

**COMMUNITY BOARD #14
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

PRESENT

Audrey Amsterdam-Handy, Khaleel Anderson, Andrea Colon, Dr. Gerald David, Ahmad Edwards, Noreen Ellis, Jack Epter, Temina Feldman, Joanne Fogarty, D. Brian Heffernan, Felicia Johnson, Paul King, Betty Leon, Denise Lopetri-Neibel, Annette Lord-Cohen, Ife Majeh, Nancy Martinez, Sonia Moise, Helen Montero, Kevin Morgan, Daniel Mundy, Dolores Orr, Dr. Harold Paez, Isaac Parsee, Eugene Pasternak, Dr. Eli Shapiro Karen Sloan-Payne, Chris Tedesco, Michael Tubridy, Jose Velez, Wanda Warden,

ABSENT

Louis Caucig, John Cori, Eugenia Gibson, Yitzchok Goldstein, Tamara Jacobs, Rosalyn Mason, Alicia Mazyck, John McCambridge, Al Moore, Linda Plummer, Edwin Williams

GUESTS

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer-Amato, Dan Brown – Rep. Queens Borough President, Stephanie Castillo -Samoy– Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr., Robert Schwach – Rep. City Councilman Eric Ulrich

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:28pm.

MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2020

Joanne Fogarty made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Paul King. The motion carried by a hand vote in favor of the motion. 1 abstained.

MINUTES FROM JUNE 16, 2020

Joanne Fogarty made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Annette Lord-Cohen. The motion carried by a hand vote in favor of the motion. 3abstained.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair announced the Tribute Park’s 20th Anniversary of September 11 social distant ceremony.

On September 14, 2020 renovations should start on Lanett Playground located on Lanett Avenue between Beach 9th and Beach 8th Street.

The Chair thanked developers that support community residents and civic organizations that care to enhance local neighborhoods and surrounding communities.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

District Manager, Jonathan Gaska reported that CB#14 continues to give out free masks to groups. The office is trying to get more masks to distribute.

The ULURP for Arverne East will be certified on September 14, 2020. The Board will have 60 days to hold a committee meeting, a public hearing and then vote; which has to be held before November 14, 2020.

The downtown Far Rockaway first phase is moving quickly. The new Far Rockaway Library is really starting to take shape. Stay Safe!

ELECTED OFFICIAL CALL-IN

ASSEMBLYWOMAN STACEY PHEFFER-AMATO

Assemblywoman Amato reported that the elected officials are still working on the budget and she would be back in Albany on Monday. Also had a chance to go look at Dead Horse Bay which is also a part of Jamaica Bay. The location in the past was surrounded by different commercial operations that used the bay as a dump out. The location is very contaminated and will be closed for remediation which will take some time.

STATE SENATOR JAMES SANDERS JR.

Stephanie Castillo-Samoy introduced herself as the newly hired liaison for CB#14 representing Senator Sanders Jr. Also, there is a listing of 1000 homeowners that registered in Senator Sanders' district requesting assistance to make mortgage payment arrangements in order to keep their home.

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT

1. Dan Brown announced that after seven years today is his last day at Queens Borough Hall and he would be joining District Attorney Melinda Katz Office as a liaison for CB#14. He can be reached at dbrown@queensda.org.

2. Irving Poy, Director Land-Use for City Planning at Queens Borough Hall and temporary replacing Dan Brown expressed that he can be reached at - 646-585-5285. Mr. Poy informed everyone about the passing of Claire Shulman and the importance of filling out the Census 2000.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. COMMON POINT QUEENS-Re: Borough wide youth group programs available for CB#14

Kelly McArdle, Outreach and Recruitment Specialist for Commonpoint Queens Central Center expressed that they offer free opportunity youth programs for ages 18 – 24 years old. Some of the programs are following:

High School Equivalency Classes

-TASC readiness classes and assistance with TASC application

-Math & literacy classes

Advanced Training

--EKG/PHL

-Certified Nurse Aide

-Certified Medical Administrative Assistant

The fall classes are 20 weeks of remote learning September 2020 through January 2021. All participants receive paid internship opportunities, case management, job placement assistance, free access to gym/fitness center and metrocards. For more information Mrs. McArdle can be reached online at kmcardle@commonpointqueens.org or at 1-619-686-9760.

2. ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL – Re: Community Health Needs Assessment

Renee Hastick-Motes, Vice President of External Affairs announced the St. John’s is conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment and would like to get as much feedback from the community as possible to determine the most important health care needs of our community. Resident are being asked to complete a brief online survey that would help to strategically plan on how the hospital deliver the best care to the Rockaway community. The survey has to be submitted before October 11, 2020.

3. NYC DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION- Re: Temporary Art installation at Seaside Playground – Beach 110 Street & RBB.

Naiomy Rodriguez, Public Art Coordinator for the Parks Dept. explained that the artist of the proposed mural for the Seaside Playground is Shantell Martin. The title of mural is “The Big Yard”.

The Big Yard mural will be installed over the full black top of the playground adjacent to PS317Q, extending from the northern fencing along Rockaway Beach Boulevard to the fencing enclosures for the basketball & handball courts. Measuring approximately 91’ x 169’, the mural’s base will be comprised of a solid white background overlaid with black line drawings in acrylic and spray paint. The core composition will be executed in a central square space within the playground, with shapes and lines extending beyond to the fence perimeter.

Shantell Martin is compelled to install the work live but given the potential for ongoing social distancing measures, a live “performance” of the mural’s creation could serve in lieu of a community painting day. Designated viewing areas could be demarcated in tape at set intervals along the fenced perimeter. Taking inspiration from the surrounding aquatic landscape, Martin will reduce forms like waves, sea grass and marsh island patterns to her iconic lines and shapes. Through this amorphous and interconnected line drawing, faces and text will emerge, evoking thematic questions.

Shantell’s work commonly explores the question of “Who are you?” One critical to the development of identity and a critical pathway to self-expression. Students and community participants will be invited to explore this theme with Shantell through the intuitive movement signature to her practice.

Eric Peterson, Parks Administrator for District #14 expressed that the Parks Department did not solicit for the mural but assisted in contacting CB#14. The Chair expressed that the Board would send a letter of support and make sure that the local civic notify the homeowners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

BUDGET COMMITTEE

District Manager, Jonathan Gaska expressed that the annual capital and expense priorities are mandated in the City Charter and functions as requests for needed community improvements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair opened the floor for public participation regarding the draft FY 2022 Capital & Expense Priorities. No one signed up to speak. The Chair closed public participation.

District Manager Jonathan Gaska expressed that the requested additions, changes and updates will be made to the list and redistributed for a public hearing and vote at the Board’s October meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Chair requested Jonathan to follow up on the issues that were requested by board members and give an up at the Board’s October meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By: M. Dunning