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Community Board #14Q
January Board Meeting
January 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

Bayswater Jewish Center
2355 Healy Avenue
Far Rockaway, NY 11691

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Ebony Beaty, Beverly Childs, Brittany Chong, Kimberly Comes, Rose Marie Duggan-Gulston, Jack Epter, Menashe Friedman, Iona Folkes, Maria Foreman, Yitzchok Goldstone, Josephine Gonzalez, Jacqueline Guitierrez, Avionne Gumbs, Samuel Jaroslawicz, Amanda Johnson, Lisa Johnson-Cooper, Patrick Kelly, Paul King, , Damara Lee, Betty Leon, Sharon Lewis-Williams, Nancy Martinez, Helen Montero-Hernandez, Dolores Orr, Josmary Ochoa-Cruz, Dr. Harold Paez, Alexa Roberts, Vernell Robinson, David Rood-Ojalvo, Aramiam Sacnite, David Shelborne, Karen Sloan-Payne, Monice Small, Christopher Tedesco, William Tietjen, Jose Velez

Absent: John Cori, Richard Knott, Annette Lord-Cohen, Zina Moratti, Shannel Parker, Eric Rasmussen, Jose Santana, Israel Tavera, Christina Torres

ELECTED OFFICIALS/ REPRESENTATIVES:

Elected Officials: Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson

Representatives: Senator Sanders – Latoya LeGrand, Assemblymember Anderson – Jeannine Agard, Assemblymember Pheffer Amato – Daniella Ciniglio, Councilmember Brooks-Powers – Rodney Reid

NYPD/ TRANSIT/ FDNY:

NYPD 100th Precinct – XO Captain Singh, NYPD 101st Precinct – CO Captain Ng

GUESTS:

New Executive Director Queens Economic Development Corp. – Ben Guttman

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and announced that we are officially Livestreaming on YouTube. Quorum was present.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Betty Leon made the motion to accept December 9th, 2025, minutes as written. **Helen Montero** 2nd the motion. Vote was taken. Approve - 24, No - 0, Abstaining - 1. **Motion carries.**

UPDATES FROM NYPD/ ELECTED OFFICIALS:

NYPD 100th Precinct – XO Captain Singh:

28-Day Crime Overview: Murders & Rapes: 7 vs. 5 last period, up 40%. Felony Assaults: 6 vs. 10, down 40%. Burglaries: 3 vs. 1, up 200%. Grand Larceny: 8 vs. 4, up 100%. Grand Larceny Auto: 3 vs. 1, up 200%. Overall Crime: 27 vs. 21, up 28.6%. **Grand Larceny Auto (GLA) Details:** All 3 recent car thefts involved owners left their keys inside the vehicle. Thieves often walk around at night pulling door handles; if a door opens, they search for valuables. If keys are visible or inside the car, they may



simply start the vehicle and drive off. Residents are urged not to leave keys, fobs, or valuables in their cars. **Car Break-Ins:** Car break-ins were previously up 120%, now down to a 40% increase, showing improvement. Break-ins are shifting toward the edges of the precinct (around 60th St. and 135th St). Midnight deployment is strong in the center, so offenders are moving outward. The precinct is adjusting deployment to cover those outer areas. **Year-End Overview:** 2025 was a strong year, with overall crime down 20%. The precinct aims to maintain that progress into 2026. **311 Usage Encouraged:** The precinct receives 300–500 quality-of-life 311 calls per month. The commanding officer encourages residents and businesses to increase 311 reporting so the precinct can better identify and address local issues.

NYPD 101st Precinct – CO Captain Ng:

Crime Trends (Calendar Year 2025): Major crimes decreased by 4%. Shooting incidents dropped by over 25%. Illegal gun seizures increased by 56%. **Retail Theft & Low-Level Crimes:** Retail theft and poverty-related crimes increased in 2025. Through the winter and spring and likely until the summer beach season the precinct's primary focus will be retail theft and low-level offenses. **Q-Team Performance:** The Q-Team, launched in 2025, is considered successful. Response times to violations and 311 quality-of-life issues improved by over 40% after the team's implementation. In 2026, the precinct will continue responding to these calls and maintain follow-up efforts with the Q-Team.

Office of Congressman Gregory Meeks – Jose Reina):

Federal Student Loans: The U.S. DOE will begin garnishing wages for borrowers in default, which occurs after 270 days of nonpayment. Employers may withhold up to 15% of a borrower's disposable pay. Borrowers needing help can contact the Default Resolution Group at (800) 261-3115. **IRS Tax Filing for 2026:** Tax filing opens January 26, 2026, and closes April 15, 2026. Taxpayers earning under \$89,000 may qualify for free filing through the IRS Free File program at irs.gov/freefile. The IRS is no longer issuing paper refund checks this season; taxpayers should use direct deposit or the Direct Express Debit Card for faster refunds. **Social Security:** The SSA has implemented a 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for beneficiaries. **TSA ConfirmID (Starting February 1, 2026):** TSA is launching Confirm ID, a new identity-verification option for travelers without a REAL ID, passport, or other approved ID. The service costs \$45 and the identity approval is valid for 10 days. **Federal Budget & Legislation:** Congress faces a January 30 deadline to pass the federal budget and avoid a shutdown. Recent extensions cover key federally funded programs: SNAP, WIC, and Head Start through the end of the 2026 fiscal year (September 2026). The House has passed legislation to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies, preventing cost increases for individuals using the New York State Health Marketplace; the bill now awaits Senate action.

Office of Senator James Sanders – Latoya LeGrand:

Recently Signed State Bills: S072 – Prohibits employers and licensing agencies from using consumer credit history when making hiring or licensing decisions. **S4153** – Requires food stores and retailers to **accept cash**; civil penalties apply for refusing. **S4153-B** – Reinforces the requirement that food establishments **must accept cash** and outlines additional penalties. **Community Event:** Protecting Children Online **"It Takes a Village: Protecting Our Children Online"**, Cyberbullying, online safety, and helping parents understand AI and digital risks, Thursday, January 22 from 12 PM – 3 PM at Springfield Gardens Church of the Nazarene, 145-00 Farmers Blvd., Jamaica, NY. **Free Tax Preparation Program** A collaboration between Senator James Sanders Jr., Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson, Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers. Residents must call the customer support number on the flyer to schedule an appointment. **African Fashion Show** on Friday, February 13, 2026, in Albany. Hosted in partnership with community organizations. **Father's Fest 2026**, Sunday, June 21, 2026 at 16-27 Seagirt Blvd., Far Rockaway. Partnership with Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson and Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers. **MWBE Workshop** hosted by Senator James Sanders Jr. on Saturday, February

14, 2026, at 9 AM. Latoya noted that all flyers and brochures for these events are available on the back table for attendees.

Office of Assemblymember Stacey Pheffer Amato – Daniella Ciniglio:

Summary of Legislative Office Update: The legislative session has begun, and the office shared brief updates. In 2025, the assemblywomen sponsored 13 bills that were signed into law the most of any elected official in Queens. Key legislation focused on: Securing a **20-year pension plan for firefighters**, Ensuring **NYC pensions remain properly funded**. Creating a **property-tax exemption for disabled veterans**, the Assemblymember **will not seek reelection**, but the office emphasized they are **still fully active**. In 2025, the office handled **1,600 constituent cases**, all of which were completed.

Assemblymember Khaleel Anderson:

Arriving directly from Albany after attending the **Governor's State of the State**, where several proposals relevant to the Rockaways were announced. **SNAP Security & Food Assistance:** The Governor proposed adding **chip technology to SNAP cards** to prevent benefit theft. An issue his office has worked on for over 3 years after receiving **176 complaints** from Rockaway residents. The Assemblymember has introduced legislation on this and hopes the Governor includes their language in the final budget. New **"PIE" Legislative Package:** a package of bills aligned with his role as Chair of the Task Force on Food, Farming, and Nutrition. **Housing & Rent Freeze Programs:** The Governor proposed expanding the DRIE/SCRIE rent-freeze programs, which help seniors, disabled residents, and veterans. Current income cap: \$58,000. Proposed new cap: \$75,000, better aligned with NYC median income. Also has a bill on this and wants the program expanded further. **State Budget Process:** The Assembly and Senate will release their one-house budget proposals, followed by negotiations. Residents are strongly encouraged to submit testimony, so district priorities make it into the final budget. **Upcoming Events & Announcements: State of the District Address**, February 27 at PS 105 in Edgemere. **Discretionary Funding**, Applications for nonprofits serving the district are open Jan 9 – Feb 9. Mandatory nonprofit training will pair applicants with state agencies. **Women's History Month Nominations**, Community nominations are open; honorees are selected based on the number of nominations received. **"Let's Get Civic" Initiative**, A new monthly (3rd Saturday of every month) open-forum series rotating through the district. First session begins this Saturday in Rosedale. **Municipal Credit Union (MCU)** Will open a branch in the Rockaways, a major achievement given the area's status as a banking desert. They personally advocated MCU's CEO to bring the institution to the community. RMCU, excited to bring them to the table, 11692 is one of the largest zip codes and banking desert Residents are encouraged to become members once it opens. The speaker thanked the community, noted they would stay to listen to other presenters, and encouraged everyone to follow their social media for updates on legislative work in Albany.

CM Brooks Powers – Rodney Reid:

The Council Member recently met with representatives from **NYC Health + Hospitals** and the state regarding funding for the **trauma center**. They were told progress is being made, and more information will be available soon. The Council Member's **State of the District** will be held on the mainland at The Academy on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 3:30 PM. **Legislation Update: Intro 1912-A/ 1927** (domestic violence and transgender support legislation). Passed the City Council but was vetoed by Mayor Adams. The bill would help survivors request financial assistance when filing court claims. The Council missed the deadline for the initial override, but an override vote is expected at the next stated meeting. The Council has a **new Speaker**, and committee chair assignments are being voted on this week. Due to leadership transitions, there is currently a stalemate affecting movement on federal-related legislation.

Chairperson's Report – Dolores Orr:

Youth Services and Education Committee Chair has stepped down from the position but remains on board. Beverly Childs has accepted as the new chair. The Chair reported attending the **Borough**

Board meeting yesterday, where there were no major complaints because several long-standing issues, some 25 years in the making have finally seen progress. **The Rockaway Park Library**, originally expected to be closed for ten months, is now scheduled to reopen in February 2026. The chair called BOE to ensure they are aware so the location can resume serving as a voting site. Chairperson also sits on the board of the **JFK Revitalization Advisory Committee** and shared updates from the **Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee** of which AM Pheffer Amato is Chair. Significant improvements at JFK Airport's **Terminal 1** by dramatically increasing its ability to **capture de-icing fluid** from ending up in Jamaica Bay - in 2023-2024 captured 4,700 gallons and in 2024-2025 captured 24,500 gallons. Even higher numbers are expected this year. **Construction materials** are now being reused onsite for fill and elevation of new terminal building - reducing truck trips by an estimated 157,000 truck trips and eliminating roughly 5,000,000 miles of travel through local neighborhoods. Additionally, about 50% of the **Terminal 1** rooftops are now green roofs that capture rainwater for irrigation and toilet use. Terminal 6 is expected to incorporate **13,000 pounds of sustainable materials**, installing solar farm and microgrids. **Terminal 6 Sustainable Design** - 75,000-gallon stormwater collection takes to recycle water in low-flow restroom fixtures. 98% of construction waste was repurposed for alternate use. The Chair also mentioned local volunteer clean-up efforts and encouraged environmentally conscious residents to stay engaged, noting that small actions like proper recycling and waste reduction can make meaningful changes. At the Queens Borough President's monthly meeting with Community Board Chairs, QSWAB (Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board) a volunteer group, shared the data of composting rate in each Community Board. Only 6% of the residents of the Rockaway Peninsula and Broad Channel are composting and have the lowest participation rate in Queens. The Chair advised that QSWAB is looking for a minimum of one representative of each CB District to sit on the QSWAB board. The Chair asked for at least one volunteer from the CB14 Environmental Committee to sit on that board. Each year Edgemere Farms give away 40lb bags of compost provided by NYC for free. We have labels available this evening for composting pails and composting information flyers.

District Manager's Report - Felicia Johnson

The District Manager provided updates on correspondence and city agencies. **SCA:** A letter was sent to the SCA requesting a site inspection & approval of a temporary pool at PS43. **MTA:** Letter sent to MTA regarding the need for timely implementation of OMNY. The long-standing fare issue involving Nassau County's Bus where residents transferring from a city bus were being charged two fares. A formal letter to the MTA regarding complaints about the Q22 bus skipping stops during school hours; a response is still pending. **NYCEM:** The arrival of the questions asked at the NYCEM presentation in October has been received with detailed information. Residents were encouraged to contact the office and share their email addresses in order to distribute the information because the document is lengthy and highly detailed. **DSNY:** Provided updates on two problem locations where garbage is being placed out too early and blocking parking spaces. Although violations have been issued, the issue persists, and the office will continue pushing for a long-term solution. **DOT:** Completed a traffic study around a local school (PS/IS183) and plans to convert several streets including Beach 79th from two-way to one-way going southbound and Beach 80th Street from two-way to one-way going northbound, to improve safety and traffic flow. Additional temporary street closures are scheduled for early January due to construction. **Snake Road: DM** attended a flood-mitigation information session for Brookville Boulevard, multiple design options reviewed ranging from low-cost fixes to more comprehensive, long-term infrastructure solutions. Community members were urged to stay engaged and continue submitting feedback. **CB14 District Cabinet Meeting: DDC:** Two projects in Rockaway, including one already underway, lining interceptor assets and a major \$34 million infrastructure project currently in design set to begin in Fall 2027 on Beach Channel Drive to will replace water mains, storm and sanitary sewers, and reconstruct streets from Gwirtzman Triangle to Patricia A. Brackley Park (B144th Street to Beach 124th Street). Some delays have occurred due to changes in project scope and the need to finalize a consultant for storm-water management planning. **Parks:** Broad Channel American Park Parking Lot & Shad Creek Road Reconstruction is delayed due to

change in scope to add lighting to the project. It was projected to be completed by 1/2026 but now has been moved to 10/2026. **NYS Parks:** has designated the Richard Mott House to be registered on the New York State Register of Historic Places, with a nomination also submitted for the national register. **DOH:** Updates on the closure of the Neponsit ADHC program (at Beach 101 St), 30 of the 35 registrants are attending another ADHC program or Senior Center. The remaining 5 were discharged home. **DCP:** 14-10 BCD City Planning is approved for rezoning despite CB objections. All except 1 council member voted in favor. Though one council member voted against it due to community concerns about flooding and evacuation, evidence that resident testimony is being taken seriously. **MIH Development:** A new development proposal at 18-11 and 18-15 Cornaga Avenue is expected to include 93 residential units, ground-floor commercial space, and 26 affordable units at 80% AML. The developer plans to present it to the board soon. **Community Board Updates:** Applications are open until February 13, with online submissions preferred, though paper copies are available. Board members are appointed by the Borough President, not by the board itself and reappointments occur every two years. Department of Buildings in your Community, January 21, 2026, from 10am – 1pm. Event registration required. Transportation Committee request concerning Beach 79th Street and proposed reductions in parking spaces. A new business near Redfern Houses, close to an existing liquor store. Both the NYPD and the local community center director have expressed concerns, and once a presentation date is scheduled, residents will be notified so they can attend and provide input. The Department of Finance will begin sending property tax assessments within the next week, these are not bills and homeowners seeking exemptions must apply by March 16th. There will be an upcoming walkthrough with the DEP Commissioner to address complaints about sinking or uneven streets.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The Chairperson opened the floor for public speaking. 7 individuals signed up to speak. They were recognized and heard. Public speaking was closed. 3 minutes per speaker.

PRESENTATIONS:

New Executive Director, Queens Economic Development Corp. – Ben Guttman

Ben Guttman introduced himself as the new Executive Director of the Queens Economic Development Corporation, having taken over in July following the retirement of Seth Bornstein, who served the organization for decades. He explained that QEDC, founded in 1977, focuses on strengthening Queens through business services, neighborhood development, and tourism marketing. Many residents know the organization by name but not by function, so he has been visiting community boards to build awareness.

Guttman outlined **QEDC's core work:** free business counseling and technical assistance for entrepreneurs, including help with marketing, taxes, licensing, real estate, and legal issues. The organization also offers more than 130 classes and workshops each year for new and growing businesses. He highlighted the Entrepreneur Space, a 12,000-square-foot commercial kitchen and incubator in Long Island City that has supported more than 800 food entrepreneurs; it is the only QEDC program that charges a fee, though it remains significantly cheaper than private alternatives. He also described efforts to revitalize the Retail Opportunity Initiative, which helps Queens-based product makers access markets such as airports and holiday fairs. QEDC continues to run the long-standing **Queens Tech + Innovation Challenge**, a startup competition with categories for tech, food, and community-based businesses. A networking event for the challenge is scheduled for January 20 in Jackson Heights. Beyond business services, QEDC manages **neighborhood development projects**, including the Corona Plaza Market, Diversity Plaza programming, storefront improvement initiatives, and graffiti removal across the borough. The organization also partners on reentry programs that teach business and fashion-related skills to justice-impacted youth.

In tourism and marketing, QEDC operates the **Queens Tourism Council** and promotes the borough's economic and cultural strengths. Guttman emphasized Queens' global significance, its diverse population, major airports, film studios, transit hubs, and large hospitality sector, calling it "the most New York part of New York."

He closed by inviting residents and entrepreneurs to connect with QEDC for business support, incubator opportunities, or participation in upcoming programs. Contact information and the organization's website, queensny.org, were provided for anyone seeking assistance.

Questions from the Board:

Q. Board Member shared has received several emails from QEDC but was not familiar with the Youth Program. He thinks it is an important program, and the organization just needs to be put out there a little bit more.

Q. Do participants have to pay for kitchen use? If so, what are the fees and shifts? **A:**Yes, participants have to pay. These options are about 30-40% cheaper than a commercial kitchen for profit. We also layer on counseling and education pieces to give you a sense of what it is. Our facility is 24/7. The most expensive shift is the daytime shift obviously and that one is \$230 for eight-hour shift. You could pump out ~2000 cookies or so, just because it's big giant commercial oven. If anybody wants to come Monday to Friday for a walk through, it can be arranged. The Tech Innovation Challenge anyone who wants to learn more about that, the direct website is **queenstartup.org**. Business plans are due in March and then the judging is from March/ April. We give up to \$100,000 a year grant funding is you in for it, but you know the fun thing is the current trying to get people to do it the real goal is to get people to do the counseling and the application form any other questions.

Resilient District Design – Bill Schacht:

Resiliencies district has expanded with universities and developers. Sustainability, Arverne by the Sea, Roosevelt Island, Batter Park. These professors and universities want to participate in the presentation so we're going to delay it until we get everyone scheduled together.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION:

Paper ballot vote for position of Second Vice Chair for Community Board #14Q.

Chair Dolores Orr shares the board process to hold a vote for the position of Second Vice Chair, using rules in Article VI of the By-Laws. Two candidates were nominated by motion at the December 2025 board meeting. To ensure fairness, half of the ballots listed one candidate first and the other half listed the other candidate first. A total of 46 ballots were created—one for each board member—and any unused ballots would be accounted for and set aside. Members were instructed to mark their choice, sign their ballot as required by New York State law, and fold it before submitting it to one of the 3 Tellers (members of the Nominating Committee). The three Tellers will collect the ballots, then move to a separate area in the meeting room to count them. Once the tally is completed, the results will be announced, and all ballots and tally sheets will be signed, sealed, and given to the district manager for retention.

Election Results - Teller – Kimberly Comes:

Total Votes: 32 members voted. Damara Lee received 12 votes; Rose Marie Duggan Gulston received 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks/ Public Safety Committee – Chair, Jack Epter:

Report on the Parks Committee Meeting on October 16, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Addabbo Center on Beach Channel Drive. A quorum was present.

Elizabeth Walsack presented to the committee. **Bay Breeze Park** construction is ~80% complete. The originally expected completion date was September 2025, the new timeline will be provided to Community District 14. Due to the lack of **sidewalks on the South side of Beach Channel Drive** a streetlight and crosswalk DOT could not do a study until the park opens. Currently there is only a traffic light Beach 90th Street/BCD. **Edgemere Water Park** Parks confirmed that no funding currently exists for capital expansion. (presumed to be Beach 43rd Street adjacent to the Boardwalk). Significant discussion centered on permit complaints at Beach 94th Street, regarding permitting and noise

complaints that appear inconsistent with Parks' stated equity policies. The committee unanimously passed a motion requesting a less restrictive permit-issuance policy for Beach 17th Street and Beach 94th Street.

The committee also reviewed the status of **Bayswater Park**, which will remain 90% closed until September 2027 while Phase 1 construction continues. Permits for the Cricket Field will only be issued once that area is complete. Parks will provide CD14 with a diagram showing which sections will be open to the public during construction. Questions were also raised about the parking design on Beach 32nd Street, though no timeline is available. There is no timeline on **Thursby Basin Park**. Parks agreed to explore purchasing **better garbage cans for the beaches** and to consider installing dog-waste bag dispensers, though this would require additional enforcement. **Boardwalk vendors** also reported that unlicensed sellers are hurting tax-paying local businesses. The committee requested that Parks review the possibility of staffing - long-promised **Lifeguard Stand** at **Beach 38th Street**, since no staffed lifeguard stations were present between Beach 35th and Beach 38th this past summer. Members also emphasized the need for CD14 staff to record all **out of service streetlights**. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Question:

Is the entire park (Bayswater) closed until September 2027? There will be different phases of the project that allow areas to be open while they work. This information will be sent to CB14 for distribution.

The Committee made a motion requesting a less restricted policy on permits at Beach 17th Street. Vote was taken. Approve – 34, No – 1, Abstain – 1. **Motion Carries.**

By-laws Committee – Chair, Betty Leon:

On Thursday, 12/11/2025 the by-laws committee met. The full board was notified/invited to attend. Only committee members and the Board Chair attended, a quorum was. There was a motion from the committee to accept the following changes, all articles remain unchanged:

Article V – attend a minimum of **seventy percent (70%) of meetings of the current year?**

Article VIII – #3 **The Executive Committee will annually review consideration of staff merit salary increase.**

– #4 (Add) **Public Safety, NYPD, FDNY & OEM and add Arts, Culture & Library**

Article IX – #5 must read all emails by the chair **and district office**

Article XII – #1 Unless it is a government holiday, the Board shall meet on the **second Tuesday of the month** except...

Article XIV – #1 An agenda for a meeting shall be prepared **jointly by** the Chair **and the District Manager**, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Director of Community Boards **seven (7) Business days prior to the meeting date.**

– #4 An Agenda for each board meeting shall be prepared by the Chairperson **& District Manager.**

Article XX – No change. We want to consider removing it.

Questions:

Q: Rational behind adding new committees when members are not participating in current. raised concerns about committee participation and attendance standards. Why were new committees being added when existing committees often struggle with attendance. He also asked whether attendance at committee meetings counts toward a member's overall attendance percentage and whether this relates to the proposed bylaw change lowering the attendance requirement from 75% to 70%.

Q: Questioned whether the 70% requirement applies to the last 10 meetings, the current two-year term, or a member's entire tenure. They suggested adding a few words, such as "of the current year"

or “of the last 10 meetings”, to avoid ambiguity and prevent future disputes or misinterpretation. Confirmed change of verbiage of **Article V** including “**current year**”.

The By-laws committee made a motion to accept the suggested changes from Article I-XIX. Vote was taken. Approve – 35, No – 1, Abstain – 0. **Motion Carries.**

Discussions:

Article XX:

Concern with Article XX on Street Naming as in the past four years we have been excluded in the process. We do not even get invited to the street naming since it is being done without the Community Board. In the past four years, we have only been referred to one. There was a time, every street naming came to community board. Not wanting to give up the CB responsibility, but CM are not going through CB. According to the Charter, CB is part of the process. The City Charter states that Community Boards should be involved in street-naming and related matters, yet the board is being left out. Instead, they suggested keeping the article and **sending a formal letter to the council member** to reaffirm that the board expects to be included in the process. They emphasized that removing the article would leave the board with no basis to insist on participation.

Helen Montero made a motion to retain the authority Article XX and for CB14 to write a **formal letter** to both council members, requesting that they comply with the charter reaffirming that Community Board 14 remain involved in street-naming reviews process and asking that future requests be referred to CB14. This is **recorded and letters will be sent.**

Article XIV:

Paul King suggested that Article XIV be reviewed, noting that the proposed changes were acceptable but required minor wording corrections. Specifically, restoring a missing term related to “regularly scheduled” and adjusting phrasing for clarity. Suggesting Item 4 be renumbered as Item 1, and all item numbers were removed to simplify the document, while the substantive content and requirements remained unchanged.

1. An Agenda for each board meeting shall be prepared by the Chairperson & **District Manager**. The agenda will contain a list of items for discussion. The agenda with the notice of time and place of the meeting and minutes of the last meeting shall be sent to each member via email at least seven (7) business days before the **regularly scheduled** monthly meeting.
2. The Chairperson shall send an agenda to the Borough President's office not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting **and to the Director of Community Boards seven (7) Business days prior to the meeting date.**
3. Any member desiring to have the board consider a subject shall notify the Chair 15 days (15) days prior to the meeting.

Paul King made the motion to accept the above stated adjustments to Article XIV, **Samuel Jaroslawicz 2nd** the motion. Vote was taken. Approve – 35, No – 1, Abstain – 0. **Motion Carries.**

Old Business/ New Business:

Karen Sloan-Payne made a motion for the Community Board to **formally oppose IMT**, sending a **letter of objection** to the appropriate agencies and elected officials, including state representatives and the New York State DEC as well as local officials and Nassau Officials. **Vernell Robinson 2nd** the motion. Vote was taken. Approve – 35, No – 0, Abstain – 1. **Motion Carries.**

Nancy Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Helen Montero** 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at **9:46pm**.

Submitted by:
Jeanette Garramone