



COMMUNITY
BOARD #14

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018

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

PRESENT

Khalil Anderson, Edward Benson, Courtney Brown, Glenn Collins, Annette Lord-Cohen, Stephen Cooper, John Cori, Ahmed Edwards, Noreen Ellis, Temina Feldman, D. Brian Heffernan, Henry Iori, Felicia Johnson, Joel Kaplan, Peter Larkin, Betty Leon, John McCambridge, Al Moore, Denise Lopetri-Neibel, Dolores Orr, Eugene Pasternak, Edward Pasture Sr., Karen Sloan-Payne, Harvey Rudnick, Sender Schwartz, Dr. Eli Shapiro, Chris Tedesco, Thomas Tobin, Michael Tubridy, Jose Velez

ABSENT

Shalom Becker, Louis Cauca, Dr. Gerald David, Mordechai Dicker, Patricia Gillespie, Martin Ingram, Desiree Maple, Milan Taylor, Sonia Moise, Daniel Mundy, Ellen O'Reilly, Isaac Parsee, Daniel Ruscillo Jr., Carole Trachtenberg, Edwin Williams, Rachel Williams

GUESTS

City Councilman Donovan Richards, Dan Brown - Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Ciara Donley - Rep. City Councilman Eric Ulrich, Sandee Doremus - Rep. State Senator Joseph Addabbo Jr., Danny Randell - Rep. Assemblywoman Stacy Pheffer-Amato, Betsy Millard - Rep. Congressman Gregory Meeks, Felix Oumnsi - Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr., Democratic District Leader Lew Simon,

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:29 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reported that a 120 feet high cell tower was installed on a city street (Rockaway Beach Drive) between Beach 108 & Beach 109 Street. Work was done over a weekend at the end of December. The permit was for a trailer cell tower and therefore this structure is in violation of the DOB permit and has negatively impacted the businesses and residents because there is no parking when there used to be parking on both sides of the street. Now because of this obstruction only one car can make it down the street. DOT's Legal department will be issuing violations every day the tower stays in the ground and their Law Department will work to remedy the situation.

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REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager, Jonathan Gaska reported at Beach 80 street by the freeway which is the location where the marina site is supposed to be constructed as part of the ABTS project there was a sign that said airport parking. During the summer this location was a flea market. Mr. Gaska explained that he reach out to EDC and they were not aware of this parcel of NYC property being leased to anyone. EDC's investigation uncovered that in the individual running the airport parking operation was leasing the site from another individual for \$30,000.00 a month. The city's law department will evict all parties from the site and take appropriate legal action.

GUEST SPEAKERS

1. City Councilman Donovan Richards

Councilman Richards informed everyone that he is working on the following:

- Establishing downtown Far Rockaway as a Business Improvement District.
- Creating an advisory board that will make sure that the projects will continue and keep the community updated even when he is no longer in office.
- Secured \$50,000 for cultural arts programs in the community. RDRC will assist and workshops will be held to make sure the community groups involved.
- \$77 million secured for infrastructure in the district to support new housing development and \$59million of that \$77 million will be for storm sewers and catch basins..
- \$22 million for improvements of the central plaza of Far Rockaway which will consist of real time displays.
- The district will be included in the Zombie Home program and the car share pilot program.
- \$150,000 secured for violence prevention for Rock Safe Streets, youth job training and gang prevention initiatives.

2. NYC DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mr. Fresbre, Director of Community Partnership and Engagement for NYC Department of Corrections announced that the department is currently conducting community outreach to announce that the department is hiring. The application process for corrections is currently open until January 31, 2018.

The starting salary is \$45,000 and after 5 years \$94,000. In addition there are other non-law enforcement positions available at DOC such as Legal Coordinator and Engineers are also available starting at \$45,000.

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2017

The Chair went to the board for a motion to accept the minutes. Karen Sloan-Payne stated that a correction has to be made on page 2 under informational presentation, the motion for the vote should state 15 YES, 9 NO and 2 ABSTAINED. Dan Mundy made the motion to accept the minutes with the stated correction. The motion was seconded by Annette Lord-Cohen. The motion carried.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chair opened the floor for public speaking at 7:47pm. 10 people signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PARKS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jose Velez Co-Chair of the committee reported that a meeting was held on December 18, 2017. First agenda was a presentation from the Parks Department regarding an update on the Beach Erosion Study. Deputy Commissioner Kavanaugh explained that the study is on the amount of sand lost since the 2014 beach replenishment done by the Army Corp of Engineers, how much sand remains and the rate of erosion. The study focus on Beach 90 Street to Beach 102 Street and Beach 139 Street to Beach 149 Street since these are the areas with long standing erosion history.

The second agenda item discussed was the presentation from the MTA regarding the Sandy Resiliency Project to protect the MTA's electrical facility located adjacent to the dog park at Beach 80 Street and Beach Channel Drive. The facility includes the signal tower, substation that provides power to the third rail, equipment storage building and the compressor room that provides the ability to control the switches that move the trains from one track to another.

The project consists of the construction of a flood wall that would provide protection from a category 2 hurricane and a 3 foot high flood. The compressor room would be relocated because currently it is outside.

The construction impact requires the removal and replacement of 6 trees and a construction fence would be erected as not to disturb the dog park. The project will take 16 months to complete, the section adjacent to dog park would take 30 days. There was discussion of the possible service disruptions and the board demanded a follow up meeting to further discuss the plans as they are developed.

2. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Betty Leon, Chair of the committee reported that in December according to Article VI Nomination and Election of Officers the Nominating Committee presented the slate of Officers as follows:

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| Chair | Dolores Orr |
| 1 st Vice Chair | Aldean Moore |
| 2 nd Vice Chair | Dan Mundy |
| 3 rd Vice Chair | Martin Ingram |
| 4 th Vice Chair | Felicia Johnson |

The Chair explained that customarily the secretary would cast the vote to accept the slate of officers. Isaac Parsee called to advise he was not well and unable to attend the meeting tonight. Therefore, the Chair requested that Betty Leon, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, cast the vote to accept the officers. The Chair asked if there was any objection from any of the board members, if so the vote would be postponed to the next board meeting. There being no objection from the members, Betty Leon cast the vote to accept the slate of officers for the next 2 years.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By: Mary Dunning