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Monthly Board Meeting - Minutes

June 22, 2021 Webex Conference 6:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm, by Chairperson Theresa Scavo.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairperson Scavo welcomed new Board Members, Jennifer Faucher, Frank Kopylov and Doug Luback.

Chairperson Scavo, called upon departing Board Member, John Douglas, who asked to say a few words. He thanked Chair Scavo for her sage advice throughout the years and the Board for its professionalism. He enjoyed his tenure as a member, but with his plans to retire and move he felt it best he resign and stated the community is in good hands with his successor Doug Luback.

Chair Scavo introduced presenter, Richard Day, Enrollment Coordinator for Organics Outreach from the NYC Department of Sanitation. He stated due to our City's fiscal crisis with the Covid Pandemic last year, budget cutbacks were made, eliminating the curbside organic program. This year they are looking to relaunch the program. This service will be made available to the 3.5 million New Yorkers who currently have curbside collection service, with buildings and residents able to voluntarily opt-in, to receive free weekly curbside composting services. Enrollment will begin online for those who are interested in participating in August, with collection services set to begin in October.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chair Scavo called upon guest speakers:

Debra Greif, spoke on behalf of Chris Greif, who was unable to attend the meeting, to let the community know the MTA Mobile Units for MetroCard sales are once again allowed to take cash. This should prove easier for the seniors and disabled who utilize this service.

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Reeves Eisen from Senator Gournardes' office thanked former Board Member John Douglas for his service. The Senator is sponsoring a multitude of Community Cleanups throughout his district on Wednesdays this summer. They recently had a successful cleanup at the dead end point of Gerritsen Avenue but unfortunately, shortly thereafter they learned a weekend a revelers parked there had created another mess. They will continue to move through the district with the cleanups. She stated our annual Yoga in the Park program has started and will continue throughout July and August. In August, the concert line-up will include 3 Wednesday evenings in August and 2 Sunday afternoons in September, one of which will be specifically for children. "The Sleep Legislation" the Senator recently passed provides more enforcement mechanics for loud mufflers and sipped up engines, which are already illegal but are terrorizing our neighborhoods. It may take some time to get it ramped up, but it's been passed and signed. Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy summer.

Nancy Lulu, from Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez' office sent greetings. She stated June marks Gun Violence Awareness Month. We lost too many lives to gun violence. We are putting in place a multi-tiered strategy to keep our communities safe from the gun violence epidemic by prosecuting shooters, working closely with communities, and providing resources to young people and gun violence survivors. The Brooklyn DA believes Public Safety is a shared responsibility. The Brooklyn DA's Action Center can be reached at 718 250-2340. Ms. Lulu also provided her email which is Lulun@BrooklynDa.org She wished everyone a wonderful safe summer and thanked the Community Board for all that it does. See ended with see you all in September.

Sergey Chuprik sent greetings from Comptroller Scott Stringer's office. He mentioned there are no updates to report. He wished everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July and summer. He added that hopefully, the numbers will stay low with Covid and we can see each other in person in September.

Eileen O' Brien sent greetings from Councilmember Alan Maisel. She stated she hoped everyone voted today, if not the polls are open to 9. Have a safe and wonderful summer. She encouraged if you haven't got your vaccine already to please go and do so.

Gabriel Torres from Congresswoman Yvette Clark, reiterated to please go and vote, polls are open till 9:00pm. If you are in line by then you can still vote. Please also get vaccinated and have a wonderful summer. Remember to continue to wear your mask. See you in September. If you have any Federal issues, please call our office at 718 287-1142.

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Yehuda Schupper from Assemblywoman Weinstein office stated there were no real updates, however their next MTA Mobile unit will be held on Tuesday July 5th and they are accepting cash. There are a couple of legislation pieces the Assemblywoman authorized that have been passed by both houses and are awaiting the Governor's signature. One specific monumental piece of legislation is the Consumer Credit Fairness Act, which prevents debtors from coming after people who need the money now right now. You can follow the Assemblywoman on twitter. We are coming up on July 4th, please be safe and stay away from fireworks. Have a good summer.

Stanley Kaplan expressed concerns on the motorized scooters being illegal ridden throughout our communities. They are dangerous and unsafe. There was a recent fatality. He asked our Elected Official reps to please bring this back to the officials so we can get better enforcement and a handle on this. He stated they are the ones who can make the difference.

Ms. Vivian Parham, Branch Manager for the Kings Highway Library stated branches had removed seating because of Covid, but with the reopening of the City, they will be bringing back public seating on or about July 6th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Roll Call Attendance was taken by Chair Scavo; with a Quorum present, Chair Scavo asked for the adoption of the Board Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021.

A motion to adopt the May 25, 2021 minutes was made by Ronnie Tawil seconded by Jay Lieberman.

Chair Scavo stated that District Manager Laura Singer had not received a raise in a quite a while and I believe we should agree to give her one at this time. She asked for a motion to approve the raise, a motion was made to approve by Oswald Heymann and seconded by Ronnie Tawil. She asked if there were any objections or abstentions. Board Member Morris Hary asked what the percentage of the raise would be, to which the Chair responded 3%. Hearing no further objections or abstentions, the Chair noted the Board unanimous approval. The District Manager thanked the Board.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

LIQUOR LICENSES- Month of JUNE 2021

TRANSFER LICENSE – LIQUOR, WINE & BEER

Buckley's
2926 Avenue S

NEW APPLICATION – WINE, BEER & CIDER

Cats On The Bay, Inc.
2027 Emmons Avenue
11235

Khinkali Factory Corp.
Dbx X Khinkali Factory
1105 Quentin Road
11229

Izcoatl Corp.
Dbx Spiro's Diner
2103 Avenue U
11229

RENEWAL – BEER & CIDER

Brennan and Carr
3432 Nostrand Avenue
11229

Nagoya Fusion
1907 Kings Highway
11229

Shinjuku
1664 Sheepshead Bay Road
11235

JR Pizzeria
1916 Kings Highway
11229

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Randazzo's
2015 Emmons Avenue
11235

RENEWAL – FULL – LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER

Soup N Burger Corp.
1809 Emmons Avenue
11235
Lan Spirits
154 Avenue U
11223

Momoyama
1901 Emmons Avenue
11235

The Draft Barn on X
317 Avenue X
11223

Chair Scavo stated if you know of any issues with these establishments, please share those concerns with the Board Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee:

Committee Chair, Chick Pallotta stated the Committee met online via Webex on Wednesday June 9, 2021 at 5:00pm. Designated by 61st Police Precinct was its Commanding Officer, Captain Derby St. Fort, to represent himself having been called away to a last minute Borough meeting was Detective Sam Shaya. Present also from Community Affairs division of the 61st Pct. was Police Officer, Lauren Au. The latest CompStat report presented to our committee covered the period of 5/31/21 through 6/06/21. Based on its (7) major crime complaint categories, comparing 2021 with 2020, 28-day comparisons, the 61st Precinct was down 42.7 %; year-to-date comparisons the 61st Pct, was down 25.7 %. Continuing with a number of year-to-date complaint comparisons: Robbery down 42.5 %, Felony Assault down 13.5 %, Burglary down 12.7%, Grand Larceny down 28 %, Grand Larceny Auto down 34.1%. Our Committee's attention the turned to quality-of-life issues; vehicles parking on sidewalks, vehicles speeding, and the shooting of fireworks. Regarding fireworks, among the options available for the police

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are confiscation, the issues of summonses, and arrests. An added police presence will be deployed as the Fourth of July approaches.

Morris Harary asked if a homicide had been reported. He had heard about a homicide in Sheepshead Bay on the News. Committee Chair Pallotta did not receive any reports about this, nor did Chair Scavo or the Board Office. Committee Chair Pallotta stated it may have occurred after the Public Safety Committee Meeting if it was recent, but they would make inquiries with the precinct and report back to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report, filling in for absent Treasurer, Jack Erdos, was Board Secretary Allen Popper. Mr. Popper pointed out the City's fiscal year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. He did not have specific numbers at this point to share, but members can contact the Board Office directly for any specific details. Mr. Popper stated with the Covid Pandemic, every agency was affected budgetarily, including the Community Board's budget which was also cut. The impact hasn't significantly affected the Board this fiscal year, because of working remotely and a large portion of those monies are spent on the prep for our in person meetings. Without in person meetings we were able to absorb the cuts with minimal impact this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Tawil and seconded by Pearl Siegelman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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