



COMMUNITY  
BOARD #14

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2017

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

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**PRESENT**

Khaleel Anderson, Shalom Becker, Edward Benson, Courtney Brown, Louis Caucig, John Cori, Dr. Gerald David, Ahmed Edwards, Noreen Ellis, Temina Feldman, Patricia Gillespie D. Brian Heffernan, Martin Ingram, Henry Iori, Felicia Johnson, Betty Leon, Peter Larkin, Denise Lopresti-Neibel, Desiree Maple John McCambridge, Aldean Moore, Daniel Mundy, Ellen O'Reilly, Dolores Orr, Isaac Parsee, Edward Pastore Sr, Karen Sloan-Payne, Harvey Rudnick; Daniel Ruscillo Jr., Manuel Silva, Chris Tesdesco, Michael Tubridy, Carole Tractenberg, Edwin Williams, Jose Velez, Rachel Williams

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**ABSENT**

Glenn Collins, Annette Lord-Cohen, Stephen Cooper, Mordechai Dicker, Joel Kaplan, Sonia Moise, Isaac Parsee, Eugene Pasternak, Isaac Parsee, Sender Schwartz, Dr. Eli Shapiro, Thomas Tobin,

DOLORES ORR  
Chairperson

**GUESTS**

Devaney Brown – Rep. City Councilman Donovan Richards, Dan Brown – Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Ciara Donley – Rep. City Councilman Eric Ulrich

JONATHAN GASKA  
District Manager

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:17 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report of the Chair**

The Chair advised everyone that the Community Board is aware and have had conversations with the local Parks Dept. regarding the lack of garbage cans on the beach in addition to the 120 benches that they were also supposed to replace on the boardwalk. Parks Dept. was asked months in advance to be prepared for an increase in beach visitors. EDC was also asked months ago to have additional larger ferries for the summer, which they didn't and now some ferry riders have to take other transportation to get home from Manhattan. The Board asked EDC for the arrival date of the 2 additional ferries, a list of every scheduled vessel over capacity; which should include the date, time, which direction with the number of passengers left on the dock; was another ferry available; etc. Both agencies were notified to do a better job.

**Report of the District Manager**

Jonathan Gaska, District Manager advised all to contact the district office with locations of standing water that could breed mosquitos.

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**Minutes from June 13, 2017**

Martin Ingram made the motion for the Board to accept the minutes as written. Betty Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried. 1 abstained.



**Public Speaking** – The Chair opened the floor for public speaking at 8:50 pm. Eleven people signed up to speak. They were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking at 9:19 pm.

## **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Dept. of City Planning- Re: Update on flood resiliency zoning text amendment.**

Melissa Herlitz representing NYC Dept. of City Planning updated the board on the department's past and current work on flood resiliency zoning. The 2013 flood resilience text is set to expire after the new flood maps are adopted. The Department wants to make the text amendment changes permeant through the ULURP process due to the last few years of retro fitting and reconstructing buildings in the flood zone.

The Flood Resilience Zoning Text is one part of a wide range of efforts by the City to recover from Hurricane Sandy, promote rebuilding and increase the city's resilience to climate related events including coastal flooding and storm surge. The Department is still open for suggestions and is willing to attend civic and community meetings to get input to later on develop a proposal to be ULURP. More information about Flood Resilience Zoning Texts can be located at [www.nyc.gov/floodtext](http://www.nyc.gov/floodtext).

### **2. NYC Dept. of Transportation-Re: Car Share Program**

Lauren McNeil, representing DOT announced the implementation of a Car Share Pilot Zone in eastern Rockaway. Carsharing is an element of shared use mobility that provides reliable access to a car without having to worry about annual car insurance and maintenance bills. Members of the program are provided access to an automobile for short term use and the cost includes gas and insurance.

DOT identified 21 locations on unmetered corners with at least one car share parking location. Based on community feedback DOT would site 9 locations which is 18 spaces for the pilot program. Data for eastern Rockaway shows that more than 43% of the households commute by transit, more than 45% of the households do not have access to a vehicle and residents earn less than both the citywide and borough median income.

The program was signed into law on March 21, 2017 by the City Council and would start in the fall of 2017 with the placement of new curbside regulation and multilingual pedestrian signs. The signs would also have "Others No Standing Anytime". NYPD would be allowed to ticket and tow illegally parked cars at Car Share Parking Only locations.

## **Committee Report**

### **Land-Use Committee**

Al Moore Co-Chair of the committee reported that the first agenda item for discussion was BSA#10117BZ regarding 104-06 Rockaway Beach Blvd. for the continued/renewal of the physical cultural/gymnasium.



**Public Participation** – The Chair opened the floor for public participation for BSA#10117BZ regarding 104-06 Rockaway Beach Blvd. One person signed up to speak. He was recognized and heard. The Chair closed public participation.

Noreen Ellis made the motion for the board to support BSA#10117BZ regarding 104-06 Rockaway Beach Blvd. for the continued/renewal of the physical cultural/gymnasium. The motion was seconded by Louis Caucig. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 26 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINED and 1 RECUSED.

The second agenda item for discussion was for ULURP#C170351PCQ regarding Engine 268/Ladder 137 relocation site acquisition for moving the fire house located on Beach 116 Street to 257 Beach Channel Drive.

**Public Participation** – The Chair opened the floor for public participation for ULURP#C170351PCQ regarding Engine 268/Ladder 137 relocation site acquisition. Four people signed up to speak. They were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public participation.

John Cori made the motion for the Board to oppose ULURP#C170351PCQ regarding Engine 268/Ladder 137 relocation site acquisition for moving fire house located on Beach 116 Street to 257 Beach Channel Drive because it's very close to the bay and a new fire house should be resilient and not at a location where it has to be evacuated in case of a storm. The motion was second by Michael Tubridy. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 20 YES, 5 NO, 1 ABSTAINED and 1 RECUSED.

The third agenda item for discussion was BSA#201710BZ regarding 34-11 Beach Channel Drive requesting a special permit to reduce the amount of required parking for a proposed ambulatory facility to 33 instead of 51 parking spaces.

**Public Participation** – The Chair opened the floor for public participation for BSA#201710BZ - regarding 34-11 Beach Channel Drive requesting a special permit to reduce the amount of required parking. One person signed up to speak. He was recognized and heard. The Chair closed public participation.

Patricia Gillespie made the motion for the Board to oppose BSA#201710BZ regarding 34-11 Beach Channel Drive requesting a special permit to reduce the amount of required parking for a proposed ambulatory facility to reduce 51 parking spaces to 33 because tenants, workers, Access-A-Ride and other transportation vehicles should have adequate parking. Betty Leon seconded the motion. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 24 YES, 1 NO and 0 ABSTAINED.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: M. Dunning