



**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13**  
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**COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

Date: Wed., Jan. 29, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: Education Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lucy Acevedo  
Lakeisha Bowers  
Marion Cleaver  
Wanda Feliciano  
Erum Hanif  
Yelena Makhnin  
Michael Quinn  
Fran Schwartz  
Ronald Stewart  
Gloria Watkins

Zunera Ahmed  
Dionne Brown  
Alfie Davis  
Susan Flaschenberg  
Amarilys Herrera  
Orlando Mendez  
Michael Russo  
Michael Silverman  
Jack Suben  
Annette Wesley

Shirley Aikens  
Patricia Brown  
Lolita Divilova  
Brian Gotlieb  
Queenie Huling  
Pat O'Brien  
Jeffrey Sanoff  
Pat Singer  
Sheikh L. Ullah  
Kumali Zairee

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mario Caggiano(a)  
Nadine Dabney(a)  
Selina Grant (a)  
Shimon Rinkovsky(a)  
Barbara Teitelbaum(a)  
Joann Weiss(a)

Alexander Chadaev(a)  
Mark Davidovich(a)  
Thomas Hopkins(a)  
Pervez Siddiqui(a)  
Dennis Vourderis(a)  
David Wynn(a)

Joe Corace(e)  
Olga Fort(a)  
Bernard Kaufman(a)  
Evelyn Strasser(a)  
Shazio Wattoo(e)

**OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:**

Eddie Mark, Dist. Mgr.  
Shirley Grant, Secy.

Hanna Glikman, Community Associate  
Barbara Santonas, Secy.

Lucy Acevedo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, opened the meeting in the absence of Chair, Joann Weiss. She asked board member Kumali Zairee to led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lucy then asked the meeting to stand for a Moment of Silence for the loss of Kobe Bryant, his daughter and the other 7 people who lost their lives in the helicopter crash.

**DEP PRESENTATION:** Carl Sorkin, Robert Oliveri, Andrew Sokoloff

The sewer infrastructure in Community Board 13 is complicated with grease and oil buildup. \$20million is spent annually to remove the grease from the system. These operating costs are figured into the water bills sent to homeowners and landlords. There is quite a lot of data from Community Boards 13/15 on sewer backups by grease clogging the sewers. It is important for residents to know how to safely dispose of cooking oil. All ethnicities, Russian, Chinese, Americans, etc. must be made aware of proper disposal of household cooking grease. 7000 households throughout the NYCHA developments in collaboration with NYCHA have been inspected; 500 doors have been knocked on in Community Board 13. DEP enforces food establishment with sanitary food handling, and also how to enforce grease disposal.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT-FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION** – Capt. David Hagar

On January 4, 2020 there was a fatal fire in an apartment in the Marlborough Houses Complex at 2304 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street. It took four minutes for the first truck to respond and thirteen minutes to find the victim. There were no operational delays. The building was fire proof, cinderblock and steel. FDNY is still investigating the cause of the fire, no determination yet. It was deemed an "Efficient Operation". All hydrants in the vicinity were in working order.

FIRE PROTECTION TIPS: Capt. Carabello

- Know if your building is fire proof.
- If building is fire proof and fire not in your apartment-shelter in place.
- Put wet towel at bottom of door to keep out smoke.
- Do not use stairwell or elevator.
- Kitchen is most common place for fire to start.
- Smother stove fire with pot lid. Do not use water on an oil fire.
- Another common place for fire in the home is the bedroom, caused by smoking in bed or the use of candles with open flame. Use electric or battery operated candles.

If anyone is in need of smoke detectors call 1-877 Red Cross and they will come to install free of charge. They will also install CO2 detectors, if needed.

NYPD UPDATE – Sgt Vincente/ P.O. Mulatta, 60 Pct.

Sgt. Vincente reported that there has been an increase in burglaries. One prep hit 6 different times. The new bail reform is effecting us, but our cops are still making good arrests. The next 60 Pct Community Council meeting is Tues., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. here at Education Hall.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

CM Mark Treyger – The Councilmember thanked the FDNY for their timely response to the Marlboro fire event. He then announced that Samantha Ross has a new title – Deputy Chief of Staff and he welcomed Ari Kagan as his District Operations and Outreach Staff Member.

- The Councilman then discussed at length that Parks Regulations prohibit non city vehicles on the boardwalk. Even regular size EMS and emergency vehicles are a problem. What is needed are more gators and small EMS respond vehicles. Also, the Parks Dept. needs adequate number of carpenters to keep up with repairs. He also said that it is the Mayor's decision as to what materials are used on the boardwalk, concrete and RPL has been used on the boardwalk in Brighton Beach. The good thing is that the entire boardwalk has been landmarked.
- Another issue brought up was the closing of MCU Bank on Surf Avenue. It has made the crisis in our community of being under-banked only worse. CM Treyger has reached out to the FDIC, Congressman Jeffries, EDC and the Mayor to express his concern on our being an under-banked community.
- CMTreyger briefly discussed the boardwalk businesses whose rents were being increased. He was able to intervene and help with the negotiations with Zamperla and EDC. Six businesses have signed lease renewals and one is still in negotiations.
- The Councilman gave an update on the ferry situation. EDC will come to a future community board meeting and give a full briefing. It looks like the location will be on West 29<sup>th</sup> /West 30<sup>th</sup> Sts by Kaiser Park. He also reported that the fishing pier by the creek is in need of repairs. It also needs to be made handicapped accessible. The ferry is still on schedule-late 2021. If the City does not fund a shuttle bus, the CM said his office will find a way to fund it.
- Sand Problem on Bayview Avenue is another concern that the Councilmember discussed. He is planning a site visit with Parks Commissioner, Sanitation and ACE in the near future.
- The DOE's Adult Education Department is beginning Free Adult Education classes at Liberation High School in addition to their Free GED Classes. Update on dismissal situation with Lincoln H.S. and other surround middle and high schools. More work still has to be done. It was found out the IS 303 and Rachel Carson H.S. does not have f/t Social Workers. This will be remedied in the near future. The CM is giving Lincoln High School and complete Court Room set up.
- The Councilman was instrumental in having Hate Crime Statistics added to NYPD ComStat in NYC.

- Abe Stark Skating Rink- In the 2009 Rezoning, authorization was given to demolish the Rink and build another rink, if the rink was being built in the same location, another location, must be found prior to demolishing the current rink. When the rink is built, the Councilman wants not only a rink, but a affordable multi-purpose center. Gloria Watkins asked why the center, once built, could not be free. The CM said that even city owned community centers (Parks Dept.) are not totally free.

Michael Silverman offered congratulations to the Councilman for being one of the top 5 Councilman citywide.

Craig Hammerman thanked CM Treyger for Intro 971. The Councilman said he is terribly upset by what happened in the 62<sup>nd</sup> Pct where that 64 y.o. woman was hit, mutilated and killed by private sanitation truck that left the scene. He will continue to be an advocate for the people in all our communities for their safety.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Rachel Atcheson representing Brooklyn Borough President – There will be a Round Table discussion on Alzheimers and Dementia at Borough Hall from 6-8 p.m. Renewals for board membership are due at Borough Hall by Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. In response to a question of what the BP meant in his speech where he told people to go back to Ohio, Rachel suggested everyone read the Op Ed article in Sunday's papers.

Despina Costalas representing State Senator Gounardes has sponsored 19 bills and is requesting that Climate Change be put in the curriculum in all public schools. The Senator has been able to get 11.1 million dollars for the revitalization of Marine Park. On 2-14 there will be a mammography bus in front of Il-Centro. To make an appointment, call the Senator's office. There will be tax prep assistance on Sunday at the Senator's office. Call for an appointment.

Sam Chuprik representing Congressman Jeffries. Congressman Jeffries had to postpone his State of the District because of the Impeachment Hearings in Washington. When the new date is finalized, an email blast will be sent out. There are Summer Internships available. Contact the office.

Zunera Ahmed representing Congressman Max Rose. Due to the increase in hate crime, the Congressman was able to get \$1.2 million for grants for additional security for non-for-profits on the Federal/State level. The Congressman helped reunite 22 families with the "No Band Act".

Jubreel Julluh representing the Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. Mr. Julluh explained what the Public Advocate's office does. He also briefly discussed the necessity for Census 2020 and the fact that Census Day will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### PUBLIC SESSION:

Paul Zimet – Community Theater Workshop & Production at NYAquarium

This Production will take place in June in the Shark Exhibit. He will be doing free workshops in April.

Leo Ly- representing the U.S. Census. He wished everyone a Happy Lunar New Year. Every ten years since 1790 there has been a population count which helps areas get federal monies and to find out how many representatives an area can have. The census can be done on line, by phone or by computer or mail.

There are also Census jobs available.

Adriana Mitchell-representing the Brooklyn Public Library (Brighton Beach Branch). The branch is part of Census 2020.

Ronnie Cephas – He would like an APS Device (American Pedestrian Signal) to be installed on Neptune or Surf Avenue. The C.B. needs to contact DOT.

Craig Hammerman – Thanked CM Treyger for presenting Intro 971 into the City Council. Any driver accumulating five or more Red Light speeding citations would have their vehicles impounded. He would like the C.B. to support a Resolution supporting Intro 971. (This will be taken up at the Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Transportation Committee Meeting). Board member Gloria Watkins asked why wait for 5 citations. (Not sure who driver is)



Board member, Michael Silverman stated that he felt changes in dates for Board meetings, should not be done without the input of at the Executive Board. Lucy said she had discussed it with Joann and going forward dates would not be arbitrarily changed. Lucy suggested that a schedule be sent out at the beginning of the year indicating dates for all general board meetings for that year.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Pat Singer – BNA is partnering with a health program for people who can't afford insurance. This program will help all people get insurance. BNA is helping to get the word out. Anyone interested could call BNA to register.

Motion to adjourn at 9 p.m.

Barbara Santonas

