PRESENT

Audrey Amsterdam-Handy, Mark Anaya, Lailah Boyd, Louis Caucig, John Cori, Menashe Friedman, Yitzchok Goldstone, Avionne Gumbs-Cummimngs, D. Brian Heffernan, Felicia Johnson, Paul King, Betty Leon, Nancy Martinez, Rosalyn Mason, John McCambridge, Helen Montero, Dolores Orr, Dr. Harold Paez, David Rood-Ojalvo, David Shelborne, Karen Sloan–Payne Chris Tedesco, Wanda Warden, Lisa Williams

ABSENT

Yaakov Berger, Giselle Carter, Natasha Carter, Dr. Gerald David, Eric Diaz, Rose Marie Duggan-Gulston, Jack Epter, Temina Feldman, Jaden Gaab, Eugenia Gibson, Randy Hall, Brian Kelly, Maggie Larkin, Caren Lee, Luquan Lloyd, Denise Lopresti, Annette Lord-Cohen, Evelyn Miller-Stuber, Isa Mitchell, Sonia Moise, Al Moore, Daniel Mundy, Vernell Robinson, Jose Velez

GUESTS

Jason Greenberg - Rep. Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer-Amato; Joseph Edwards - Rep. Congressman Gregory Meeks; AnnMarie Costella - Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr; Ciara Donley - Rep. City Council Member Joann Ariola; Bridgette Ingraham-Roberts-Rep. NYC Health & Hospitals/South Brooklyn, NYC Police Officers Cadet and Jagja-Rep. Transit District#23

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

A quorum is not present.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS READ AS FOLLOWS:

Letters dated October 28, 2022, from Michael Dockett, Queens Borough Commissioner of NYC Parks & Recreation to CB#14. Letter expressed after 38 years of service his last day with the Parks Department is on Friday, October 28, 2022. Jacqueline Langsam, Chief of Operations will be acting Queens Borough Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair stated that at the last board meeting there was discussion regarding the Queens Link and now perhaps it is time for CB#14 to send letters to elected officials and the MTA expressing the board's position on the issue. As a suggestion the issue can be discussed during Old/New Business.

At the last board meeting the developers for Arverne East announced that they would only be expanding/widening Edgemere Avenue 6 blocks instead of 24 blocks. Therefore the board should discuss this issues also and send a letter to elected and others regarding the board's previous vote as in not to support the upzoning portion Arverne East project unless the expansion /widening of Edgemere Avenue was agreed to be done.

Office of Emergency Management representatives were present at the 10 year anniversary of Super Storm Sandy at the YMCA last month and along with other board members that were in attendance the topic of evacuation routes was discussed. Please note that OEM was asked to attend previous board meetings and was requested to have updates on Rockaway evacuation plan that includes updated direction signs and consideration the A Train is mostly elevated. In addition OEM was asked to provide the peninsula with evacuation bus stops similar to what they have in New Orleans. OEM has been asked to attend a CB14 meeting to present their evacuation plan. Still waiting for a date from OEM.

It was a great honor to attend the street co-naming for long time board member Steve Cooper who passed away during COVID. For many years he was the only voice for the Edgemere area. At the event many people spoke about his efforts in the community.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Jonathan Gaska, District Manager reported that there is an upcoming Park and Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss the construction of a new parks maintenance garage at same location as the old one.

The board received a ULURP package regarding 2546 Far Rockaway Blvd. The Land-Use Committee met months ago to discuss the issue and now it has been certified, which means that the board has 60 days to review and vote on the ULURP which would have to be voted on at the board's January 2023 meeting. The ULURP involves the proposal to build a five story market rate residential building.

Attended October press conference at Beach 51 Street and Beach Channel Drive along with City Council member Selvena Brooks-Powers, Mayor Adams, State Senator James Sanders Jr., Assembly members Anderson and Pheffer-Amato along with many other elected officials and residents to advocate for the creation of a Health Care Task Force to bring awareness for the need of a trauma center. Mayor Adams committed to funding a study for the need for a trauma center. There was no actual talk to build a trauma center but to bring awareness is a start. Members of the task force will include CB#14, local elected officials, all the local civic /block associations,

Arverne East developers, new developers of the old Peninsula Hospital site, Health & Hospitals, and others that wish to advocate for need for additional medical facilities since St. John's Hospital is the only hospital on the Peninsula.

100 POLICE PRECINCT/ TRANSIT DISTRICT # 23

Deputy Inspector Fabera reported that for the 28 day period major crime is up 36 compared to last year which was 27, there were no murders or rapes. All should be aware that the current trend now and is what the precinct is focusing on is an increase in catalytic converters and auto thefts.

In addition as an update on transit safety, efforts have been to make sure that at least two officers are on the platforms and on trains during times of the highest ridership and additional NYC Police Officers are assisting with the efforts as in to cover midnight shifts and 4-12 shifts as well as the last stop locations at Beach 116 Street and Mott Avenue to clear the trains of homeless by offering EMS Services and social services that are waiting on the street to assist the homeless if needed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

CONGRESSMAN GREGORY MEEKS

Joseph Edwards reported that the 2023 Nominations process for potential candidates wishing to attend a U.S Military Service Academy is currently underway for the class of 2027. Submission of Nomination Packets are due on November 17, 2022, at the close of business day. If you know of a high school senior wishing to pursue a career in the Military, please have he/she contact Congressman Meeks office at (347) 230-4032.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER STACEY PHEFFER-AMATO

On behalf of Assembly Member Amato; Gregory Slade presented Community Board #14 with a State Proclamation for outstanding dedicated community service during Super Storm Sandy.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN ARIOLA

Ciara Donley reported that Council Member Ariola is working on forming a merchant association for the businesses along Beach 116 Street. The association will allow the merchants to act as to improve the commercial street. Council member Ariola is also working a having a food drive beginning November 23, 2022 in conjunction with St. Rosa Lima Church's food pantry. The food pantry there is low and all are welcome to give food to the pantry.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SELENA BROOKS-POWERS

Council Member Brooks- Powers gave an update on pending legislation and bills she imitated so far the year and gave an update on the Trauma Center Task Force.

<u>PUBLIC SPEAKIG</u>: The Chair opened the floor for public speaking. 14 individuals signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. Public speaking was closed.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

<u>Ruth Bader Ginsberg Hospital, Brooklyn – Re: update on new services:</u> <u>Presentation was already email out to board members and the public.</u>

Bridgette Ingraham-Roberts, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Public Affairs for NYC Health & Hospitals/Coney Island reported that back in July 2021 there was a press release from NYC Health + Hospitals announcing a milestone in its transformation of the future health care campus on the current grounds of NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island.

The new health care complex, expected to open in 2022, will be renamed to reflect the comprehensive inpatient, surgical, outpatient and specialty services available on the campus and its essential role as the closest hospital to nearly 875,000 New Yorkers in the South Brooklyn community. The new 11-story hospital building and the existing tower building within the renovated campus will be jointly named after United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a figure who espoused truth, equality and justice. The new campus name, NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health, and the new hospital name, the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Hospital, were approved July 29 by the NYC Health + Hospitals Board of Directors, and will become effective summer 2022 when the new building opens.

The redesigned campus will include a new elevated Emergency Department, state of the art operating rooms including robotic surgery, single bedded inpatient beds, a number of modern specialty care — endoscopy and interventional radiology and cardiology services, new entrances from Ocean Parkway, a new flood wall, improved parking for patients and staff, and much more. The redevelopment is part of a major \$922.7 million hospital campus renovation funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to demolish, replace and repair flood damaged buildings from Superstorm Sandy.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Tedesco requested an update on parking under Rockaway Freeway.
- Mrs. Carter requested all to sign her online petition for Rockaway to have a trauma center.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourned meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By: M. Dunning