



COMMUNITY
BOARD #14

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 9, 2017

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

PRESENT

Courtney Brown, Edward Benson, Glenn Collins, Louis Caucig, Stephen Cooper, John Cori, , Mordechai Dicker, Ahmed Edwards, Noreen Ellis, , D. Brian Heffernan, Martin Ingram, Henry Iori, Felicia Johnson, Betty Leon, Peter Larkin, Temima Feldman, John McCambridge, Sonia Moise, Aldean Moore, Ellen O'Reilly, Dolores Orr, Isaac Parsee, Edward Pastore Sr, Karen Sloan-Payne, Harvey Rudnick; Daniel Ruscillo Jr., Dr. Eli Shapiro, Thomas Tobin, Chris Tesdesco, Carole Tractenberg, Edwin Williams, Rachel Williams, Denise Lopresti-Neibel, Manuel Silva

ABSENT

Khaleel Anderson, Shalom Becker, Annette Lord-Cohen, Dr. Gerald David, Patricia Gillespie, Joel Kaplan, Desiree Maple Daniel Mundy, Eugene Pasternak, Sender Schwartz, Milan Taylor, Michael Tubridy, Jose Velez

GUESTS

Josh Hyman – Rep. Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer-Amato, Devaney Brown – Rep. City Councilman Donovan Richards, Democratic District Leader Lew Simon, Dan Brown – Rep. Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Lisa George – Rep. State Senator James Sanders Jr., Robert Schwach – Rep. City Councilman Eric Ulrich, Craig chin – Rep. NYC Dept. of Transportation

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:17 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report of the Chair

The Chair announced that the ferry is here and it's wonderful. On the news today it was reported that the daily ridership is at 11,000.

Report of the District Manager

Jonathan Gaska, District Manager advised all to contact the district office with locations of standing water that could breed mosquitos.

Minutes from April 19, 2017

John Cori stated that the minutes be corrected to include on page 2 in the paragraph after public speaking that the transportation committee request mandatory attendance for the previous scheduled meeting that was postponed.

Betty Leon made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Martin Ingram. Five abstained. The motion carried.

Public Speaking – The Chair opened the floor for public speaking at 7:23 pm. Twenty-one people signed up to speak. They were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public speaking at 8:08 pm.

Commemorative Committee

Betty Leon Chair of the committee reported that a meeting was held on April 24, 2017, however a quorum was not present. The agenda item for discussion was

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regarding a family's request to rename the portion of Church Road, between Noel Road and 7th Road to "Chief Christian Hoobs Way". The family is requesting an image of the BCVFD patch be added to the sign. At the meeting there was full support from the members of the BCVFD, the Broad Channel Civic Association and the community.

Betty Leon reported that Christian Hoobs was the fourth Chief of the Department for the Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps from January 1, 1913 until his untimely death on June 14, 1917. He was 48 years old when he succumb to a heart attack while responding to a fire on June 14, 1917.

Chief Christian Hoobs was a brave fire fighter who risked his life daily to save the life and property of others.

Public Participation – The Chair opened the floor for public participation regarding renaming a portion of Church Road to "Chief Christian Hoobs Way". Two individuals signed up to speak. Both were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public participation.

Noreen Ellis made the motion for the board to support the request to rename a portion of Church Road to "Chief Christian Hoobs Way". The motion was seconded by John McCambridge. The motion passed by a hand vote unanimously in favor of the motion.

Transportation Committee

Martin Ingram Co-Chair of the committee reported that a meeting was held on May 3, 2017. Mr. Silvestri and staff from DOT gave a presentation on Shore Front Parkway. John Cori President of Rockaway Beach Civic Association and local elected officials presented concerns about DOT's plans for Shore Front Parkway.

Following the presentations the Transportation Committee developed the following motions:

1. No changes to existing parking restrictions on south side of Shore Front Parkway.
2. Request speed cameras by St. Rose of Lima School located at Beach 84 Street and Shore Front Parkway and also at St. Camillus located at Beach 99 Street and Shore Front Parkway.
3. The committee is opposed to a bike lane on SFP and recommend that DOT study the continuation of the existing bike lane on Rockaway Beach Blvd. east of Beach 108 Street.
4. Require the NYC Parks Dept. to clearly mark the existing bike lane on the boardwalk.

The Chair advised that each motion would be voted on separately.

Public Participation – The Chair opened the floor for public participation at 8:39 pm regarding DOT's proposal for Shore Front Parkway. Twenty-two people signed up to speak. They were recognized and heard. The Chair closed public participation.

The Chair went to the board for discussion on the first motion regarding no changes to the existing parking restrictions on south side of Shore Front Parkway. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 27 YES, 2 NO and 4 ABSTAINED.

The second motion requesting speed cameras by St. Rose of Lima School located at Beach 84 Street and Shore Front Parkway and also at St. Camillus located at Beach 99 Street and Shore Front Parkway. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 29 YES, 4 NO and 1 ABSTAINED.

The third motion to oppose a bike lane on SFP and recommend that DOT study the continuation of the existing bike lane on Rockaway Beach Blvd. east of Beach 108 Street. The motion failed by 9 YES, 22 NO and 2 ABSTAINED.

The fourth motion to require the NYC Parks Dept. to clearly mark the existing bike lane on the boardwalk was carried by a roll call vote of YES 29, NO 1 and 1 ABSTAINED.

Parks & Public Safety Committee

John McCambridge Co-Chair of the committee reported that a meeting was held on May 8, 2017. The first agenda item for discussion was regarding the design for upgrading Almeda Playground located at the corner of Beach 66 Street and Beach Channel Drive. The playground is jointly operated with P.S. 42. A community meeting was held and the main request was for more active recreation inside the park.

The park currently has no lighting. Disease/damaged trees will be removed. A portion of one of the handball courts will be removed to make space for a spray area. The new design calls for the Beach 66 Street entrance to be moved to meet at Beach Channel Drive and Beach 66 Street. The park will also have the following features:

- a 2 to 5 age play area and a 5 to 12 play area.
- a spray shower area and an adult fitness area
- an all age swing area, tables and seating for both adults and children

The shared area with P.S. 42 will include a painted track, 2 tennis/volleyball courts

- an all ages play area, one full size basketball court and a ½ size basketball court
- an all age swing set and fencing around the park will be shortened to 4 feet around the playground and 10 feet around the shared playground.

The motion to approve the new design provided that there is a gate at the entrance of Beach 66 Street and Beach Channel Drive. The motion carried by a hand vote in favor of the motion with 1 NO and 1 ABSTAINED.

The second item the committee discussed was regarding the Beach 94 Street Flagpole design. The budget for the project is \$200,000 with remaining funds being allocated to the performance space. The new flagpole would be 45 feet tall and located at Beach 94 Street 30 feet from the boardwalk and 30 feet from the ADA ramp. Construction could possibly begin in 2018. In addition, there was a request for a nautical design theme on the base of flagpole.

A motion was made to approve the design of the flagpole at the Beach 94 Street performance space provided there is a nautical theme design on the base of the flagpole. The motion carried by a hand vote in favor of the motion.

Old Business/New Business

- D. Brian Heffernan made the motion for the board to support giving equal speaking time to a recognized organization/civic association etc. that is in opposition or in favor of any issues proposed by any governmental agency that is presented to the community board that will affect the entire community. The motion was seconded by John Cori. The motion failed by a hand vote of 5 YES, 18 NO, 0 ABSTAINED.

- D. Brian Heffernan made the motion for the board to support leaving the public speaking sign in sheet in the front until 15 minutes after the board and committee meetings start. The motion was seconded. After discussion on the motion was held D. Brian Heffernan withdrew the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Submitted By: M. Dunning