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COMMUNITY BOARD 13 MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wed. Oct. 23, 2019

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: Education Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joann Weiss	Lucy Acevedo	Zunera Ahmed
Shirley Aikens	Lakeisha Bowers	Dionne Brown
Patricia Brown	Mario Caggiano	Joe Corace
Nadine Dabney	Lolita Divilova	Wanda Feliciano
Olga Fort	Brian Gotlieb	Selina Grant
Queenie Huling	Orlando Mendez	Irene Olson
Shimon Rinkovsky	Jeffrey Sanoff	Fran Schwartz
Michael Silverman	Pat Singer	Ronald Stewart
Jack Suben	Barbara Teitelbaum	Annette Wesley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alexander Chadaev (e)	Marion Cleaver(e)	Mark Davidovich
Alereida Davis	Susan Flaschenberg(e)	Erum Hanif(e)
Amarilys Herrera(e)	Thomas Hopkins(e)	Bernard Kaufman(e)
Yelena Makhnin(e)	Pat O'Brien	Michael Quinn
Michael Russo(e)	Pervez Siddiqui(e)	Evelyn Strasser(e)
Sheikh Ullah	Dennis Vourderis(e)	Gloria Watkins(e)
Shazia Wattoo	David Wynn	Kumali Zairee(e)

OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

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

The October meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Joann Weiss. Wanda Feliciano led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – 271 Sea Breeze Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224

Attorney Eric Palatnik gave an overview as to just what this project is and what is good to be done. The ground floor will be for community utilization; several small stores, some parking around the perimeter. The area on Sea Breeze Avenue is set back to create a plaza which will be a space for public gathering, very pretty and will enhance the area. The building was built “as of right” and will have public parking and commercial area. Ground floor will have 9,000 square feet and it will be for local retail. There will be affordable and market rate housing and will bring good people to our area.

The project has finally been certified as a ULURP. Since the possibility of increased traffic was an issue when this project came before the board previously, a traffic study was done on Aug. 18, 2018 and showed no problem with increased traffic. When discussing parking spaces, the project was required to have 118 spaces for parking but will have 130 spaces.

On Sea Breeze Avenue there will be one small store, a plaza and residential sitting area. In the area under the train tracks on the ground floor will be commercial area for small use stores. The second floor is scheduled to be a 24 hour gym, 16,000 square feet (not yet approved) will need a BSA Special Permit.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Ida Sanoff – She spoke about problem with Ocean Parkway Bike Path, which is the oldest bike path in New York. Recently you see more and more bicyclists in the main roadway. This situation is a disaster waiting to happen. Sgt. Vincente will look into the situation. This issue will be discussed at the Land Use Committee meeting on Nov. 12th.

Pamela Pettyjohn – On Nov. 16th Coney Island Beautification Project will partner with Coney Island History Project- 7 years of Service after Sandy to discuss health, pulmonary problems, DEP Update and NY NY Resiliency Task Force.

Stefanie Stamp - CITE CASIS – Programs for youths from 17-24 years of age. 80 young people were served 60 youths completed the program. Have career mentor services.

Boris – Coney Island Library- Coney Island Library has Career Awards Program at 1 p.m. Wednesday. The Program will assist in getting young people into Stipend Program with wrap around services.

Moe Rozin - Census – He reported that workers are needed who speak Russian and Uzbek. There will be Job Fair Thursday and Friday 2-4 p.m. Once hired workers will make \$25/hr to start.

Shea Barry – 32 BJ representative – concerned about 271 Sea Breeze Avenue. The Union wants to make sure that there are good jobs for local residents paying prevailing wages so that people can work with dignity. There are 1700 32 BJ members living in C.B. 13. The Union is urging developers to pay prevailing wages.

Steven Williams – Accessible Dispatch (Wheelchair Taxi) – All residents whether disabled or not, are eligible to use this dispatch service. It is same fare as regular taxi just can serve people with special needs.

Craig Hammerman – (statement) As it is October and the budget season is upon us, tonight I am here to ask Community Board 13 to consider including the following two requests in your budget priorities for the district, both in the interest of public safety: **Installation of Additional Street Lighting for Pedestrians (B-pole lights) along Brighton Beach Avenue between Coney Island Avenue and Corbin Place.** Brighton Beach Avenue is exceptionally wide, and the existing street lighting does not extend to adequately bathe pedestrians in light. This is especially true on the southside of Brighton Beach Avenue adjacent to the public park at the Oceana where the lush trees obscure the sidewalk and keep it in darkness. Pedestrian-level lighting in the form of (what are called by DOT) B-pole lights would greatly enhance visibility and remove the element of vulnerability which is currently the pedestrian experience. **Installation of Neckdowns, or Curb Extensions, in the north- and south-leg intersections along Brighton Beach Avenue between Ocean Parkway and Corbin Place.** One of our local newspapers recently printed that there have been more traffic fatalities in Southern Brooklyn this year so far than there have been people killed by guns in Manhattan. Traffic safety is a very real concern. When motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians don't follow the rules of the road, public safety is endangered. Neckdowns provide safe refuges for pedestrians to wait to cross the street. They shorten the effective crossing distance for pedestrians. And they do not take away parking spaces. They should be in place at every intersection in every commercial corridor in Southern Brooklyn. But our streets are not up to the current safety standards enjoyed by virtually all other neighborhoods in our City. Not yet, but we're working on it. As a resident of the district I appreciate the hard work and diligence you demonstrate from month-to-month by showing up at meetings and making our voice heard. Thank you for representing the priorities of our communities and advocating on our behalf. *Submitted by Craig Hammerman under Public Session at Community Board 13 general meeting, October 23, 2019.*

R. Rose – area resident – She has been resident for 35 years. She came to hear why Ryback Developers had to say. She was upset that the attorney left without listening to the public's comments. She feels that what Ryback is planning will only extend the Brighton Beach Avenue commercial district. The area is zoned R6 residential. In the original presentation the project was approved as community space. Why not use this for medical space which is really needed.

Joann made a statement that the representative(attorney) was not required to stay for the Public Hearing. This project will be discussed again at the Land Use Committee meeting on Nov. 12th and will be voted on at the Board meeting on Nov. 20th.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES

Zunera Ahmed – representing Congressman Max Rose. Please read the Congressman's Brooklyn Newsletter. The Congressman had a Transit Town Hall meeting recently at Il Centro with representatives from DOT and MTA. The Congressman has been working on a new Bill to reduce drug costs. Lower Drug Cost Act Now. Working to help more seniors – money saves will go back to assist low income seniors.

Espina Kasales – representing State Senator Andrew Gounardis. He will soon has a Town Hall meeting on Climate and Resiliency. FEMA and Build It Back Program will attend.

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Inna Guzenfeld – representing Borough President Adams – The Borough President will have a Public Hearing on 271 Sea Breeze Avenue Project on Wednesday, Nov. 13th at Brooklyn Borough Hall. It will take place after the Land Use Committee meeting but before the board meeting. The BP will wait for our final vote before making his recommendation.

Jordan Knight- representing State Senator Diane Savino – Ms Knight introduced herself. She is the new Constituent Outreach person and is at the Coney Island Office the entire week. The State Senator is partnering with the Alliance for the Children’s Halloween Parade on Saturday. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and the Parade is a 2 p.m.

MINUTES

Selina Grant – Again there was an error in Old Business(Please seen revised Old Business at end of minutes)

Motion made by Jack Suben, seconded by Jeff Sanoff to accept the minutes as amended.

VOTE: In Favor: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried. Roll call on file at C.B. Office.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

Many projects are completing, some are starting and our community is doing its best to make do. Committees are beginning to meet and will continue to me throughout the year. Street co-namings will continue throughout the year and we will let the community know as they are approved.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT:

Eddie asked that all board members review the District Needs Statements and Capital and Expense Priorities.

Pat Singer remarked that for many years in the C.B. 13 budget BNA received grant from HPD. She wants to make sure that BNA is included in this budget priorities.

Michael Silverman – He remarked that we have to be sure that the F Express Train Pilot Program needs to be kept in the budget until the F Express becomes permanent.

Barbara Teitelbaum- She wanted to know how we can push to find out what happened to the money for the Sanitation Garage.

Motion made by Lucy Acevedo, seconded by Jeff Sanoff to accept HPD grant and two proposals made for DOT.

VOTE: In favor: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recuse: 1

Motion carried, roll call on file at C.B. Office

Motion made by Irene Olson, seconded by Barbara Teitelbaum to accept entire Capital Budget as amended.

VOTE: In favor: 25 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recuse 1

Motion carried, roll call on file at C.B. Office

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Listed in the Newsletter

TREASURER’S REPORT: Dionne Brown, Treasurer

July 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2019 Total Operating Expense \$362,201.68

Rent is paid directly by DCAS.

OTPS – Office Related Items - \$20,755.68

PS - Office Staff Salaries - \$232,693.00

GRANT – From City Council - \$42,500.00

Subtract all OTPS already expensed - \$3,769.53 from total of \$20,755.68 Balance is \$16,986.15.

P.S. Payroll for 7/1-9/30/2019 - \$43,578. Balance is \$189,114.24

Council Fund – deduct \$623.00. Balance is \$41,877.

The budget has been carefully reviewed – no changes necessary at this time.

COMMUNICATION: Jeffrey Sanoff

10th Annual Halloween Children’s Parade – Oct. 26th 11-2 p.m. at MCU Park.

Housing Information Workshop – Wed. 10/30 6-8 P.M. P.S. 329 Sponsored by AM Frontus and C.B. 13

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By- Laws Committee, Michael Silverman, Chairperson

Michael reported that the committee has begun taking existing By Laws and updating them. Once it is passed through committee, the revised By Laws will be presented at two consecutive board meetings and there will be discussion. At the third meeting there will be a vote. Revisions are still being discussed. Next meeting will be 11/4. Lucy suggested that if board members need a copy of the current By Laws, the contact the office.

Parks Committee, Barbara Teitelbaum/Susan Flaschenberg, Co-Chairs

The Committee was very happy with the sea grass planted on the beach. Will send letter to Commissioner Mahr to thank him and ask for additional plantings. Also ask for repair and maintenance of wooden boardwalk with wood.

Land Use Committee, Marion Cleaver/Shimon Rinkovsky, Co-Chairs

1029 Brighton Beach Avenue. Attorney David Rosenberg from Loebel explained that what is needed is one additional year extension to clear violation and get C of O. The Committee approved the one-year extension. Discussion of pros and cons of giving the extension. The attorney gave background. BSA took 2 months to release the plans. DOB lost certain parts of the plans. The attorney was asked if there were any safety violations- he answered there were no FDNY violations. 7 violations are for usage contrary to C of O.

Jeff Sanoff asked if the parking lot was illegal and if there were sprinklers in the parking lot. Jeff wants to see letter of no objection from Fire Department. Lawyer will find that letter and forward to board office.

Motion made by Marion Cleaver, seconded by Shimon to accept an additional year extension to clear up the violation.

VOTE: In Favor: 8 Opposed: 8 Abstentions: 10

Motion did not carry. Roll call on file at C.B. office.

Interfaith Committee, Dionne Brown, Chairperson

Dionne explained the definition of interfaith "interaction between people of different ethnicities; to understand differences and recognize similarities; every human deserves respect. There are many methods to accomplish these objectives. Dionne would like to invite board members of Hispanic, Russian, Italian, Greek and Asian descent. If you wish to be a member of this committee, let Joann know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selina asked that someone check to see if sign has been installed on West 37th Street and Surf Avenue. The paper work has already been submitted, sign not yet installed. (Office will check with DOT). She also reminded everyone to be mindful of the 4 way stop on West 37th St. and Mermaid Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joann said that any increase in Staff Salary must come before the entire board for a vote.

Motion: To increase by 10% the salary of office secretary Barbara Santonas. Motion made by Joann seconded by Wanda Feliciano. This increase will be retroactive to Oct. 1, 2019.

VOTE: In Favor: 26 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

Motion carried. Roll call on file at C.B. office.

Speed and Light Cameras in Neighborhood.

Lucy remarked that DOT representatives will be at the Transportation meeting to discuss this issue.