

**COMMUNITY BOARD #14  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

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

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**PRESENT**

Audrey Amsterdam-Handy, Khaleel Anderson, Louis Caucig John Cori, Tamara Jacobs, Felicia Johnson, Paul King, Annette Lord-Cohen, Nancy Martinez, John McCambridge, Sonia Moise, Helen Montero, Daniel Mundy, Ellen O'Reilly, Dolores Orr, Dr. Harold Paez, Isaac Parsee, Edward Pastore Sr, Linda Plummer, Karen Sloan-Payne, Chris Tedesco, Michael Tubridy, Wanda Warden, Tyrone Worsley

**ABSENT**

Stephen Cooper, Dr. Gerald David, Mordechai Dicker, Ahmad Edwards, Temina Feldman, Betty Leon, Denise Lopestri-Neibel, Ife Maijeh, Desiree Maple, Rosalyn Mason, Al Moore, Alicia Mazyck, Eugene Pasternak, Dr. Eli Shapiro, Jose Velez, Edwin Williams

**GUESTS**

Assemblywoman Stacey Amato Pheffer, Tavia Blakley – Rep.  
Assemblywoman Michele Titus, Dekendra Dazzell - Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr., Robby Schwach – Rep. City Councilman Eric Ulrich, Dan Brown – Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Michael Matteo – Rep. Assemblywoman Stacey Amato – Pheffer, Ryan Day – Rep. JFK Redevelopment

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:25pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter dated November 6, 2019 was sent to Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner of NYC Dept. of Transportation from Community Board #14. The letter stated that recently DOT narrowed Rockaway Beach Blvd. from Beach 73<sup>rd</sup> St to Beach 62<sup>nd</sup> St to one lane in the east bound direction and created a bus lane. The action is contrary to the agreement the Board had with NYC regarding the closure of traffic under the Freeway. The closure was conditional, requiring the creation of TWO lanes of traffic on Rockaway Beach Blvd to replace the eliminated traffic lanes on the Freeway. Therefore the Board is demanding the bus lane be eliminated and the travel lane be restored immediately.

Letter dated November 6, 2019 was sent to Mayor De Blasio from Community Board #14. Letter requested that a magnet middle/high school be located on the east end of the peninsula. Additionally, the Board strongly believes that two new schools are needed because of the construction of over

4,000 new affordable units in zip codes 11691 and 11692 to accommodate at least 1,000 relocated students.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair thanked all the Veterans for their dedicated service. Also, thanks everyone that voted in favor of changing Item# 5 in the City Charter to allow Community Boards 90 days to review ULURP's instead when the ULURP clock occurs during the summer recess.

The Chair informed everyone that the Governor announced that National Grid was non-compliant with the directive of insufficient data to explain why not providing gas to 1100 customers and to restore the gas service or risk losing their license.

The Chair reminded Board members that according to the By-Laws every two years at the November meeting the Chair appoints members to a Nominating Committee for nominations of the executive board positions. The Nominating Committee announces the nominations at the December meeting and that nominations will be taken from the floor at the December board meeting. Voting for the executive board positions will take place at the January 2020 board meeting. Following are the members of the Nominating Committee:

Jose Velez -Chair  
Louis Caucig  
Annette Lord-Cohen  
Linda Plummer  
Dr. Gerald David  
Wanda Worden

### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

District Manager, Jonathan Gaska announced that board member Steve Cooper is in the hospital and wish him a speedy recovery. Also, City Councilman Donovan Richards will have a street re-naming for Barbara Smith, who was the President of the Deerfield Association. The renaming will take place on Saturday – Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00am at the the corner of Deerfield Road and Beach 25 Street.

The office received a notification from Radison Development announcing As of Right construction/development of 2 buildings consisting of 253 affordable housing units on Cornaga Avenue between Beach 20 street and Beach 19 Street.

## **MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2019**

The Chair went to the Board for approval of the October 23, 2019 minutes. Khaleel Anderson stated he believes that a correction needs to be made under the Executive Board Vacancy – Vote. He believes the correct tally is: Betty Leon - 18 votes & Khaleel Anderson - 11 votes.

Harold Paez requested a correction at the end of the Youth Services and Education Committee report referencing that the committee made a motion for the Board to send letters to elected officials requesting funding for 2 new magnet middle/high schools on the east end of the Peninsula.

Dolores Orr, Chair advised that passage of the October minutes would be held until, Jonathan Gaska reviews the tally sheet on the Executive Board Vacancy.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:** The Chair opened the floor for public speaking at 7:51pm. 11 people signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking 8:12pm.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

### **ASSEMBLYWOMAN STACEY PHEFFER-AMATO**

Assemblywoman Pheffer-Amato advised that the on reactivation of the Old Rockaway Rail Line states that \$10 Billion dollars will be. However it is feasible and needs to be done because sufficient transportation is needed for the peninsula even more now that over 4,000 new housing units will be added to the peninsula.

## **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

### **PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY**

#### **External Affairs & Community Outreach Team**

#### **Re: Update on JFK Redevelopment Program**

Mrs. Valentine and Mr. Daly informed everyone that they are the Community Outreach Team for the JFK Redevelopment. The outreach is being conducted to ensure the \$13 million dollars in contracts will come to communities that are directly impacted by the redevelopment

and hopefully the residents/business in the impacted communities will benefit from the contracts.

The construction has not started yet and therefore community input is needed. Construction should begin in the Year 2020 and completed in the Year 2025. Direct input/concerns and suggestions can be taken by using the website: newjfk.com. The deadline to input suggestions is December 31, 2019.

They have been working with local elected officials and non- profits in the affected communities to gather support and suggestions at the JFK Redevelopment Community Information Center.

There will be an open house on Thursday, November 21, 2019, 4pm to 8pm at the JFK Redevelopment Community Information Center located at 144-33 Jamaica Avenue NY 11435. All are invited to attend to learn more about potential community initiatives.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

John Cori made a motion for the Board to send a letter to the developers of Edgemere Commons requesting a detailed list along with quarterly updates on the \$3 million dollars that will be dedicated to the development of a community center for Edgemere Commons. The motion was seconded by Michael Tubridy. The motion passed with a hand vote in favor of the motion with 2 opposed and 2 abstained.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: M. Dunning