

**COMMUNITY BOARD #14  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

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

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**PRESENT**

Mark Anaya, Lailah Boyd, Louis Caucig, John Cori, Dr. Gerald David, Paul King, Betty Leon, Denise Lopresti, Nancy Martinez, John McCambridge, Sonia Moise, Dolores Orr, Dr. Harold Paez, Vernell Robinson, Karen Sloan-Payne, Chris Tedesco

**ABSENT**

Audrey Amsterdam-Handy, Giselle Carter, Natasha Carter, Eric Diaz, Rose Marie Duggan-Gulston, Jack Epter, Temina Feldman, Menashe Friedman, Jaden Gaab, Eugenia Gibson, Yitzchok Goldstone, Avionne Gumbs-Cummings, Randy Hall, D. Brian Heffernan, Felicia Johnson, Brian Kelly, Maggie Larkins, Caren Lee, , Luquan Lloyd, Annette Lord-Cohen, Rosalyn Mason, Isa Mitchell, Helen Montero, Al Moore, Daniel Mundy David Rood-Ojalvo, David Shelborne, Jose Velez, Wanda Warden, Lisa Williams

**GUESTS**

Ludy Thenor – Rep. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Ciara Donely and Margret Powers – Rep. City Council Member Joanne Ariola, Kathy Burgie – Rep. Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer-Amato,

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CORRESPONDANCE WAS READ AS FOLLOWS:**

Letter dated January 28, 2023 was sent to Mr. Fraser, Chief Technology Officer of NYC Office of Technology and Innovation from Community Board #14. Letter opposed the placement of a tower in front of 112-10 Beach Channel Drive and near or in front of residential, house of worship or mixed use commercial/residential locations.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

All the board members would have been invited to a housing webnair on January 31, 2023 and was also invited to a meeting with the Chief of Patrol regarding quality of life issues from both precincts in the district. Smoke shops on Cornaga Avenue and close to Far Rockaway High School will be focused on.

Army Corp of Engineers will be at the YMCA for a 2 hour presentation which is set for 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 8:00pm and a link on web ex will also be provided to discuss the plan for Jamaica Bay.

## **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**

Jonathan Gaska, District Manager reported that the concrete barriers around the new far rockaway library has been removed. As a reminder for the community mosquito season is approaching and please contact the office with any locations that have standing water and vacant lots that have debris.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

### **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JOANE ARIOLA**

Gave an update on the following:

- holding meetings with RBCA to stay on top of issues involving the Army Corp of Engineers to make sure community issues are being addressed.
- Neponsit Nursing Home demolition is set for next month and should be finished before the end of the season. Community discussions will be held to make sure there are no privacy issues. The only new structure on the property will be a new lifeguard facility and park land.
- Efforts were made to start a Beach 116 Street Merchant Association and meeting were held to discuss issues to clean up the area and efforts were made to reach out to sanitation to make arrangements for cleaning up the area. Including certain chronic dumping locations in the district.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:** The Chair opened the floor for public speaking. 12 people signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. Public speaking was closed.

## **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

### **NYC DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION-Re: New Residential trash setout time taking effect April 1, 2023**

Mr. Joseph Ottomanelli representing NYC Department of Sanitation, Bureau of Community Affairs gave the following update to inform the community about new residential trash setout time that is taking effect on April 1, 2023 which includes the following updates:

#### **Waste Setout Times Will Change on April 1, 2023**

As of April 1, 2023, the City of New York is taking steps to reduce the piles of bags on the curb by changing the waste setout times. New rules for setting out trash, recycling, and curbside composting go into effect on April 1, 2023. Below is a summary of those rules and how they will impact residences and businesses.

**Residential Rules -** Residential buildings have three options (one of which requires an opt-in by buildings in the month of January):

- Place trash out after 6:00 PM in a container with a secure lid,
- Place trash out after 8:00 PM if putting bags directly on the curb, or if a

building has nine or more residential units, the property owner may opt into a 4:00 – 7:00 AM set-out window instead. **PLEASE NOTE:** The opt-in period runs each year for the month of January, which allows DSNY to design quick and efficient routes that take effect on April 1 each year ([nyc.gov/multiunitsetout](http://nyc.gov/multiunitsetout)).

### **Commercial Rules**

Businesses that place the waste at the curb\* for collection have two options:  
- if using a container with a secure lid, place the waste at the curb 1 hour before closing, or

- If putting bags directly on the curb, place waste out after 8:00 PM *Bundled cardboard may go next to the containers or bags*

\* This does not apply to businesses that have waste collected from a loading dock.

For both residential properties and businesses, setting out too early could result in fines of \$50 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$200 for third and subsequent offenses within a 12-month period. There will not be a grace period or warning period—enforcement begins April 1, 2023.

### **Spread the Word**

We are in the process of presenting to every community board, making ourselves available for conversation with all community organizations who ask, and running a comprehensive ad campaign to ensure all New Yorkers know this change is coming. Please help us spread the word even more – share the attached flyers and social media graphics with your constituents. Here is the language you can share on social media:

Setout times for trash, recycling, and composting are changing on April 1<sup>st</sup> to help keep our streets clean! Learn more at [nyc.gov/SetoutTimes](http://nyc.gov/SetoutTimes)

### **GATEWAY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE – Re: Gateway National Recreation area update**

Jen Nersesian, Superintendent of Gateway National Park Service gave an update which includes the following:

#### **Jacob Riis Park updates**

Ranger programs and events, Bathhouse lease, Sand placement, Parking lot and fee collection, Boardwalk rehabilitation, Playgrounds and Shade

#### **Work Completed in 2022**

Refurbished 38 historic art deco light poles along boardwalk, NYC Plover Project: 50 volunteers made over 7,500 visitor contacts and won the Hartzog Award for efforts

#### **Bathhouse Leasing Update**

Lease signed with CBSK and Brooklyn Bazaar in October 2022, NTP issued in January; construction underway, Expected \$50 million investment, Rehab

to include retail, 28 hotel rooms, pool, dining, event spaces, as well as relocated lifeguard station at Bay 9.

For more details please visit the website which is [www.nps.gov/gate](http://www.nps.gov/gate) and also on social media at GatewayNPS – Facebook, Instagram and twitter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: M. Dunning