



**COMMUNITY BOARD #14
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019**

**BAYSWATER JEWISH CENTER
2355 HEALY AVENUE
FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691**

PRESENT

Audrey Amsterdam-Handy, Khaleel Anderson, Louis Caucig, Stephen Cooper, John Cori, Dr. Gerald David, Mordechai Dicker, Temina Feldman, Tamara Jacobs, Felicia Johnson, Betty Leon, Annette Lord-Cohen, Ife Maine, Desiree Maple, Rosalyn Mason, John Cambridge, Helen Montero, Denise Lopestri-Neibel, Dolores Orr, Dr. Harold Paez, Isaac Parsee, Eugene Pasternak, Edward Pasture Sr., Linda Plummer, Dr. Eli Shapiro, Karen Sloan-Payne, Chris Tedesco, Michael Tubridy, Jose Velez, Tyrone Worsley

ABSENT

Shalom Becker, Glenn Collins, Ahmad Edwards, Noreen Ellis, Patricia Gillespie, D. Brian Heffernan, Martin Ingram, Sonia Moise, Al Moore, Daniel Mundy, Ellen O'Reilly, Harvey Rudnick Daniel Ruscillo, Sender Schwartz, Thomas Tobin, Carole Trachtenberg, Edwin Williams, Rachel Williams

GUESTS

City Councilman Donovan Richards, Dan Brown – Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Nicolette Price - Rep. Assemblywoman Stacy Pheffer-Amato, Lisa George - Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr., Democratic District Leader Lew Simon, Sandee Doremus – Rep. State Senator Joseph Addabbo Jr., Kati Chen – Rep. NYC Economic Development Corporation, Molly Anderson – Rep. NYC Economic Development Corporation, Waheera Mardal – Rep. NYC Economic Development Corporation, Sarah Grant – Rep. NYC Economic Development Corporation, Jesse Batus – Rep. TCB, P.O. Mark Jones – Rep. NYC Police Department

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:20p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The Chair went to the Board for approval of the minutes.

Correction: Betty Leon –Present

Felicia Johnson made the motion for the board to accept the minutes with the stated correction. The motion was seconded by John Cori. The motion carried by a hand call vote in favor of the motion, 2 abstained.

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MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2018

The Chair went to the Board for approval of the minutes.

Corrections:

1) Betty Leon – Present

2) Youth Services & Education Committee Report - minutes omitted the Board's consensus to support the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to our elected state representatives regarding the "Contract for Excellence" funding which is allocated to our public schools from the yearly state budget and specifically targets struggling schools.

John McCambridge made the motion for the board to accept the minutes with the stated corrections. The motion was seconded by Eugene Pasternak. The motion carried by a hand call vote in favor of the motion. 4 abstained.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR – The Chair expressed disappointment of NY Rising for not submitting last month's presentation in writing, as was committed at the December 2018 meeting, to be distributed to Board members for this board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – FROM DECEMBER 11, 2018

-John Cori requested the status of the Arverne East Project. Additionally what is the status of the development of the Peninsula Hospital site?

District Manager, Jonathan Gaska, explained that the plans John Cori is referring to is pre- Super Storm Sandy for vacant land that has been sitting for years. The EIS, designs, etc. has to be re- examined. In addition the focus has been shifted to the development of Downtown Far Rockaway and City Councilman Donovan Richards can explain in more detail. Councilmember Donovan Richards discussed the plans for Arverne East and the Peninsula Hospital site.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The Chair opened the floor for public speaking at 7:39pm. 10 people signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking at 8:04 pm.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

1. City Councilman Donovan Richards – District Update

City Councilman Donovan Richards discussed Arverne East, explaining that the major issue with Arverne East is the millions of dollars needed to do

the infrastructure and that developers are not willing to spend millions on top of millions. Additionally, Rockaway Beach Blvd. has to be expanded to two lanes as was done in Arverne by the Sea. Designs and plans are already being reviewed and will be presented in a few weeks.

Important updates are the following:

- An information session for community ideas and input will take place next week at P.S.105 pm on the Peninsula Hospital site.
- Millions of dollars have been allocated to do DEP repair flooding issues at Chandler Street, Battery Road and behind Peninsula Hospital on Arverne Blvd and RBB.
- Millions have been allocated to schools in Rockaway.
- The construction of the new Far Rockaway Library is has begun.
- At the at Beach 54 Street and Beach Channel Drive commercial site, Asbestos was discovered and slowed development of the new stores, which will include a laundromat and supermarket.

2. NYCEDC – UPDATE ON BEACH 21 STREET (MUNI LOT) Residential Development Project

- Community Builders Inc. are the developers of the project stated that they are requesting a letter of support from the Community Board in order to proceed with project which involves the following:
 - There will be 224 affordable units, 7000 square feet of commercial space for a restaurant and a daycare center.
 - A playground area will be constructed for children and adults.
 - A community garden, on site manager and security will be provided
 - This project will create 70 permanent jobs. There was concern that we had nothing in writing and the power point was requested. Community Builders/EDC will provide the power point without costs as right now those numbers are only tentative. Motion by Felicia Johnson and seconded by Jose Velez to provide a letter of support. The motion was carried by a roll call vote of 19 YES, 1 NO and 5 ABSTAINED.

NEW BUSINESS - John Cori requested information on what is a District Leader? And who are ours in CB#14? District Manager, Jonathan Gaska explained the role of a District Leader, which is associated with a political party.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 pm

Submitted by M. Dunning