



**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 13**  
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COMMUNITY BOARD 13  
MEETING  
MINUTES

**Date:** Wed., October 30, 2024    **Time:** 7:00 P.M.    **Loc.:** Education Hall

**Members Present:** Anitrius Bleau, Gabriel Blinder, Deborah Carter, Lolita Divilova, Mohamed Elnaggar, Olga Fort, Taj Graham, Ronald Greenberg, Linda Harrison, Jeanny Hernandez, Yuriy Krasner, Angela Kravtchenko, Minnie Mankita, Mark Mernyk, Maria Montalvo, Pat O'Brian, Robbin Paraison, Nodira Pirmukhamedova, Milagros Quiles, Shimon Rinkovsky, Michael Russo, Jeffrey Sanoff, Frances Schwartz, Tatyana Segal, Pervez Siddiqui, Sheila Smalls, Vladislav Spektor, Joann Weiss, Annette Wesley, Svetlana Zelinskaya

**Members Absent:** Anthony Batista, Lakeisha Bowers(exc), Patricia Brown(exc), Marion Cleaver(exc), Joseph Corace(exc), Charlene Davis (exc), Lucy Mujica Diaz(exc), Jennifer Dublin(exc), Susan Flaschenberg (exc), Selina Grant(exc), Erum Hanif(exc), Amarilys Herrera(exc), Allen Newman, Leonard Maurice Robertson, Michael Silverman(exc), Pat Singer, Jack Suben(exc), Dennis Vourderis, Sidra Zafar.

**Guests:** Ida Sanoff, Giusoppe Luppo, Jayla Mcllitte, Erica Turner, Sami Marshak, Alfonso Abreu, Denise Valle, Arthur Melnick, Carrie Hall, Yan Kuznetsov, Loretta Toyar, William Ye, John Castro, Rosanna Nucifaro, Clifton Smith, Christopher D. Greif, Gillian Mckenzie, Laura O'Leary, Lina Pattayabut, Elisha Wilson, Penny Lemis, Joseph Ottomanelli( DNSY), Agyeman, Akwasi(CEC), Amachia Winston, Merita Santos, Luz Vagas, Sabina Alamova, Nilufar Nizamava, Joseph Packer, Larisa Boas(Shore JCC) Shannon Cetto(NYPD), Yazeed Khatib(NYPD), Roslyn Campbell(Brooklyn BP's office), Erica Koyfman (Councilwoman Inna Vernikov's Office), Olga Fiore (Sen. Jessica Scarcella Spanton's Office) Zunera Ahmed ( Councilman Justin Brannan's Office), Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny,

**Staff Present:**

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Hanna Glikman, Community Associate, Lucia Knizhik, Community Assistant

Board Chairperson Jeff Sanoff opened tonight's meeting at 7 p.m. Michael Russo said the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff gave Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny the floor. Alec Brook-Krasny advised the hours of his Coney Island Office. Also made a statement that it's the anniversary of Sandy and there was another building opening at 1607 Surf Ave. In 2012 he said after the super storm Sandy Coney Island will be back better than ever and all the new developments are proof of that. He also makes a statement to ask people to vote, no matter what they want to vote for.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **CEC presentation "The People's Money" – Agyeman, Akwasi**

CEC representative spoke about decisions and budget. Voters trust people's money. Who can participate? New Yorkers ages 11 and up could submit an idea if any chosen goes on a ballot to be elected. There were 46 projects last year, and 20 projects this year, of which 13 borough projects and 33 were neighborhood projects. Brighton Beach and Coney Island are part of the projects also which include mental health and education. One of the projects is voter language access.

#### **Question & Answers**

Sheila Smalls made a statement that years ago with Councilman Treyger they were working on a project that would have separate parking for residents of Coney Island and parking for visitors to Coney Island and the revenue from the parking would go towards youth programs. But it's never took off. She felt very discouraged.

CEC representative advised that it's a long process. But rewarding for the community if picked.

Minnie Mankita asks for help during early voting for poll workers stating that there were no translators during early voting. The CEC representative advised that there will be translators coming to help for the next two days.

#### **DSNY Presentation Residential Containerization-Joseph Ottemanelli**

Representative gives a presentation on the new residential containerization that will begin November 12th. It is for trash only. The bins are meant to help reduce the rat infestation. New bins are available to purchase on Bins.nyc

Bins must be moved back from the curb by 9 PM.

There will be a new commercial summons fee schedule.

#### **Question & Answers**

Yelena Makhnin asked about illegal dumping and fines for violators. She states that previously inspectors would go through garbage and find mail addresses that would lead to fining people who illegally dump garbage. This is no longer practiced.

That DSNY rep said he would be willing to see what could be done about the illegal dumping.

Pat O'Brien asked if he could chain the new garbage bin to his fence to prevent theft. The DSNY rep advised against that, and said that it can be stored that way, however, must be unchained for trash pick-up.

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2026 DISTRICT NEEDS:**

#### **CAPITAL BUDGET:**

All remain in the same spots except:

-Asser Levy Park is getting a dog park.

-Number one priority is still the renovation of the boardwalk.

-Sanitation Garage is moved to number 10.

**EXPENSE BUDGET:**

-Lifeguards on the beaches are still a top priority.

-The traffic study was moved down because DOT is doing an 18-month study.

Ronald Greenberg makes a statement that CB 15 and CB 11 have it as a number one request Priority for public safety for more police presence. Ronald Greenberg motions to move it to priority. The parliamentarian States that there's no question therefore can't motion.

Christopher D. Greif States that accessibility at stations needs improvement such as braille signs as well as other accessibility signs.

Eddie advised that the wish list is for 2026 he advises that public safety cannot wait for two years.

Ronald Greenberg states that CB 15 once year-round increase in police and believes it should be increased here too.

Mark Mernyk advised that there should be a motion to adopt before amending. Mark Mernyk motions to adopt as is, Michael Russo seconds.

Ronald Greenberg made a motion to move number 35 to number one priority requesting more Police moved to number 1. Mohamed Elnaggar seconds it.

Vote: In favor: 19    Opposed: 11

Motion carries.

Yelena made a statement that the public needs to have an explanation of how the Budget Needs work.

Gabriel Blinder asks what happens to the rest of the budget needs, and Eddie Mark confirms that they move down by one.

Ronald Greenberg stated that there's a need for additional carpenters. And wants the number of priorities moved, Jeff Sanoff won't allow the monopolization of the meeting.

Mark Mernyk made a motion on FY 26 District Needs Capital and Expenses as amended. Michael Russo seconded it

Vote: In favor: 27    Opposed: 3

Eddie Mark will write a letter with the approval of the Chair to add more police officers.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Loretta Tayar - from AFFCNY offered help to families with resources and support who have just become guardians, foster, or adoptive parents.

Christopher D Greif- urges the public to keep reading the notices about service changes. There will be a meeting about getting more accessible stations into the neighborhood. MTA just turned 120 years old.

Discussion about broken screen at Stillwell station.

Larisa Boas- Executive Director Shorefront JCC offers help with services benefits, housing applications health insurance they have a lot of resources to help the elderly or anyone that needs help. They are even hosting ESL classes.

Laura O'leary - Branch Manager at Ulmer Park Branch BPL. Spoke about events at the library and the ESL classes.

Yan Kuznetsov - resident and board president at Seabreeze Plaza is complaining about overnight parking of trucks and a school bus. Garbage accumulation and public urination between Beach Walk and Ocean Parkway. Also sand accumulations near Ocean Parkway ramp to the boardwalk.

Sheila Smalls - asked for a pass for the absentees due to the election for the poll workers

**ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:**

Erica Koyfman- Councilwoman Vernikov is working on discounted parking for senior citizens for the parking lot by Brighton Beach. She thinks the 60th precinct for working on the EBT fraud. She also advised that there will be an event in November for e-disposable.

Zunera Ahmed- Councilman Justin Brannan's office- They hosted a veterans appreciation event this month. Also, Operation Hood event, 292 days without a shooting in Coney Island. Also, domestic violence event with the MetCouncil.

Olga Fiore- Senator Jessica Scarcella Spanton Is also working on the municipal parking lot for price decrease help with DOT. They will have Thanksgiving turkey giveaways coming up in November.

Roslyn Campbell—The Brooklyn Borough President's office will do a Thanksgiving distribution for 501-C's. The office will also have an art project called "Rappin" Max Robot in Brooklyn that will be going to Paris.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT-** Jeff welcomes back Pervez Siddiqui on the board. Jeff advised that Barbara is out on a leave but is doing well. Jeff talked about all the events that they went to this past this month. Community Board 13 submitted a letter for the proposed City of Yes, also a letter to DOT about the municipal parking lot on Brighton.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT-** Eddie Mark goes over the events that he attended including the NHS opening and gala and Cyclones Bagels opening, which is a veteran's business. The opening of Phase 2 housing, there will also be a Phase 3 so there will be more chances for the community to get into affordable housing.

Halloween Parade hosted by the Coney Island Alliance. Breast Cancer Walks on Sunday, October 27. Gargiulo will be hosting Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 27 from 2 PM until dinner time.

He also advised that on December 23 the kids will be off from school for the Christmas holidays.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Yuriy Krasner. Quarterly spending for July 2024-September 2024. See attachment.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** - Milagros Quiles: The Ukrainian Museum hosted an exhibit part of which is an Asser Levy Park and the second part is the Ukrainian Museum there was a shuttle provided Saturday, November 2 from 12 PM to 5 PM.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Transportation Committee-** Lolita Divilova, the committee discussed with Melissa Farley the MTA representative questions and issues such as the nonworking escalator on W. 8th St. station and garbage clean up.

Wanted to make sure that the traffic questionnaire is shared with everybody and make sure everybody put in their input.

Eddie Mark presents the Frank Tripodi Way co- naming. He was very active in the community and was part of Friends of Kaiser Park. Did movies in the park and other activities. The proposed street is West 29th and Neptune Avenue.

Miss Dupont chimes in and says Frank was very involved with the community in the last 16 years of his life helping people.

Vote: In favor: 31    Opposed: 0

**Education Committee** - Eddie advised that ACS came to present PEP program and suggested everybody to watch the video from YouTube. It involves the whole family to avoid the child being taken away from the family.

They also went over District 21 classroom size for kids who need additional academic help.

**License Committee** - Yelena advises there was a Full liquor license renewal of One Summer Inc., DBA Paul's Daughter located at 1001 Boardwalk, Brooklyn NY 11224

### **Old Business**

Joann asked to look for a new place to have meetings because the aquarium is not a great option for the winter.

Eddie advises that possibly South Brooklyn Health may be an option depending on parking.

### **Good and Welfare**

Angela Kravtchenko urges everybody to go vote and be nice to the poll workers.

Motion made to adjourn at 9 p.m.

This is not a verbatim account of the meeting but a synopsis of the main points.

Lucia Knizhnik, Community Assistant