



COMMUNITY
BOARD #14

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 19, 2017

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
333 BEACH 90 STREET
ROCKAWAY BEACH, NY 11693

PRESENT

Khaleel Anderson, Courtney Brown, Annette Lord-Cohen, John Cori, Mordechai Dicker, Ahmed Edwards, Noreen Ellis, D. Brian Heffernan, Martin Ingram, Henry Iori, Felicia Johnson, Joel Kaplan, Betty Leon, John McCambridge, Sonia Moise, Aldean Moore Daniel Mundy, Dolores Orr, Eugene Pasternak, Edward Pastore Sr, Karen Sloan-Payne, Harvey Rudnick; Daniel Ruscillo Jr., Thomas Tobin, Chris Tesdesco, Michael Tubridy, Manuel Silva

ABSENT

Shalom Becker, Edward Benson, Glenn Collins, Louis Caucig, Stephen Cooper, Dr. Gerald David, Patricia Gillespie, Peter Larkin, Temima Feldman, Desiree Maple, Ellen O'Reilly, Isaac Parsee, Sender Schwartz, Dr. Eli Shapiro, Milan Taylor, Carole Tractenberg, Jose Velez, Edwin Williams, Rachel Williams, Denise Lopresti Neibel

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GUESTS

State Senator Joseph Addabbo Jr, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer-Amato, City Councilman Eric Ulrich, Daniel Randell – Rep. Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer-Amato, Democratic District Leader Lew Simon, Dan Brown – Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz,

DOLORES ORR
Chairperson

JONATHAN GASKA
District Manager

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report of the Chair

The Chair advised board members that those who were absent from the March meeting need to sign for receiving the NYC Equal Employment Opportunity Policy booklet. Each board member is responsible to read and adhere to these policies.

Minutes from March 22, 2017

Dan Mundy made the motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Danny Ruscillo Jr. The motion carried unanimously. 2 abstained.

Minutes from March 29, 2017

Betty Leon made the motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Noreen Ellis. The motion carried unanimously. 4 abstained.

Informational Presentation

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NYC Dept. of Transportation Re: Shore Front Parkway Improvement Plan

Albert Silvestri representing NYC DOT advised that the improvement plan was developed at the request from the community for pedestrian access to the ADA boardwalk at Beach 102nd Lane and general corridor improvements requests from civic associations in the area.



A workshop was held hosted by City Councilman Eric Ulrich to gather ideas and document the issues. DOT also met with local civics to summarize the workshops and identify areas of focus.



Casey Korell also representing DOT explained that the following is a summary of the proposed improvements:

- add metered parking on the south side of Shore Front Parkway (180 spaces).
- add two-way parking protected bike lane on the south curb of Shore Front Parkway.
- realign the median at Bch 102nd Lane and Bch 81st Street.
- add enhanced crossings at Bch 102nd Lane, Bch 96 Street and Beach 81 Street.
- add painted pedestrian areas at five locations.
- add right turn bays on the west side of Shore Front Parkway at Bch 94, 102nd and 81 Streets.
- add 15 loading zones along Shore Front Parkway.
- install painted curb extension at Beach 95 Street.
- reconstruct and narrow the median between Beach 95 Street and Beach 94 Street.

Public Speaking: The Chair opened the floor for public speaking at 7:30 pm. 12 people signed up to speak. They all were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking.

John Cori explained that last night at the Rockaway Beach Civic Association's emergency meeting the residents were unanimously opposed to the parking on the south side of Shore Front Parkway, which is not being reflected in DOT's presentation tonight and made a motion for the board to table the matter until after the transportation committee have its scheduled meeting that was previously postponed. The motion was seconded by Ahmad Edwards. The motion carried by a hand vote in favor of the motion. 1 abstained.

Committee Reports

Housing & Land-Use Committee

Jonathan Gaska, District Manager advised the Board that a similar action to ULURP#C-1256ZMQ70 regarding resiliency zoning changes for Broad Channel was already discussed by the board under Hurricane Sandy related items.

Brendon Pillar and Mellissa Morgan representing City Planning reported that discussions regarding proposed rezoning for Broad Channel has been ongoing since Hurricane Sandy and there has not been any zoning changes in Broad Channel since 1961. The flood risk in Broad Channel is complicated because the neighborhoods have extensive shorelines, mostly under private ownership, limited transportation access options during a storm of flood event making evacuation and emergency access challenging.

Ms. Morgan explained that the proposed re-zoning changes for Broad Channel of the following :

- The establishment of a new Special Coastal Risk District to denote the flood risk limit development to single-family residences and prohibit community facilities with sleeping accommodations.

- Rezoning from R3-2 to R3A, which would limit new development to detached houses and reflect the area's lot width conditions.
- Rezoning from R3-2 to C3A on Broad Channel's south eastern shore to bring existing marinas into zoning conformance.
- Rezoning from C1-2 to C1-3 to help commercial uses on small lots that may not be able to accommodate the off-street parking requirement under current zoning reconstruction if damaged or destroyed.

Public Participation: The Chair opened the floor for public participation for ULURP#C-170256ZMQ regarding the Broad Channel resiliency zoning changes. 1 person signed up to speak. He was recognized and heard. The Chair closed public participation.

Noreen Ellis made the motion for the Board to support ULURP#C-170256ZMQ for the Broad Channel resiliency zoning changes. The motion was seconded by Michael Tubridy. The motion carried by a roll call vote of Yes 25, 0 No and 0 Abstained.

Old/New Business

Noreen Ellis made a motion for the Board to send a letter to the elected officials stating that the naming of the Rockaway Ferry Dock is not in the spirit of Community Board #14's By-Laws. The motion was seconded by D. Brian Heffernan. The motion failed by a roll call vote of YES 6, NO 10 and 8 ABSTAINED.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm.

Submitted By: M. Dunning