



**COMMUNITY BOARD #14
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
333 BEACH 90 STREETS
ROCKAWAY BEACH, NY 11693**

PRESENT

Khaleel Anderson, Edward Benson, Louis Caucig, Annette Lord-Cohen, Stephen Cooper, John Cori, Dr. Gerald David, Mordechai Dicker, Ahmad Edwards, Temina Feldman, Martin Ingram, Felicia Johnson, Betty Leon, Helen Montero, Sonia Moise, Al Moore, Daniel Mundy, Denise Lopestri-Neibel, Ellen O'Reilly, Dolores Orr, Isaac Parsee, Eugene Pasternak, Edward Pasture Sr., Karen Sloan-Payne, Harvey Rudnick, Dr. Eli Shapiro, Chris Tedesco, Thomas Tobin, Michael Tubridy, Jose Velez

ABSENT

Audrey Amsterdam-Handy, Shalom Becker, Glenn Collins, Noreen Ellis Patricia Gillespie, D. Brian Heffernan, Tamara Jacobs, Joel Kaplan, Rosalyn Mason, Ife Maijeh, Desiree Maple, Harold Paez, Linda Plummer, Daniel Ruscillo Jr., Sender Schwartz, Carole Trachtenberg, Edwin Williams, Rachel Williams, Tyrone Worsley

GUESTS

Dan Brown – Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Ciara Donley - Rep. City Councilman Eric Ulrich, Nicolette Peters - Rep. Assemblywoman Stacy Pheffer-Amato, Lisa George - Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr., Democratic District Leader Lew Simon

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:35p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE was read as follows:

Letter dated October 9, 2018 was received from the Beachside Bungalow Preservation Association. Letter requested a letter of support from Community Board #14 to have City Planning re-zone the Beachside Bungalow Preservation Association area to preserve the built character of the famed bungalows, a preservation zone which could be a Special Zoning District or Special Purpose District.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair asked everyone to remember Danny Ruscillo in their prayers on the passing of his wife Linda. She would be greatly missed.

The Chair referred the request for a letter of support for the Beachside Bungalow Preservation Association to the Land-Use Committee for discussion and recommendation.

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Assembly member Kim has introduced a bill to change the way aircraft noise is measured. Currently sound is measured by day/night average sound of 65 decibels) DNL). When plane noise activity go over the allowable decibel the airline is fined. The bill would change how the allowable decibel is measured and calculated using CNEL – Community Noise Equivalent level. Where the DNL only imposes penalties between 10pm-7am the CNEL would impose penalties from 7pm – 7am.

JFK \$10 billion Redevelopment. There is number of committees working on this initiative. There is the Queens Connection Team, The NY Community Aviation Roundtable and the Port Authority JFK Advisory Board. All groups are discussing aviation related job and job training and MWBE (30% mandate) opportunities for both the redevelopment construction and long term opportunities. A Community Benefits Agreement is a critical component to ensure communities affected by the airport including providing the path to education and true job training in the airline industry, especially for the young adults in the entire community. The PA JFK Advisory Board had their inaugural meeting and there will be a meeting later in the year which will include public participation.

City Planning will have a Zoning workshop for all community board members. New board members and members of the Land Use committee are urged to attend this workshop which will be held on Thursday Oct. 11th at 5pm at Board Hall.

Design Commission will be meeting on October 15th which will include nine Parks Projects that were presented by the Parks Dept. and Parks Committee to the Board at the September 24 Board meeting. The only project not included was the new Bay Breeze Park.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Jonathan Gaska, District Manager as requested reported on updates on issues that were raised during public speaking and new/old business at the previous board meeting which is as follows:

- Illegal dumping in vacant lots and abandoned crumbling dangerous bungalows on Beach 27 Street between Seagirt Blvd. and the boardwalk. Jonathan Gaska advised DSNY was contacted for lot clean up teams, DOB for empty bungalows to be sealed and DOH for removal of garbage from the bungalow private properties. As of October 16, 2018 the complainant phoned office to say thanks because the local sanitation dept. was cleaning

the lots and putting up fences to stop the chronic dumping.

- In regards to the Rockaway Beach Blvd. from Beach 88 St – B 84 St., construction issue affecting Rockaway Beach involves delay in issuance of NYS DEC de-watering permit. DDC advised that the contractor did request permits last year but was still waiting. Jonathan contacted DEC and hopefully the permits will be finalized and issued within the next two weeks. Also, NYC Dept. of Small Businesses Services was contacted to assist the businesses owners.

- Economic Development Corporation was invited to a Board's Economic Development Committee meeting along with different dates to choose from to give an update on the redevelopment of the old courthouse. EDC did say that they would review the dates and will confirm a date this Friday.

JUNE 12, 2018 MINUTES

The Chair went to the board for approval of the minutes. Motion by Betty Leon to approval the June 12, 2018 minutes as written. Martin Ingram seconded the motion. The motion carried by a hand vote.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 Minutes

The Chair went to the Board for approval of the minutes. John Cori requested the following correction- under old/new business add: request was made to invite EDC to the Board's next meeting to give an update on the redevelopment/dirty conditions surrounding the old Rockaway Courthouse and for DDC to give an update on the holdup of the sewer project in Rockaway Beach.

As some Board members indicated they did not receive the September 24th minutes, the Chair advised that additional corrections to the September minutes would discussed at the next board meeting and directed Jonathan Gaska to review the distribution list to ensure it up to date and to resend the September minutes.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The Chair opened the floor for public speaking at 7:50pm. 12 people signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking at 8:19pm.

- Resident thanked Jonathan Gaska for arranging for cleaning of lot and sealing of abandoned building. Additional there is a need for a stop sign on Seagirt Avenue. Safety concerns for students crossing Beach 25 & Seagirt Avenue. At Beach 27th and Seagirt Avenue feels Beach 27th St needs to be a

One Way Street and a traffic study need to be done – but done in the AM and PM during school arrival and dismissal.

- Resident expressed concerns that the ACOE plan does not include the removal of the protruding old wooden jetties (sticks) at the Beach 90's.

- Resident stated according to Federal rules painting for roadways for no parking must include signs, including the freeway.

-Resident concerned that Parks Dept. has not yet removed all the poling and fencing from the beaches that were closed during the summer.

On behalf of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Dan Brown presented the following board members awards for outstanding dedicated community service: Dan Mundy 25 years, Eugene Pasternack 25 years, Lou Caucig 20 years, Betty Leon 20 years, Mordechai Dicker 10 years, John Mc Cambridge 15 years.

COMMITTEE REPORT

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Dr. Eli Shapiro, Committee Chair reported that each year Community Boards are required to conduct the Fiscal Year Capital & Expense budget priorities process for the following fiscal year for the district. This process includes public participation through public hearings which was held at the September 24th meeting and agended for this meeting. The requested changes/suggestions and additions from the September meeting were added to the current list which was distributed to the board members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Chair opened the floor for public participation regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 Capital & Expense budget priorities. The one person who signed up to speak was recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking.

The Chair requested that a comfort station for the new Bay Breeze Park be added to capital expense. Dr. Eli Shapiro made the motion for the Board to support the FY2020 Capital & Expense budget priority list with the current addition. The motion was seconded by Annette Lord-Cohen. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 29 YES, 0 NO & 0 ABSTAINED.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Chris Terdesco made a motion for the board to support forming an Ad-Hoc Parks Committee to specifically address boardwalk and beach issues until the year 2023. The motion was seconded by John Cori.

The Chair went to the board for discussion on the motion. Motion failed with a vote of 11-Yes, 10-No and 4 abstentions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and carried by a hand vote of 12-Yes and 11-No.

Respectfully Submitted By: M. Dunning