



COMMUNITY
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2017

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

PRESENT

Khaleel Anderson, Edward Benson, Courtney Brown, Glenn Collins, Louis Caucig, Stephen Cooper, John Cori, Dr. Gerald David, Mordechai Dicker, Ahmed Edwards, Noreen Ellis, Temina Feldman, Patricia Gillespie, D. Brian Heffernan, Martin Ingram, Henry Iori, Felicia Johnson, Joel Kaplan, Betty Leon, John McCambridge, Aldean Moore, Daniel Mundy, Denise Lopresti-Neibel, Dolores Orr, Eugene Pasternak, Edward Pastore Sr., Karen Sloan-Payne, Harvey Rudnick, Daniel Ruscillo Jr., Sender Schwartz, Dr. Eli Shapiro, Chris Tedesco, Thomas Tobin, Michael Tubridy, Jose Velez, Edwin Williams, Rachel Williams

ABSENT

Shalom Becker, Annette Lord-Cohen, Peter Larkin, Desiree Maple, Milan Taylor, Sonia Moise, Ellen O'Reilly, Isaac Parsee, Carole Trachtenberg

GUESTS

Assemblywoman Stacy Pheffer-Amato, City Councilman Eric Ulrich, Lisa George - Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr., Devaney Brown - Rep. City Councilman Donovan Richards, Dan Brown - Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Lew Simon Assembly Democratic District Leader, Ciara Donley- Rep. City Councilman Eric Ulrich, Mitch Ross - Rep. St. John's Hospital, Tom Farzetta - Rep. St. John's Hospital, Gwen Pinkey- Rep. St. John's, Renee H. Motes - Rep. St. John's Hospital

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City of New York
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DOLORES ORR
Chairperson

JONATHAN GASKA
District Manager

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:20 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded members that according to the by-laws the nominating committee will meet and present a slate for elections in January 2018. The appointed nominating committee members are: Betty Leon, Chair, Rachael Williams, Joe Kaplan, Ed Benson, Danny Ruscillo Jr., and John Mc Cambridge. All are reminded that the floor will open for nominations for positions on the executive board at the meeting.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager, Jonathan Gaska congratulated City Council Members Donovan Richards and Eric Ulrich on their re-elections.

GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer-Amato announced that her office formed a committee to work with the federal government to voice the effects of flood insurance in her district and what the federal government needs to do in the reauthorization of flood insurance on a national level because flood insurance is set to expire in December.

In addition, her office gets several calls a day from residents requesting on regarding the high EZ Pass fees. Therefore, her office will be assisting residents with ongoing EZ Pass fees that they can't get resolved on their own.

2. City Councilman Eric Ulrich announced that Mayor Bill De Blasio has agreed to come to Rockaway, therefore all are invited to the town hall meeting on December 5, 2017 at P.S. 114.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 10, 2017

The Chair went to the board for questions regarding the minutes. Martin Ingram made the motion for the board to accept the minutes as written with the correction of Dr. Gerald

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David was present at the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Danny Ruscillo Jr. The motion carried with a hand vote in favor of the motion. 2 abstained.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chair opened the floor for public speaking at 7:40pm. 12 people signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

St. John's Hospital – Gerard Walsh, CEO – Re: update on hospital expansion

Mr. Walsh explained that at the end of next year, St. Johns hospital will have an emergency room that is double the size it is now. Services for cardiac monitoring would also be include in the emergency room expansion. Other upgrades and improvements are the following:

1. an in-house pharmacy will be developed to provide patients with affordable and easy access to their medication.
2. The lobby of the hospital will be upgraded and improved.
3. A new telephone and computer communication system going to be installed.
4. A customer quality division has been developed and is operating successful.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND-USE COMMITTEE

Al Moore, Co-Chair of the committee reported that a meeting was held on October 10, 2017. The agenda item for discussion was BSA#2017-267-267-BZ for Harbor Light Restaurant located at 129-18 Newport Avenue to allow a small enlargement +\to make the kitchen and sitting area bigger to service more people. The restaurant was damaged by Hurricane Sandy and was in need of repairs. The owners, their attorneys and architects were present at the meeting. After their presentation the committee unanimously agreed to support the application.

Vincent Patraro, Attorney representing the owners explained that the property was damaged by Hurricane Sandy; it was not possible to rebuild the building the way it previously was because the design was obsolete. Therefore the current design that includes the small enlargements would help the business operate efficiently.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The Chair opened the floor for public participation at 8:57 pm for BSA#2017-267-267-BZ to allow a small kitchen and sitting area enlargement to Harbor Light Restaurant located at 129-18 Newport Avenue. 1 person signed up to speak. He was recognized and heard. The Chair closed the public participation.

The Land-Use Committee made the motion for the board to support BSA# 2017-267-BZ for Harbor Light Restaurant to enlarge the kitchen and sitting area as presented which allow the establishment re-open since it has not been operational since Hurricane Sandy. The motion was seconded by Noreen Ellis. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 33 YES, 0 NO and 0 ABSTAINED.

2. PARKS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jose Velez, Co-Chair of the committee reported that a meeting was held on November 13, 2017. The first agenda item the committee discussed was regarding an update from the Rockaway Business Alliance Connectx. In June 2017 the RBA was awarded the Neighborhood Challenge Grant which is a competitive grant put forth by the NYC Department of Small Business Services challenging neighborhood organizations to come up

with a technological solution to a business corridor challenge. They were happy to be awarded the opportunity to use the \$100, 000 grant to fund Rockaway CenneX. They will introduc3e beacon technologies. 100 of the devices will interact with telephone, but does not collect telephone information.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By: Mary Dunning