

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
P.S 58 AUDITORIUM
350 SMITH STREET**

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

J. ARMER	R. BASHER	P. BASILE
P. BELLENBAUM	P. BLAKE	F. BROWN
J. BROWN	E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ	S. CIALEK
P. FLEMING	A. FREEMAN	K. GURL
V. HAGMAN	V. HERAMIA	F. JEAN
G. KELLY	A. KRASNOW	D. KUMMER
P. LI	S. LONIAL	R. LUFTGLASS
E. MCCLURE	C. PIGOTT	M. RACIOPPO
R. RIGOLLI	D. SCOTTO	M. SHAMES
M. SILVERMAN	J. SMITH	J. THOMPSON
S. TURET	R. UNDERWOOD	D. WILLIAMS

EXCUSED:

D. BUSCARELLO	SR. R. CERVONE	T. MISKEL
J. SKALLER		

ABSENT:

E. FELDER	H. LINK	M. NEUMAN
L. PINN	E. SANTOGADE	S. TARPIN

GUESTS:

HON. ROBERT CARROLL, ASSEMBLY MEMBER
HON. JO ANNE SIMON, ASSEMBLY MEMBER
J. LEVIN, BOROUGH PRESIDENT ADAMS' REPRESENTATIVE
C. ZINNEL, COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE
O. JONAS, STATE SENATOR MONTGOMERY'S REPRESENTATIVE
G. KELLY, STATE SENATOR HAMILTON'S REPRESENTATIVE
R. YOUNG, STATE SENATOR SQUADRON'S REPRESENTATIVE
D. WILEY, CONGRESSWOMAN VELÁZQUEZ'S REPRESENTATIVE
G. LEWENSTEIN, PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES' REPRESENTATIVE
A. GOMEZ, CITY COMPTROLLER STRINGER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Complete list of meeting attendees on file at District Office.

Chairperson Sayar Lonial called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

❖❖❖ **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** ❖❖❖

Board Member Peter Fleming made a motion to accept the minutes of the December general meeting, seconded by Board Member Joe Ann Brown.

VOTE: 23 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION
MOTION PASSED
TIME: 6:42 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT.....SAYAR LONIAL

Chairperson Sayar Lonial opened his report by directing board members to the Executive Committee’s proposed resolution calling on the President of the United States to repeal the existing immigration ban, as the board would be voting on the motion to adopt the resolution once business session begins.

Mr. Lonial updated the board on the progress of the Red Hook Community Microgrid, which was presented to the Executive Committee on the previous Monday evening. The Chair stated that there are significant barriers limiting the Microgrid project from entering its next phase, including Con Edison’s reluctance or inability to share equipment, and an estimated cost of nearly \$15,000,000 to bury all the associated wiring.

The Chair offered a brief update on the working groups for the proposed Gowanus Rezoning, noted that the district office would distribute meeting information upon its finalization, and requested that Board Members consider participating in the process.

Mr. Lonial closed his report by reminding the board that nominations are open for Youth Awards, which the board has awarded since 1988 at the May General Meeting.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT.....CRAIG HAMMERMAN

District Manager Craig Hammerman reported that the Board Office was in the process of finishing a regular periodic audit by the Comptroller’s Office. Expectation is that no violations will be found.

Mr. Hammerman noted that the Department of Homeless Services has assigned a new liaison to the district, and a meeting was held between the new liaison, Mr. Hammerman, and Assistant District Manager Ty Beatty. Mr. Hammerman and Mr. Beatty were told that a new set of city policy initiatives relative to homelessness would be announced by the Mayor in the next few weeks.

Mr. Hammerman closed his report by further expanding on Mr. Lonial’s previous remarks regarding the Red Hook Microgrid, and the Solarize program in general.

❖❖❖ **COMMITTEE REPORTS** ❖❖❖

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....SAYAR LONIAL, BOARD CHAIR

Board Chairperson Sayar Lonial reported that the Executive Committee considered and unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the Office of the President of the United States to repeal the existing immigration ban.

Motion: Approval of a resolution calling on the Office of the President of the United States to repeal the currently enacted immigration ban.

VOTE: 32 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
VOTE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:02 P.M.

PERMITS & LICENSES COMMITTEE.....MIKE RACIOPPO, CHAIR

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Mike Racioppo reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license for 491 3rd Avenue.

Motion: Approval of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Big Chief Brooklyn, LLC at 491 3rd Avenue (between 10th/11th Streets).

VOTE: 33 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:06 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Mike Racioppo reported that the committee reviewed a new on-premises liquor license for 127 Columbia Street.

Motion: Approval of a new on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Popina NYC, LLC at 127 Columbia Street (between Kane/Degraw Streets).

VOTE: 33 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:07 P.M.

Permits & Licenses Committee Chair Mike Racioppo reported that the committee reviewed an alteration to a current on-premises liquor license to include a sidewalk café at 285 Nevins Street.

Motion: Approval of an alteration to a current on-premises liquor license application submitted to the State Liquor Authority on behalf of Freeks Mill Inc. at 285 Nevins Street (between Union/Sackett Streets).

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TIME: 7:08 P.M.

LANDMARKS/LAND USE COMMITTEE.....ROBERT LEVINE, LANDMARKS CHAIR
.....PETER FLEMING, LAND USE CHAIR

Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application for 453 8th Street.

Motion: Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a first and second story window enlargement at the rear elevation of 453 8th Street (between 8th Avenue/Prospect Park West), Park Slope Historic District.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:18 P.M.

Land Use Committee Chair Peter Fleming reported that the committee reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application for 373 Henry Street.

Motion: Disapproval of a Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the installation of two balconies at the rear elevation of 373 Henry Street (between Congress/Warren Streets), Cobble Hill Historic District.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:20 P.M.

Chairperson Lonial recognized representatives of elected officials who were in attendance.

Josh Levin, representing Borough President Adams, announced that the Borough President's Public School Gifted and Talented Task Force would meet March 14th, and invited anyone interested to attend. Mr. Levin reminded those in attendance that the deadline to apply or re-apply for Community Board appointment would be Wednesday, February 15th.

Dan Wiley, representing Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, updated attendees on the Congresswoman's on-going public housing work and reported on a public art project for youth in Red Hook. He also acknowledged the board's decision to pass the resolution at the top of the meeting and thanked the board for that action.

❖❖❖ COMMUNITY SESSION ❖❖❖

Elizabeth Canela from Forest City Ratner updated attendees on the progress of a housing lottery for a project inside Community Board 8.

❖❖❖ NEW/OTHER BUSINESS ❖❖❖

Board Member Roger Rigolli made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: by Board Member Roger Rigolli; seconded by Board Member Jerry Armer
To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 34 YEAS, 0 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 7:45P.M.

Minutes submitted into the District Office by Assistant District Manager Ty Beatty on February 28, 2017.