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**Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes**

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday October 24, 2023, 7:00pm**

Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY  
11235, Faculty Dining Room U112

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm, by Chairperson Theresa Scavo. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chair Scavo, requested everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for all the lives lost in Israel.

**PUBLIC HEARING / PUBLIC SESSION:**

**ZONING COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson Scavo introduced the representative for 1865 Ocean Parkway, Lyra Altman:

**BSA 2023-61-BZ / 1865 Ocean Parkway**

This application is filed pursuant to Section 73-622 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, as amended, to request a special permit to allow the enlargement of an existing two-family residence to a single-family residence in a residential (R5) zoning district in the Special Ocean Parkway District.

The Board received 0 letters of support or opposition.

Questions from the floor: the adjoining neighbor expressed his support of the request, another asked why is this a modest change is it because trends are changing to reflect smaller homes? The answer was this homeowner does not require a larger request.

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A motion was made to approve by Robert Gevertzman and seconded by Edmond Chalom.

A Committee Vote was taken, 12 yes, 0 no and 0 abstention. The motion passed the committee. A full board vote would take place in the Executive Session.

### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Chair Scavo stated she was going to read a statement from Tyler Reynolds, Construction Liaison, for the Manhattan Beach sewer replacement project who apologized for not being able to be here tonight. His statement went on to say the crew has been conducting restoration activities, Completing all required work on Corbin Place, Amherst Street, Beaumont Street and Coleridge Street south of Oriental Boulevard, with expectations of completing up to Ocean Avenue by the weekend, A second work crew has been conducting sidewalk repair and has completed all dead-end blocks from Corbin Place to Ocean Avenue and will complete all sidewalk work on Oriental Boulevard by the end of the day tomorrow. As always, if you have any questions, you can call me at 646 -501-2712 or email [BED910CCL@gmail.com](mailto:BED910CCL@gmail.com)

Chair Scavo opened the floor and invited Elected Officials, their representatives, agency representatives and community members to speak:

Chris Greif representing the New York City Transit Riders Council spoke about switching from the reduced fare MetroCard to reduced fare OMNY. You can register for a free OMNY account at OMNY.info. He stated he provided flyers on the front table. He went on to state that in partnership with Brooklyn Public Library the Brooklyn Family Support Services Advisory Council are hosting a Developmental Disability Resource Fair on Friday November 3, 2023, from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Canarsie Library 1580 Rockaway Parkway. The MTA reduced fare will also be in attendance. He said flyers are also on the front table.

Stanley Kaplan spoke about the problems facing Sheepshead Bay's boating community because of a failure to dredge. The channels have become so entrenched with sand the fishing boats, the dining ship the Atlantis and fireboats can no longer navigate into the Bay without high tide. We need to ask our elect officials to support funding this important endeavor.

Chair Scavo introduced Assemblyman Michael Novakhov who went on the address the dredging issues, he also has sat down with Fred Ardolino the owner of the Atlantis ship and understands it is an issue. He was told that funding of

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\$900,000 was allocated to Kingsborough Community College to help address this dredging issue but the monies were redirected for another college need. He is doing more research to get to the bottom of this issue.

Martin Gangursky stated that our buses are overcrowded and building more high rises will only add to the problem. He is concerned that children are being bused in from other neighborhoods to attend Leon Goldstein High School preventing neighborhood children from being able to attend their own local school. He spoke about concerns that Lincoln High School recently had a shooting.

Ed Jaworski, Executive Vice President for the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association stated they are sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive from November 1, collecting non-perishable food items or financial donations, through November 21, culminating with the Civics' joint meeting with the Marine Park Civic Association at the Carro Community Center in Marine Park. On Saturday, November 11, from 10:00am -2:00pm they will have a table outside the Key Food Supermarket on Gerritsen Avenue and Avenue U accepting donations or you can see their President and Board Member Elizabeth Morrissey to make a donation. All proceeds will go to the needy.

Rosina Tatturi complained she needs help with the Wyse Restaurant on Neptune Avenue which has loud techno music blasting into the night on weekends disturbing her and her neighbors. She stated all calls to 311 and the precinct are failing to address the problem. She went on to complain about the illegal dumping and filthiness of Homecrest Avenue, bringing in rats to the sitting area where seniors and children sit.

Sam Eluto representing the Public Advocate stated they were looking to attend Jewish and Interfaith events in the community, so please keep them posted. They are preparing their annual worst landlord report for the end of the year, so please make sure you report any building complaints through the HPD portal, so they can capture the information for their report. You can contact our office should you need assistance by googling the Public Advocate's office.

Solomiya Momot representing Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's Office stated the Senator has been sponsoring free flu shots in her office no insurance or appointment needed. The next one will be on Thursday October 26, 10:00am -1:00pm in their office located at 1906 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224. The Senator on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 10:00am-2:00pm at Kingsborough Community College in partnership with the

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Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez will sponsor a Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Forum. She placed flyers on the front table for more information. Lastly, she stated Senator Scarcella-Spanton in partnership with Congressman and Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries a Roundtable Discussion on Gun Violence Prevention on Monday October 30, 11:00am at Surfside Cornerstone 2947 West 28<sup>th</sup> Street. Flyers are also on the front table.

Hannah May Powers, Health and Safety Policy Analyst at Brooklyn Borough Hall, representing Borough President Antonio Reynoso, shared his vision for a healthier more equitable Borough and provided a flyer with more information on the front table. She added they are planning a wonderful event for Halloween, and she plans to be in costume so stop by Borough Hall for treats from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

Irina Khlevner, representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse spoke about all the upcoming events the council member is sponsoring, from free flu shots to coat drives for the needy, to food giveaway at the Sheepshead Nostrand Houses, and free legal consultations at the Council Member's office. She placed all the information on the front desk and stated their office is open 9:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday to anyone needing assistance.

Troy Olson sent greeting from Council Member Inna Vernikov. They are located at 1711 Gravesend Neck Road, so pop in to say hello. They hired a new constituent services person named Erica. Should you require his assistance 718 368-9176 ex 105.

Sergey Chuprik, representing Comptroller Brad Lander's office stated they recently conducted a language translation audit. All city agencies websites should be translatable into 10 major languages spoken in New York City. If you come across a problem, please report to their office. That report along with a recent Educational Report they conducted could be found on the Comptroller's website and he provided a few copies of the Educational Report on the front table. He would remain in the back of the meeting should anyone need his assistance.

Nancy Lulu, representing Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez sent greetings from the DA. She stated if anyone needed to report a Hate Crime, please contact their Hate Crime Bureau at 718 250-4949. For a Public Safety Complaint please contact 718 250-2340. She reiterated their upcoming event with Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office on November 4, 2023, from 10:00am-2:00pm at Kingsborough Community College on Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Forum.

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Chair Scavo asked if anyone else would like to speak? With no one coming forward she moved on to Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A Roll Call Attendance was taken by Secretary Allen Popper, with a Quorum present, a motion to adopt the September 26, 2023, minutes was made by Debra Greif and seconded by Robert Gevertzman.

Chair Scavo reminded the audience that in memory of Councilman Lew Fidler in November she would be collecting donations for the Annual Toys for Tots drive. No donation is too small, please give what you can afford.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

**October 24, 2023 / LIQUOR LICENSES**

**Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider**

BEERBERRY CORP.  
DBA TAP BEER  
1781 Sheepshead Bay Road  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

ODA House Brooklyn Inc  
ODA House  
2027 Emmons Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

**Renewal Beer & Cider**

La Villita Mexican Rest Inc.  
1249 Avenue U  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

**Renewal Wine, Beer & Cider**

Osaka GL Inc.  
Osaka Japanese Restaurant  
2805 Avenue U  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

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**New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider**

Cork on Emmons Avenue  
DBA Kaya  
3202 Emmons Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Chair Scavo stated if you know of any issues with any of these establishments, please let the office know so that we can reach out to the State Liquor Authority. A discussion ensued about Cork having a rooftop bar and the issues the previous owners created with loud noise into the late evening hours that she planned to address with the State Liquor Authority.

Chair Scavo went on to announce the new Cannabis licenses the Community Board received for October 2023:

**Microbusiness**

Kevin Exotics Corp  
2664-2668 Gerritsen Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

**Retail Dispensary**

The THC Shop LLC.  
1683 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Garden Bliss, Inc.  
1683 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

The Holistic Center, LLC  
1683 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Kevin Exotics Corp  
2664-2668 Gerritsen Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

LIT NYC INC  
456 Avenue P  
Brooklyn, NY 11223

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### Commemorative Street Co-Naming Committee Report:

Chair Scavo gave the report for the absent Committee Chair. Chair Scavo stated the Committee met on Tuesday October 10, 2023, with a quorum present the two applications were discussed. The first Commemorative Street Co-Naming Application was for George Atsaves for East 13<sup>th</sup> Street at the Northwest Corner of Avenue Z. She stated the Committee voted 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions. A motion was made to approve by Robert Gevertzman and seconded by Al Smaldone. The Board voted unanimously in favor with 40 members in attendance. The second application was for Avrum Glikman for the SW Corner of Knapp Street and Shore Parkway. Chair Scavo stated the Committee voted 1 yes and 5 no. A motion to approve was made by Debra Greif and second by Vincent Nocella. The Board voted unanimously against the application with 1 abstention for cause.

### Health Committee Report:

Dr Alan Ditchek, Chair of the Health Committee discussed the RSV virus. The RSV virus kills 6,000-10,000 people each year. This virus attacks infants as well as Seniors. Dr. Ditchek stated you should speak with your own personal physician in determining if you should be vaccinated. He did not advocate for the vaccine because each person has their own personal immune history and needs to make that decision in partnership with their doctor to discuss the safest course of action for themselves. Someone asked if you could combine flus shots, covid and RSV shots to be taken at the same time. He stated although the CDC recommends it all be given at the same time. He personally believes they state that because of fear a patient will not return a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time to receive the inoculations, so while they are there it is best to administer all at once. The problem he believed with that is if you have an adverse reaction, you won't know which vaccination to attribute it to, so he recommends waiting a week and take each separately to monitor any side effects you may have.

### **Public Safety Report:**

Public Safety Chairperson, Frances Chick Pallotta, stated that our Public Safety Committee meeting was conducted via Webex on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 5:30pm. Representing the 61<sup>st</sup> Police Precinct was its Commanding Officer, Captain Joseph Antonio. Also in attendance was the 61's Community Affairs Officer Detective Lauren Au. Public Safety Committee Members were forwarded the link to the 61<sup>st</sup> Police Precinct

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CompStat Report, covering the week of 10/02/2023, through 10/08/2023, Volume 30, Number 40. Year-to-date comparisons with 2022, based on the 7 major crime categories, the 61<sup>st</sup> Precinct was down 9.44%. We've had 4 murders in 2023, compared to 2 in 2022, we've had 14 rapes in 2023, compared to 7 in 2022. Robberies, down 21.4%; Felony Assaults, down 9.1%; Burglaries, down 5.1%; Grand Larceny, down 15.2%; and Grand Larceny Auto was up 14.6%. In the subcategory of Hate Crimes, we had 10 hate crimes reported in 2023, compared to 19 hate crimes in 2022.

This committee continues to monitor various quality-of-life issues that affect us. We continue to advocate greater enforcement of "no parking" regulations, vehicles parked at fire hydrants and crosswalks, especially overnight.

### **Zoning Committee:**

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A motion to approve was made by Debra Greif and seconded by Al Smaldone. The vote was 36 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention for Cause. The motion was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Allen Popper and seconded by Debra Greif. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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