



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

ALEX MUNOZ  
AVROHOM WOLFSON  
BENJAMIN KLEINBART  
BETH SLEPIAN  
CHAIM SCHNEIDER  
CHESKY BLAU  
DANIEL KERADNAM  
DOUGLAS JABLON  
EDGAR GLUCK  
ELLIE KASTEL  
GABRIEL SASSON  
JAQUELINE JILL REINIER  
JEFFREY DWECK  
JOHN TALMADGE  
JOSEPH GROSS  
JUDITH OJO-DIAZ  
JULES FLEISCHER  
LOUIE LIU  
MAMNUNUL HAQ  
MATTHEW MELNICKE  
MIRIAM HERSKO  
MORDECHAI KATZ  
MORDY GETZ  
MORRIS SENDEROVICH  
MOSHE FRIDMAN  
NAFTALI TESSLER  
PETER REBENWURZEL  
ROCHELLE ZAMI  
SAM STOBER  
SHARON FUCHS  
SHLOMIE RIEGER  
SOL WAHBA  
YAAKOV KAPLAN  
YEHUDA ROSMAN  
YIDEL PERLSTEIN  
YITZCHOK MOSKOWITS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

AAMNAH KHAN  
ALAN DUBROW  
ANNA CALI  
BERNARD FREILICH  
DAVID FRIEDLANDER  
DAVID SHLOMOVICH  
ELLIOT SIDDIQUI  
JACOB ASKAL  
JACQUE FRIEDMAN  
MARIA ARETTINES  
QIWANG HUANG  
WIL FISHER  
YERUCHIM SILBER  
YONAH MOSES

**STAFF PRESENT**

BARRY SPITZER – DISTRICT MANAGER

**ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

JACOB EISDORFER, REP. BOROUGH  
PRESIDENT  
ELI SLAVIN, REP. CONGRESSWOMAN  
YVETTE CLARKE  
MATT MALOY, REP. CM SHAHANA HANIF  
EMMET TERAN, REP. CM ALEXA AVILES  
SHARON FUCHS, REP. SEN. FELDER  
SHLOMIE RIEGER, REP. AM EICHENSTEIN  
CHAIM SCHNEIDER, REP. AM EICHENSTEIN  
CAPTAIN TRINCHESE REP. 66 PRECINCT

**COMMUNITY RESIDENTS**

APPROXIMATELY 10 RESIDENTS PRESENT

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **ATTENDANCE**

## **ADOPTION OF FEBRUARY & MARCH MINUTES**

The February and March minutes were adopted.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

### **Delivered by Chairman Yidel Perlstein**

- There were a few beautiful events over the Passover holiday season:
  - 1) There was a huge Passover items and food distribution that gave away nearly 3000 packages for families in need. Thank you to the police and sanitation departments for an excellent job.
  - 2) There was another food distribution done by Met Council that served hundreds of families that was done at my lot before Passover.
  - 3) There was also a very nice event done by the BP JCC and Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein for the children of our district. Thousands of children enjoyed themselves with rides and shows for free. I want to again thank the police department for their excellent work in making this possible for our community.
- I would first like to thank the former members of our board for all the work they put in and the service they volunteered for our community. We greatly appreciate it. First to one of the longer serving members, Jacob Haas, who most recently served as the vice chair of our Land Use Committee. Jacob always had a unique perspective on issues, and we will continue to value his opinion moving forward. Also, thanks to Adriana Vink, Arturo Enamorado, Alexi Shalom, Nick Berghall, Romina Fernandez and Yaakov Shapiro.
- Now I would like to welcome the new members to our board:
  - Gabriel Sasson
  - Mordy Getz
  - Yehuda Rosman
  - Alex Munoz
  - Jacqueline Jill Reinier
  - Qiwang Huang
  - Benjamin Kleinbart
  - Matthew MelnickeWe look forward to working with all of you closely.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Anthony Loum -Branch Manager of the Mapleton Library**

- Anthony Loum delivered remarks on behalf of the library.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

### **Delivered by District Manager Barry Spitzer**

The District Manager had a few items to mention:

- Aziza will be taking over Gittel's position in the office.
- Thank the NYPD and Department of Sanitation for their towing operation on 21st Avenue. 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue had a lot of abandoned vehicles that were affecting the community; we had people sleeping in them, garbage, waste, and dump trucks building up with

garbage. With the help of the NYPD and the Department of Sanitation, they were cleared on Friday.

Before the week of Passover, we got the rest of them taken away. It was a massive operation, and they needed heavy trucks.

- Everyone worked together with our office including the mayor's office and the Chief of Patrol. 21st Avenue is returned to the neighborhood for their use. Thanks to the NYPD and the Department of Sanitation for a great job.
- Thank you to the Department of Sanitation for their work during Passover. Putting out containers in the community, cleaning up the burn sites, and cleaning the entire district. The hotline being answered, and we heard great reports from the community. Thank you to the Department of Sanitation for their hard work.
- Thank the FDNY, NYPD, and Shomrim for Sreifas Chumets. It went well. There were some minor explosions, there was a slight injury, but no one was hurt. We are already talking about next year with FDNY and Shomrim on how to make sure nobody gets hurt.
- Most of the containers are gone and we thank the stores for removing them on time. Other neighborhoods are envious of our success with the containers.
- We are heavily preparing for Lag B'omer, on the night of May 25. We already talked to the police department and the FDNY. We expect this year to be much larger than last year because Israel canceled this year's celebration.

## **REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES & AGENCIES**

- **Eli Slavin gave a report from Congresswomen Yvette Clarke**
  - Welcomed new members and their voices are valuable to the community.
  - He reminded the members that their office deals with federal issues and is happy to help with matters such as Passports, visas, immigration, and Veteran's Affairs. Phone Number: 718-287-1142 or visit the websites: [Clarke.house.gov](http://Clarke.house.gov).
  - Appreciated Barry Spitzer for his hard work in the community.
- **Matt Maloy gave a report from Councilmember Shahana Hanif**
  - He wished everyone a happy belated Passover and expressed excitement about signing the lease for their new district office. The office will open at the end of the month, and the community is invited to the office opening. At the next community meeting, the full office will be open for business.
  - They ran a successful participatory budgeting cycle and will reveal the results next week.
  - There are a few upcoming events: Food distribution at the NYCHA complex on May 6th, and a food distribution collaboration with Chips on May 3rd at Kensington Plaza
  - They are excited to partner with Assembly Member Jo Anne Simmon's office, which is hosting an early detection bus offering free mammograms on Thursday, May 9th, at 341 Smith Street.
  - The New York City Department of Small Business Services is offering a small business expo at the end of the month, on Wednesday, May 29th, at Pier 36.
- **Emmet Teran gave a report from Councilmember Aviles' office.**
  - He wished everyone a Happy belated Passover.
  - It's budget season at City Hall, and the Mayor announces the executive budget, while the council is conducting another round of hearings.
  - The Council responded to the Mayor's Budget based on the expected revenue they have.
  - Council member Aviles ensures that we are funded for our schools and communities.

- The Economic Development Corporation is conducting remediation and rehabilitation on pure sis.
  - There is a workshop on June 6th at Sunset Branch at the Public Library from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. If you would like your voice to be heard on how you want to utilize the space, come and vote.
  - He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo.
- **Chaim Schneider gave a report from Assemblymember Eichenstein's office.**
  - **Captain Trinchese**
    - Thanked everyone for being here. We are getting ready for Lag B'omer. We are working to make sure that everybody is safe.

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business: Ellie Kastel – Board Member**

- Ellie wanted to ask members of the community board who are involved with many schools in the community to stop parking their school buses in New York City bus stops. It worsens traffic and poses a danger to children and seniors waiting to board the bus. Ellie acknowledges that there are limited parking spaces, but action must be taken. Her office is located on the corner of 14th and 15th, where there are two bus stops. At 4pm and 4:30pm, many children stand in the street and cannot see if the bus is approaching. Schools parking their buses at New York City bus stops should be reminded about courtesy and safety.

**Beth Slepian – Board Member**

- Thanks, the chairman for overseeing the election process; it went well.
- Wants to ensure that all committees hold meetings on a regular basis.
- Agrees with Ellie's concerns and perhaps it's time for a transportation meeting to address the issue with the board.

**Yaakov Kaplan**

- Thanked Barry Spitzer for his hard work.

**Naftali Tessler – Board Member**

- Welcomed all new members.
- Encouraged everyone to utilize Prospect Park for biking or running.
- If anyone is into running, training for a marathon, or biking groups, feel free to reach out to Naftali.

**Jaqueline Jill Reinier – Board Member**

- Working with the Mayor's office on the Mayor's Budgeting process. Has paper ballots in English and Yiddish for Brooklyn projects that the Mayor is considering funding. Would like to collaborate with organizations in Borough Parks to secure votes for the participatory budgeting process, with the deadline set for June 12th. Ballots will be available in front of Community Board 12 office.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted by: Aziza Temirova