

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13

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COMMUNITY BOARD 13 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wed., Jan. 26, 2022 Time: 7:00 p.m. Loc.: Zoom

Members Present:

Lucy Acevedo Zunera Ahmed Lakeisha Bowers Dionne Brown Patricia Brown Mario Caggiano Marion Cleaver Joe Corace Nadine Dabney Mark Davidovich Lolita Divilova Wanda Feliciano Susan Flaschenberg Olga Fort Brian Gotlieb Selina Grant Ronald Greenberg Erum Hanif **Amarilys Herrera** Queenie Huling Yelena Makhnin Pat O'Brien Milagros Quiles Michael Quinn Shimon Rinkovsky Jeff Sanoff Fran Schwartz Pervez Siddiqui Tatyana Segal Pat Singer Jack Suben Barbara Teitelbaum Dennis Vourderis Edita Volovodovskaya Gloria Watkins Joann Weiss

Annette Wesley

Members Absent:

Shirley Aikens Brian Granoff Thomas Hopkins
Bernard Kaufman Joseph Packer Michael Russo(exc)
Priscilla Santos(exc) Evelyn Strasser

David Wynn

Staff Present:

Eddie Mark, Dist. Mgr., Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Barbara Santonas, Secy

Chairperson Lucy Acevedo reminded all in attendance that whatever is placed in the Chat, would be part of a FOIL, if its requested.

PRESENTATION:

Human Rights Commission - Francesca Leopold.

She gave an overview on educating New Yorkers as to their rights in the age of COVID 19. There has been a sharp increase in harassment of Chinese and other people of Asian decent in reference to COVID. All City agencies are coordinating to educate the public on their rights. Many complaints and public protection have been put in place, no retaliation. Employment Protection – Having COVID 19 is a disability, there can be no discrimination against an employee who has been infected with COVID-19.

Antonio Reyes, Brooklyn Borough President

He is excited to get to work. He has spoken with Lucy. He has high expectations for working with the community board. He has many ideas for Education, Transportation and Land Use issues. He will start professional development in Educational Planning.

Abstentions: 0

<u>Charmaine</u> representing Assemblymember Mathylde Frontus

She reported that the Assemblymember had surgery, which was successful. She will be recovering for several weeks. If anything is needed, do not hesitate to reach out to their office via email or phone.

Anastasia Yaskova, Brooklyn Borough Director, CAU

She has met with Yelena, D.I. King from 60th Pct and Eddie, who discussed and explained issues in the Community Board. She has reached out to Parks for some clarification on the boardwalk issue and is awaiting their reply. She is looking forward to working the members of our board.

Inna Guzenfeld representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso Her title is Senior Planner Land Use Unit. She will be working closely with our board, as she has done in the past.

Lucy thanked the Borough President's Office for updating the membership application.

<u>Ida Sanoff</u> stated that she is looking forward to having Community Board 13 follow up on issues that have been brought up before the work starts on the boardwalk. She would like to be cc'd on any requests made by the Board.

<u>Craig Hammerman</u>—See his statement attached. He wished all January babies a Happy Birthday, including Pat Singer.

<u>Chris Greif</u> – D train is back in Coney Island. F train is being fixed.

Robert Burstein – what type of fixing can the boardwalk have. There are different mixtures that can be used in different parts of the boardwalk. Plastic when wet causes the boards to be slippery, in the summer the plastic is hot.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Zunera Ahmed, seconded by Lakeisha Bowers to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 38 Opposed: 0

Motion carried (quorum present). Roll call on file at C.B. office

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Lucy reported that due to Governor signing Executive Order, Zoom meetings will continue until further notice.

Nino left C.B. 13. Sorry to see her go. She did terrific things. We will be seeking a replacement.

Going forward, attendance records will be sent to the Borough Presidents office and will be looked at when deciding on appointments/reappointments. We met with CM Kagan and will work together on issues. We will meet with CM Vernikov next week.

Nominating Committee will be put in place in March. Anyone who may be interested in running for office, please let Lucy know.

CORPORATE CHANGE:

DSH Restaurant – dba Nathans 3059 West 12th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

From Committee: Motion made by Shimon Rinkovsky, seconded by Lucy Acevedo to

approve the application as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0 Motion Carried (Quorum Present: Roll call on file at C.B. Office

UPDATE:

Margarita Island: Officer Bulzoni reported on the incident that occurred New Year's Eve at Margarita Island. Both the community board and the 60th Pct reached out to SLA to advise them of the continuation of the negative situation which has been happening for the past few years. Both the community and the precinct have requested that the liquor license for this establishment be revoked immediately. (If the license is revoked, then any business that comes into this venue will be unable to receive a liquor license for the first two years of their business venture).

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD & WELFARE: None

Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 8:30 p.m.

Barbara Santonas, Secretary

Santonas, Barbara (CB)

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Jeffrey Sanoff; Mark, Eddie; Lucy Acevedo

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[EXTERNAL] Remarks for CB meeting, 1/26/2022

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First, I want to thank Lucy and Eddie for attending a meeting with Congress Member Jeffries the other day to ask him for his support for the designation of the Coney Island Creek as a Superfund site. Whether EDC launches ferry service at the creek or not, the Coney Island Creek is a contaminated waterbody that needs to be cleaned. The City has known about it for decades but the dredging they proposed is for navigability purposes so they can get their ferry in and out of the creek—not a full remediation that would clean the creek. The West End is an environmental justice community. It has been taken advantage of for too long by the government agencies that are supposed to be looking out for our best interests. We need that creek cleaned, and the Federal Superfund program offers us the best chance of getting it done in a way where the community would be involved in the process. I was thrilled to hear that the Congress Member will be taking up our cause with the EPA Administrator directly.

I also want to thank Jeff Sanoff, who I'm sure will have more to say about this later, for making sure the Community Board is going to continue to play an important role moving forward. And there are other friends and board members to thank as well including Ida Sanoff (who amazes me with an incredible capacity to analyze and synthesize mountains of data), Ann Valdez, Michael Quinn, Pat O'Brien, Yelena Makhnin, Joann Weiss, and so many others who have shown up to important rallies and meetings to get the ferry landing moved from the creek to the ocean side. We have a bit of a reprieve from the EDC project right now but we need to continue to stand together to say "YES to the ferry, NO to the creek."

Lastly, I want to wish a very happy birthday to all the January babies but especially our most beloved matriarch of Brighton Beach, our very own Pat Singer. Pat continues to inspire me personally to volunteer more, to show up more, to say more and to do more. I'm very glad she's of legal age now so I can raise a toast in her honor to say THANK YOU for a job well done and "keep on keepin' on."

Thanks for listening.

Best, Craig