time and she apologized and apologized once again for missing the last Community Board Meeting, but she appreciates Capt. Robert Conwell for giving a crime run down in the 69th Police Precinct because they're seeing pretty much the same thing in the 63rd Police Precinct. They're seeing an increase in burglaries in that area. Also, the same thing, the vehicles are being left, running and unattended and additionally the car break in situation is ongoing in the 63rd Police Precinct. So, just once again, just to double down, please don't leave any valuables in your vehicles that are parked on the street or even in a driveway. She knows because of Covid and everything going on, obviously it's a little different phase that we're in right now. She wanted to let everyone know that the 63rd Police Precinct is still here and still serving the community. If you look on their Twitter page, they're out there doing mask distribution. In fact, they're doing a Domestic Violence Outreach because October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. They're actually at the mall right now trying to make sure that they're out and helping the community in whatever capacity that they can. Really quickly there have been some changes in the 63rd Police Precinct, Captain Souffrant which many of you all know from prior meetings. He has now moved on and has been assigned to the 71st Police Precinct. They now have Captain Alexander from the 66th Police Precinct and he's brand new and has been here for about a week. So she looks forward to everyone getting to know him. In addition to that change, their NCO Sergeant has changed recently. Who many of us have grown to know Sergeant Ali over the years, he was instrumental in the 63rd Police Precinct. She just picked the replacement for that spot today. So, hopefully everyone gets to meet the new Sergeant Skyers. She'd be a tremendous asset to the 63rd Police Precinct in that role and in fact, NCO David is having a meeting tomorrow at they're build a block meeting at the Purpose Life Church, 1895 Flatbush Avenue at 6 PM. So if anyone can make it you can also meet your NCO and also meet the new Sergeant. Just to reiterate they are here if the community is feeling that they're not showing enough love. Please reach out. They'll come to any event. The 63 is still here and doing tremendous work and she's very proud of her officers and to also double down on what Capt. Robert Conwell said congratulations to District Manager Dorothy Turano. She's only been at the 63rd Police Precinct for only a few months but it was a pleasure to work with her, and she's looking forward to working with the next District Manager. She thanked everyone for their time tonight.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Frieda Menos representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries; Michael Benjamin representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud congratulated and shared a few words about District Manager Dorothy Turano on her retirement and also provided program updates and events.

Board Member Judy Newton expressed that District Manager Dorothy Turano will be missed as District Manager of Community Board 18. Her exemplary service to the board is second to none. She has left a void on Community Board 18 as someone who is well versed on community issues and is known as a hard working individual who did her job with professionalism and respect. Her success is a result of her ability to listen, learn and understand system, people and what moves the needle. She congratulated District Manager Dorothy Turano on her retirement and wished her the best.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Gardy Brazela explained the Budget Process. In preparation for the FY 2022

Capital and Expense Budget submissions, Board Members, local Civic Associations, and the community-at-large are invited to submit budget requests for consideration by the Board for inclusion in the Board's Budget submissions for FY'22. Our completed Capital and Expense Budget requests, no more than a total of forty (40) Capital and twenty-five (25) Expense Requests, will be voted on and submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for their review and for the Agency Responses to our requests. For FY '22 we propose to submit thirty three (34) Capital and ten (10) Expense Requests, with three (3) Continued Support items for street reconstruction projects that have been started. The Agency Responses will then be the subject of a Public Hearing in the early part of the year 2021 as a preliminary step in developing a draft Capital and Expense Budget for FY '22 for submission and adoption by the City Council. Chairperson Brazela asked if anyone has any requests for consideration at this time.

Board Member Maria Garrett requested that East 108th Street from Avenue K to Seaview Avenue be removed as a budget request item since it has been repaved but would like to request sidewalk repaving on East 108th Street from Avenue K to Avenue M on the side of the Nature Preserve. The sidewalk is filled with weeds and brush and is heavily travelled. Repaving the sidewalk would alleviate some of the dumping. She also suggested if they could put in bio swales to cut down on some of the flooding and ponding when there's heavy rain. Community Board 18's Community Assistant Dorothy Paul informed Board Member Maria Garrett that Community Associate Jennifer Shalbinski contacted the New York City Department of Transportation regarding the repaving of the sidewalk on East 108th Street from Avenue K to Avenue M on the side of the Nature Preserve but was advised that it may not be feasible because it is on wetlands but they would look into it. However, her request for bio swales and beautification could be added after careful discussion with Chairperson Gardy Brazela. There being no further requests for consideration Chairperson Gardy Brazela closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Brazela asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Community Board Meeting held on September 16, 2020. There being none, Board Member Grace Zwillenberg made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Sharon Borno seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 35 Yes – 0 No – 1 Abstention Votes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Gardy Brazela

Chairperson Gardy Brazela did not provide a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE – Gardy Brazela, Chairperson

1. The Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for Fiscal Year 2022 – Vote

Chairperson Gardy Brazela asked for a Motion on the Budget. Board Member Terry Cadet-Donald made a Motion to approve the Community District Needs Statement of Needs and Priorities for FY 2022 and the Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented. Board Member Bishop Nathan Williams seconded the Motion. The Motion Passed with 35 Yes – 0 No – 1 Abstention Votes.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Nancy Walby expressed that she agreed with everyone's sentiments regarding District Manager Dorothy Turano. She also shared that on a personal note District Manager Dorothy Turano was kind and gracious to allow her to serve all these years as the Chairperson of the Parks Committee. She thanked her for her support.

Chairperson Nancy Walby had a question regarding the budget although she didn't think it impacts the votes. Her report is comprised of a question to everyone. She suggested if anyone has an answer to please provide it to Community Assistant Dorothy Paul or you can put it in the chat box. Her question had to do with the condition of the park or parks in your immediate neighborhood. While she knows that we're in a budget crunch and the Parks Department as we all know gets cut almost before any other department, and had to deal with quite a lot this year, so the conditions of the parks are not as on par as they should be and as she believes they have been in the past. So if anyone has any complaints about trash, weeds, grass or any, other activity in a park please provide that information to Dorothy Paul or you can put it in the chat. She stated that we are very lucky this evening to have two representatives from the Parks Department. We have our Parks Manager Daniel Goldfarb and Margot Perron who is the Manager for Marine Park. They are doing an outstanding job besides pushing the lawn mower themselves; she doesn't know what else they could possibly do. So if we could provide that information to the community board office so that we can share it with Parks Manager Daniel Goldfarb who could pass that along. She knows that we can be the eyes and ears of the community and hopefully give our Park's Commissioners some more ammunition to argue for money. As you know, we're all in a tough position, but we can do something. She also thanked Board Member Tom Hernandez who she knows is bending over backwards, trying to get McCarthy triangle cleaned up and trying to figure out who has jurisdiction over it. So there are people out there working very, very hard for our community.

Board Member Terry Cadet-Donald asked who is responsible for lights that are out in the parks because she has received different information when she called 311. Parks Manager Daniel Goldfarb explained that if it's inside a park or playground it becomes a 311 Complaint. If you believe that you are not getting anywhere with it to please feel free to reference it to her and she will personally put in the request through 311. What she will also do is take note of the 311 number because they do a monthly report that goes to the Borough Commissioner's Office. Board Member Terry Cadet-Donald said that she would provide the Community Board Office with the information so that they can forward it to Parks Manager Daniel Goldfarb.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced State Senator Roxanne Persaud who thanked District Manager Dorothy Turano for everything she has done and for her years of service that she has given, for always being supportive of her for the past 25 odd plus years, and extended well wishes to District Manager Dorothy Turano on her retirement. She then provided an update of programs and events.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Council Woman Farah Louis who congratulated District Manager Dorothy Turano and wished her a happy retirement and thanked her for all her years of service and hard work. She expressed that it's actually heartbreaking to lose District Manager Dorothy Turano because she's been a staunch advocate for this community. In her years of service and in that very short time she has

watched District Manager Dorothy Turano shut down projects that should not be in Community Board 18. It's going to be hard to see her leave, but she's just so grateful to have an example like her to look up to on how to deal with people who come into your community and try to destroy it. She provided an update of programs and events.

She also mentioned what is disheartening is that there's a hotel that opened up at 5244 Kings Highway. It's been there since 2018 and has officially opened recently. During Covid she fought very hard and told the Mayor that we did not want the site to be a Covid shelter, which they didn't implement. But recently she noticed that they opened a Holiday Inn there so she is trying to combat that at this time. She also knows that there is a developer that is also seeking to come into the district, right at the corridor of her district to open a men's shelter, which she is very much against because it's in a residential neighborhood. She informed the board that she will keep everyone updated on this fight. She doesn't know how others feel about shelters but they do not belong in neighborhoods where people are paying taxes and mortgages. Board Member Violette Roberty asked Council Woman Farah Louis where the men's shelter would be going. Council Woman Farah Louis explained that it's not going anywhere, but he wants to open up on Foster Avenue but she does not have the address. She is only mentioning it because she's fighting it and will continue to fight this developer and his endeavor and desire to build in that area. Joan Gilbert representing the Flatlands Civic asked Council Woman Farah Louis to clarify what she said regarding the hotel and a proposed Covid shelter. Council Woman Farah Louis explained that during the onset of Covid the Mayor was looking for hotels that were located in particular council districts to create Covid hotels. She doesn't know if everyone remembers this legislation, but there was a piece of legislation that was passed asking for the city to provide spaces for people for a 14 day stay if they contracted Covid, if they couldn't stay home to get all the assistance that they needed. So our district has a hotel, but that hotel was never open. It was built but was never able to open and she believes it's at 5244 Kings Highway. She informed Joan Gilbert that she believes that she is on those thread of emails that she has sent out. She also informed everyone that she fought really hard so that the hotel wasn't able to open. What he initially wanted to do is open a shelter because that's the direction that the City wanted to open a Covid hotel. They fought against it, it did not open, but most recently, it looks like they contracted with the Holiday Inn. She recently drove by and noticed the Holiday Inn in that space and she's going to fight against it as well. It's currently open and they have the right to open a hotel because it's a private space. She explained that it's not a Covid hotel although they wanted to open one there.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Assembly Member Nick Perry who extended kudos to outgoing and retiring District Manager Dorothy Turano. He wished her a long, happy and a healthy retirement and hopes that her hair doesn't get gray, there'll be no wrinkles on her face and that she will forever be young. He provided an update of programs and events.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Sal Calise, Chairperson

Chairperson Sal Calise greeted everyone and wished District Manager Dorothy Turano a happy, healthy and long retirement and to enjoy it because she's earned it. She is simply the best.

1. State Liquor Authority Applications Received and to be Voted on for the following:

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

- Paul Willoughby, TBD, 6326 Avenue N, 11234

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

- Funfest LLC, Funfest, 6161 Strickland Avenue, 11234
- Rojo Bar Inc., Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N, 11234

Chairperson Sal Calise explained that the Community Board notified the Board Members, Civic Associations and the 63rd Police Precinct about the SLA Applications received and no objections were received for the Applications submitted by Paul Willoughby, TBD, 6326 Avenue N; Funfest LLC, Funfest, 6161 Strickland Avenue; Rojo Bar Inc., and Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N. None of the Applicants or their representatives was present. There being no comments or discussion, Chairperson Calise asked for a motion to recommend approval of the New Application received from Paul Willoughby, TBD, 6326 Avenue N; and the Renewal Applications received from Funfest LLC, Funfest, 6161 Strickland Avenue; Rojo Bar Inc., and Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N. Board Member Judy Newton made a Motion and Board Member Terry Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA WEBEX . . .

Orlando Ross representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke's Office who wished District Manager Dorothy Turano a safe and happy retirement. He provided an update of programs and events.

Jenika McCrayer representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adam's Office greeted everyone and also thanked District Manager Dorothy Turano for her dedication and service to the community on behalf of Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. She provided an update of programs and events.

Joan Gilbert representing the Flatlands Civic wished District Manager Dorothy Turano a wonderful time being retired and thanked her for her very warm welcome when she joined Community Board 18 in March of last year. She also thanked Community Assistant Dorothy Paul for her help with regarding the NYS Liquor Authority Application that the board received for 5407 Flat lands Avenue back in July. Her civic much appreciates it because, of course, it wasn't something that they thought would be good for the community, so she wanted to thank her very much and thanks to the board for supporting the civic. She thinks at this point, they can sort of cautiously be optimistic that the applicant will not put in another application. Since New York State Liquor Authority informed the board that they didn't receive an application from the applicants. So they are optimistic that it's not going to happen and they're grateful for the boards help. So thank you.

Monique Chandler-Waterman representing Health and Hospitals greeted everyone and provided an update of programs and events.

Reeves Eisen representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes Office provided an update of programs and events. She offered congratulations and best wishes on behalf of State Senator Gounardes to District Manager Dorothy Turano on her retirement and thanked her for many, many years of service.

Board Member Lucina Clarke greeted everyone and congratulated District Manager Dorothy Turano on her retirement. She informed the board that it's that time of year as we remember our loved ones we lost during Hurricane Sandy. However, we must remember all even in this COVID-19 Pandemic time. Let's celebrate who we are as a community united. Their annual candle lighting ceremony this year will be virtual and she hopes that everyone can join them. Just light a candle in your home.

Mercedes Narcisse greeted everyone and spoke about District Manager Dorothy Turano who she met many, many years ago. She really appreciates her knowledge and doesn't know how to describe her. But before she says anything, she just wants to say that she is very smart young lady, and that she loves her. They had so many great conversations throughout the years and she has been there for her and she appreciates it. Throughout all of her babies, she's been there seeing them growing up. So she appreciates her and she's going to pray for her to have the longest life ever. She believes with Covid, she is going to stay alive, just wash your hands and do everything that Monique Chandler-Waterman representing Health and Hospitals has been saying. She agrees with them 110% and stay alive. She loves her and wants to see more of her, have a blessed one and enjoy your retirement although I know she's not going to just retire. She's just going to continue doing different things so take care. God bless.

Board Member Judy Newton thanked the board office for helping, correcting and taking care of the garbage on Glenwood Road and East 102nd Street. It was a monumental task but you made it seem as if it was routine. She asked of there was any update on the last issue she raised regarding the proximity of the bus shelter located on the Northeast corner of Avenue U and Stuart Street. Community Assistant Dorothy Paul informed her that the Department of Transportation the shelter is 100% in compliance with MTA guidelines. She thanked the board office for their efforts.

Board Member Paul Curiale expressed his love for District Manager Dorothy Turano and that they will always appreciate her. She wasn't just at his wedding, but she always cared about each and every one of us every time we came into the office.

Board Member Sylvia Whiteside thanked District Manager Dorothy Turano with what she has helped them do with Bayview Houses. She helped them get Rockaway Parkway paved because it was in such horrible condition and for also helping them to prevent an owner from getting a license to put a liquor store on Rockaway Parkway. She suggested that District Manager Dorothy Turano read a book called "Don't retire rewire." But there's some good news with all the bad things that we all have experienced this year and it comes out of the National Institute of Health and the Director is Francis Collins, and he announced two weeks ago that they had found a cure for sickle cell anemia. They take in what they call the sickle cell, which used to be called a T cell and through gene therapy completely change the shape to the round shape of a normal red blood cell and it's now called an A cell. That is the cure and the method of curing sickle cell. What she would like to encourage everyone to do is if you know anyone who has this problem, given this information to just spread it around so that they can contact Doctor Francis Collins the Director of the National Institute of Health who is also Dr. Fauci's boss. His contact phone number is (301)496-2433 and the email is Francis.collins@nih.gov. So this is a very important breakthrough. Sickle cell is a very painful disease and until now there's been no cure. She expressed that she is glad to get this information to everyone and she hopes everyone shares it with others. Board Member Terry Cadet-Donald expressed that as a person who has the Sickle Cell Disease she wants to thank Board Member Sylvia Whiteside for sharing this information.

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2020

There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Gardy Brazela made a Motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18 at 8:37 PM. Board Member Sharon Borno seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

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