



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD 12**

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**COMMUNITY BOARD 12
MARCH MINUTES**

**HELD ON
TUESDAY,
MARCH 26, 2024**

**VIA ZOOM
& IN-PERSON
AT AMICO SENIOR CENTER
5901 13TH AVE.
BROOKLYN, NY 11219**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

AAMNAH KHAN
ALAN DUBROW
ANA CALI
ARTURO ENAMORADO III
AVROHOM WOLFSON
BERNARD FREILICH
BETH SLEPIAN
CHAIM SCHNEIDER
CHESKY BLAU
DANIEL KERADNAM
DAVID FRIEDLANDER
DAVID SHLOMOVICH
EDGAR GLUCK
ELLIE KASTEL
ELLIOT SIDDIQUI
JACOB ASKAL
JEFFREY DWECK
JOSEPH GROSS
JUDITH OJO-DIAZ
JULES FLEISCHER
LOUIE LIU
MAMNUNUL HAQ
MARIA ARETTINES
MIRIAM HERSKO
MORDECHAI KATZ
MORRIS SENDEROVICH
MOSHE FRIDMAN
NAFTALI TESSLER
NICK BERGHALL
PETER REBENWURZEL
ROCHELLE ZAMI
SAM STOBER
SHARON FUCHS
SHLOMIE RIEGER
SOL WAHBA
WIL FISHER
YAAKOV KAPLAN
YAAKOV SCHAPIRO
YERUCHIM SILBER
YIDEL PERLSTEIN
YITZCHOK MOSKOWITS
YONAH MOSES

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADRIANA VINK
ALEXI SHALOM
DOUGLAS JABLON
JACOB HASS
JACQUE FRIEDMAN
JOHN TALMADGE
ROMINA FERNANDEZ

STAFF PRESENT

BARRY SPITZER – DISTRICT MANAGER
GITTEL FEKETE – COMMUNITY
COORDINATOR

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES

SAMUEL ELUTO, REP. PUBLIC ADVOCATE
PINNY HIKIND, REP. COMP. BRAD LANDER
ALEXANDER GUREVICH, REP. DA
JACK PLUSHNICK, REP. CONGRESSMAN DAN
GOLDMAN
ELI SLAVIN, REP. CONGRESSWOMAN
YVETTE CLARKE
MATT MALOY, REP. CM SHAHANA HANIF
ROSLYN JOINVIL, REP. CM RITA JOSEPH
EMMET TERAN, REP. CM ALEXA AVILES
SHARON FUCHS, REP. SEN. FELDER
SHLOMIE RIEGER, REP. AM EICHENSTEIN
CHAIM SCHNEIDER, REP. AM EICHENSTEIN
SOYA RADIN, REP. AM LESTER CHANG

COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

APPROXIMATELY 15 RESIDENTS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

ADOPTION OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Alan Dubrow said he didn't have a chance to read the minutes. A motion was made to table the adoption of the minutes till the April meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Delivered by Chairman Yidel Perlstein

- We join the city in mourning the loss of 31-year-old police officer Jonathan Diller who was shot in the line of duty.
- We are grateful that Purim was a joyous occasion.
- We wish all who celebrate a Happy Ramadan. And all who will celebrate a Happy Passover and Easter.
- I will be hosting a Met Council food distribution for Passover on April 16 at my lot on 17th Ave and 63rd. It is always a great privilege to partner with them for this occasion. So many families need help, and I am always happy to do what I can to help.
- Early elections for primaries are already ongoing. If you are not registered to vote- please do so. Early voting for the presidential primary is already underway and continues until March 30th. In person voting for the presidential primary is on April 2.
- The date for our April board meeting is not determined yet.

PUBLIC HEARING

Anthony Loum -Branch Manager of the Mapleton Library

- Anthony Loum delivered remarks on behalf of the library.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN PERLSTEIN CHAIRED THE ELECTION

- Anna Cali made a statement before the election. She made a decision not to run against Mamnun. She has been secretary for 11 years and it's time to pass it on to her friend and someone she respects. The Board gave Anna a standing ovation.
- Anna cast one vote to elect Mamnun as secretary.
- Mamnun gave remarks.
- The election proceeded by members being handed written ballots to fill out.
- The ballots were counted by Executive Committee members Bernard Freilich, Jeffery Dweck and Miriam Hershko.
- Out of 39 eligible voters, the results were as follows:
1st Vice Chair: Yaakov Kaplan = 33 --- Aamnah Khan = 6
2nd Vice Chair: Yeruchim Silber = 33 --- Beth Slepian = 6

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Delivered by District Manager Barry Spitzer

The District Manager had a few items to mention:

- He thanked the NYPD for their towing operation on Bay Parkway for removing commercial vehicles that do not belong there.

- The MTA is continuing track repairs on the F line. The work is scheduled to take place on Fridays from 6 am to 4 pm. The work is now focused on Ave I and moving soon to the Bay Parkway station. If you need to use the F line during these times- please, try to use different routes.
- As always during this time of year, we have containers from businesses on the streets to deal with the added inventory needed for the holidays. We try to balance the needs of our residents who need the extra merchandise and the needs of the same residents who need the parking space. We know it's a nuisance and request your patience.
- Speaking of Passover, we are looking to do an e-waste collection event. This would be our third annual collection. It has always been well received and we look forward to once again providing this vital service. We are in touch with DSNY and are figuring out a day when their vendor will be available.
- DEP announced that it will begin shutting off water for unpaid water bills, this was paused since Covid- but they are now resuming. If you got such a notice, you cannot ignore it.
- We had some very heavy rainy days, which led to several street flooding complaints: I want to remind everyone to notify 311 if they see a drain that is not draining properly. The city coordinates drain cleaning based on a list that is determined from your 311 calls.
- Street repaving is now beginning. Please notify us of any streets you think need to be repaired and we will share with the city. We need to try to get the locations on the list as early as possible to see that it is repaired. The best way to do this is to email our office at bk12@cb.nyc.gov.
- As a reminder- we recently moved the clock, which is when it is advised to check your smoke detector batteries. We have had a few devastating fires in the district, and we urge you to take fire safety seriously. One of the fires was right by the Beverley Plaza closed streets. Some neighbors have indicated to us that they believe the emergency response time was slowed because of the closed street, it is something we are looking into to see if it had an impact.
- It is almost Tax Day- if you need financial help filing your taxes, the Brooklyn public library is an excellent resource. I am sure there are elected officials present who are also providing this vital service.
- I would like to thank the Department of Sanitation and Traffic Enforcement for their cooperation with us on Purim. The community greatly appreciates it.
- Since this was Gittel's last board meeting as Community Board 12's Community Coordinator, he publicly thanked her for the work she did for many years. He also thanked her on behalf of the many constituents that she helped throughout the years. Gittel received a standing ovation from the Board.

Gittel Fekete

Gittel thanked everyone. She thanked Yidel and Barry. She said that she learned so much from everyone and she knows that everyone will continue to have the community's best interest at heart. If anybody wants to keep in touch her email address is feketegittel@gmail.com. She said that she wants everybody to know how hard the office really does work.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES & AGENCIES

- **Samuel Eluto gave a report from the Public Advocate's office.**
- **Pinny Hikind gave a report from the Comptroller's office.**
- **Jack Plushnick gave a report from Congressman Goldman's office.**
- **Emmet Teran gave a report from Councilmember Aviles' office.**
- **Soya Radin gave a report from Assemblymember Chang's office.**
- **Chaim Schneider gave a report from Assemblymember Eichenstein's office.**
- **Matt Maloy gave a report from Councilmember Hanif's office.**
- **Joslyn Joinvil gave a report from Councilmember Joseph's office.**

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

2nd Vice Chair Yeruchim Silber:

- He mentioned that considering the recent fires it is very important to have renter's insurance.
- He also spoke about his concern that since Covid the police department has not been attending our board meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted by: Barry Spitzer