



**COMMUNITY BOARD #14
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
333 BEACH 90 STREET
ROCKAWAT BEACH, NY 11693**

PRESENT

Mark Anaya, Lailah Boyd, Louis Caucig, John Cori, Dr. Gerald David, Rose Marie Duggan-Gulstone, Jack Epter, Temina Feldman, Yitzchok Goldstone, Ayionne Gumbs-Cummings, D. Brian Heffernan, Felicia Johnson, Paul King, Caren Lee, Betty Leon, Denise Lopestri, Nancy Martinez, Rosalyn Mason, John McCambridge, Evelyn Miller-Stubber, Sonia Moise, Helen Montero, Al Moore, Daniel Mundy, Dolores Orr, Dr. Harold Paez, David Rood-Ojalvo, David Shelborne, Karen Sloan-Payne, Chris Tedesco, Jose Velez, Wanda

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City of New York
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Warden, Lisa Williams

ABSENT

Audrey Amsterdam-Handy, Gabrielle Bennett, Yaakov Berger, Giselle Carter, Natasha Carter, Eric Diaz, Menashe Friedman, Jaden Gaab, Eugenia Gibson, Randy Hall, Brian Kelly, Maggie Larkins, Luquan Lloyd, Annette Lord-Cohen, Isa Mitchell, Eugene Pasternak, Vernell Robinson,

DOLORES ORR
Chairperson

JONATHAN GASKA
District Manager

GUESTS

Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer-Amato, Dan Brown – Rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, Jose Reina - Rep. Congressman Gregory Meeks, Joseph Edwards – Rep. Congressman Gregory Meeks, Malik Sanders- Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Sandee Doremus - Rep. State Senator Joseph Addabbo Jr., Gregory Slade -Rep. Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer-Amato, AnnMarie Costella – Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr., Robbie Schwach - Rep. City Council Member Joanne Ariola, Andrew Haze and Vivian Carter – Rep. NYC Dept. of Sanitation

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDANCE WAS READ AS FOLLOWS:

NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli issued an Economic and Demographic Snapshot of the Rockaways. Some of the highlights in the report are the following:

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The Rockaway population grew by 8 percent from 2010 to 2020, the fourth largest increase among neighborhoods in the borough of Queens. Growth rates were highest for the Hispanic and Asian populations.
Businesses in Rockaway grew by 55.8 percent from 2000 to 2021.
Health care jobs declined by 5 percent at the beginning of the pandemic.
-The number of Rockaway residents employed in 2016 - 2020 was 21.2 percent higher than in 2006-2010.

MINUTES FROM JUNE 14, 2022

Jose Velez expressed for the minutes be corrected to note that he was absent from the June meeting. Betty Leon made the motion to approve June 14, 2022 minutes with the following stated correction. Denise Lopresti second the motion. The motion carried with (1) abstention in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Dolores Orr, Chair reported that that at the Queens Borough Board meeting the Peninsula received (2) gifted and talented programs. The classes are 18 seats and will be instituted at P.S. 43 and P.S. 183.

The Chair requested all the board members stand up and introduce themselves and the neighborhoods or zip code they will be representing on the board.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Jonathan Gaska, District Manager reminded all that committee assignments were emailed out to board members and if changes are needed please reach out to the office. Budget consultations will start next week which is the process meeting with the different City agencies to discuss issues some of which is on our Capital & Expense priority list the board will be discussing tonight. Went on a tour of the different apartments in downtown Far Rockaway. The apartments inside are very nice including the lobbies that have nice fixtures and green deck space areas.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER STACEY PHEFFER-AMATO

Assembly Member Amato introduced herself and announced the neighborhoods in her district that she represents along with the announcement of the passage of her legislative bill into law that involve the creation of a commission on the prevention of childhood drownings on a state level as in funding and education. In addition to being appointed to the legislative commission to evaluate the relationship between LIPA and PSE&G. As a point of information PSE&G was formed out of LIPA which is the company that mostly effects the Peninsula as in the rates are increasing and why and what could be done to pivot an increase in the rates.

GUEST SPEAKERS

101TH POLICE PRECINCT

Captain Timothy Shultz informed all that he has been at the precinct since

July and he is not new the area as in being an officer on the Peninsula being in 2019 to 2020. He has noticed that the community is a very tight close community. The summer went well there were a few incidents where it seems that people leave their keys in car or perhaps personal belongings that get stolen and therefore drivers should remember to lock their doors. Looking forward to working with community leaders and discussing any open issues that need attention

BOROUGH COMMANDER OF QUEENS BOROUGH SOUTH

Kevin Williams expressed that this is his first meeting as borough commander and was previously stationed on the peninsula in 2019. The precincts had a successful summer considering having summer detail which was needed considering all the people coming into the community for the beach. The precincts did take on heavy issues and dealt with them accordingly.

The 100th precinct was very effective in road blocking dirt bikers that coming into the community by using the bridge and did get the heavy police attention that they were not expecting and the situation has stopped. Also looking forwarding dealing with the illegal parking of tractor trailers in the community and is currently looking for a community partner with a lot or land that the trailers could be towed to once they are removed from the street which has been effective when it was operated in a different community.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The Chair opened the floor for public speaking. 9 people signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. Public speaking was closed.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

NYC Dept. of Sanitation's expansion of Curbside Composting to Queens

Andrew Hoyles informed everyone that community outreach s going on announced curbside composting starts October 3, 2022foer all residents in Queens and no sign up is required. Residents are encouraged to participate and the Dept. of Sanitation is assisting by posting the information on Twitter and other social media platforms. Residents can put food scraps such as fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy and already prepared foods inside a brown bin (or your own bin) for pick up on their recycling day. Other items allowed are plants, leaves, grass. Food-spoiled paper items are also allowed such as tea bags paper plates coffee filters.

If you need a brown bin or compost decal, online orders for bins/decals will

begin October 1, 2022@ nyc.gov/curbside composting. The curbside composting will cease during the snowy/winter months and restart in March 2023. For more information log onto nyc.gov/organics or call 311.

COMMITTEE REPORT

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dr. David reported that the committee discussed the agenda item regarding the FY 2024 Capital and Expense Budget priorities. The list was also emailed out to the community for input and suggestions. After reviewing the list member removed projects that have been completed and items that are funded and in design are moved to continued support. Requested items that were emailed to the office were reviewed and discussed by the members.

Jonathan Gaska, District Manager expressed to new members that the list is discussed by the board every year is open for a public hearing for two meetings and after the second hearing the board votes on the final list and the list is submitted to OMB and local elected officials for support.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Chair opened the floor for public for FY 2024 Capital and Expense priority list. No one signed up to speak. Public speaking was closed.

Dr. David expressed that any additions of suggestions will be added to the list and will be sent out to the public and will be discussed and voted on at the Board's October meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Sonia Moise requested an update on term limits for board members as well as information on the road work being done on Rockaway Beach Blvd. from Beach 38 Street to Beach 32 Street. The road work is without prior notice and cars are all over the streets avoiding the work.
- Al Moore requested NYPD or Traffic Enforcement to summons parked cars along Beach 21 Street between Mott Avenue and Cornaga Avenue.
- Lou Caucig expressed that the ACOE is doing a great job with the goins and requested that they come to the board to give an updated presentation. John Cori requested that an update on the dunes be included and the Chair expressed that beach replenishment should be included.
- John Cori made the motion for the board to send a letter requesting the removal of the bike lane on Beach 20 Street between Mott Avenue and Cornaga Avenue and the creation of loading and unloading on the eastside of the street. Nancy Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried in favor of the motion.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Dunning