

## **BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD #7**

**MAY 18, 2016**

Mr. Zuniga, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair introduced Assemblyman Abbate. The Assemblyman reported he has been in Albany working on several bills. He stated he has voted on a 3 year Mayoral Control. Assemblyman Abbate commented they have been trying to pass the Equal Pay & Equal Work Bill. He announced he is also trying to pass bills to help victims of human trafficking. He spoke about the meeting he will be having with DOT to discuss lighting under the Gowanus.

P.O. Spencer from 72<sup>nd</sup> Pct. reported the Pct. is 2 days into the food vending enforcement. The enforcement is being done along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 44<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> Streets. They have issued 11 ECB summonses and have also vouchered several bags of perishable goods. He commented that the Pct. has received 13 recruits from the academy. They will be in the community for several weeks and will return to the academy for graduation, then be assigned. P.O. Spencer commented that the Pct. has developed a good relationship with the new Sanitation Supt.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mr. Sum from Councilman Menchaca's office spoke about several projects the councilman is working on: schools, bus stations and the library. He also stated that they are looking forward to talking about future funding.

Mr. Martinez from Assemblyman Ortiz's office reported that the Assemblyman met with SCA to discuss future schools in Sunset Park. He commented that the assemblyman has asked DOT to conduct a survey on the traffic lane issues as he is not happy with what is being presented. Mr. Martinez was asked what type of school the Assemblyman envisions. Mr. Martinez stated that SCA is looking for an elementary school.

Ms. Granshaw from Borough President Adam's office reported that she has made available their newsletter. The newsletter speaks about several events the Borough President will be hosting. She announced that the Borough President is providing free legal advice. Ms. Granshaw thanked the Community Board for participating in the "Adopt a Storm Drain" Program. She reported that they will be having a "Know Your Rights Forum" on 5/24/16 from 6-8pm at the Sunset Park High School. There will be multi language people at this forum who will speak about fair housing rights.

Mr. Laufer inquired about reappointments. Ms. Granshaw stated that notices should be going out by the end of the month.

Mr. Jonas from Senator Montgomery's office spoke about legislation that Senator Montgomery has introduced to the Senate. He read a statement from the Senator regarding preserving cultural institutions; in particular, public libraries and how upset she is on how they're being

closed. Mr. Jonas stated that Senator Montgomery has introduced legislation bill SB23A. Mr. Jonas also stated that the Senator is advocating for further funding for the libraries.

Mr. Ying from the District Attorney's office reported that the D.A.'s office has launched a Young Adult Court. Any young person from the ages of 16-24 who are charged with a misdemeanor will be tried in this court. They will be offered counseling and social services. He commented that brought their Quarterly Newsletter. Mr. Ying gave an update concerning the seizing of the hotel located on 39<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Zuniga, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair opened the meeting.

Mr. Laufer amended the agenda to add the Membership & Attendance Committee under committee reports.

Ms. Ruiz made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Ms. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Ms. Ruiz made a motion to adopt the minutes. Ms. Botti seconded the motion.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership & Attendance**

Ms. DeSapio reported the committee met that evening to review the attendance of Mr. O'Donnell and Ms. Magidson. She stated that both members have informed the board they will be sending in their resignation letters, therefore, the committee will not be taking a position. Ms. DeSapio stated if the committee does not receive their resignation by next month the committee will than remove them.

Mr. Laufer was asked how many board members the board currently has. Mr. Laufer stated 43.

**Transportation** - TABLED

**Economic Development** – TABLED

**Executive** – TABLED

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Laufer reported he participated in a meeting with CEC15 & ACA to discuss school sites and locations within the community. He stated that there were conversations about having schools on the West side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He announced that there will be a Town Hall Meeting with

Councilman Menchaca, CEC1 and other agencies to hear from the community and determine if they are willing to cross their children on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to attend a school on the West side.

Mr. Laufer stated the Transportation Committee will be giving a report regarding BQX which is the proposed rail system (Brooklyn Queens Express) – the Mayor’s proposed street car. It is slated to run along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. EDC will be having a proposed workshop in June.

Mr. Laufer reported that on 6/12/16 there will be a Sunset Park Puerto Rican Day Parade which will run from 5-8pm. He also reported that our building was used on 5/5/16 by a Belgian Film. A \$1,000 donation was made to the Community Board. CB7’s Fiscal Conduit will use the funds to assist with translation service at future meetings.

Mr. Laufer gave a brief update on the sink hole at 64<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Estrada stated that the businesses and residents on this block have suffered. He also commented that they are seeing progress.

Mr. Laufer announced that CB7 has opened the board room to not for profit organizations, free of charge. Over the past few weeks several organizations have utilized the room.

There were 6 liquor license renewals for the month of May. The Comp Stats were made available on the back table. Mr. Laufer also reported that the major categories have gone up by 25%.

## **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – TABLED**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Perlmutter commented that the MTA has proposed to run express trains once again from Jay Street to Coney Island. She listed the stops that will be bypassed. She mentioned that the community board and elected officials were not informed about this change.

Mr. T. Murphy enquired when will the Economic Development Committee meet. Mr. Laufer stated they had already met on 5/4/16 and everyone was invited.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Ruiz announced that Boricua Festival - Salsa at the Waterfront will be held on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-7pm. She stated that all community based organizations or vendors wishing to participate can reach her at [patruiz2013@gmail.com](mailto:patruiz2013@gmail.com). She encouraged everyone to attend the festival.

Mr. Estrada commented that there is a newly formed Workforce One center at the Brooklyn Army Terminal located in the ground floor of Building E; this center is for job seekers in Sunset Park. He stated the center is powered by SWBDIC. He reported that the South entrance to the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal is fully capital funded, engineered, and in the planning stages for construction.

Mr. T. Murphy stated NYU has issued their quarterly report which focuses on gentrification. They came up with statistics on all community areas. He spoke further on how they determined their statistics. He also commented about where our community falls and the housing overcrowding in the neighborhood.

Ms. Rocca commented that there have been complaints from constituents regarding the parking at Sunset Park by the construction crew and the high speeds of drivers near the park. She requested if anyone sees this to please call 311.

Mr. Nieves spoke about the housing issues in Sunset Park and the affordable housing projects that want to come into Sunset Park. He stated that the community needs low income housing and how people are being displaced. Mr. Nieves urged everyone to oppose the proposed affordable housing at the library.

Ms. DeSapio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Botti seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Ruiz  
Secretary