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Monthly Board Meeting - Minutes

March 22, 2022 -Webex Conference

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm, by Chairperson Theresa Scavo. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairperson Scavo, asked for a moment of silence to honor those innocent lives caught in the conflict, currently taking place in the Ukraine, and in memorial for all the lives lost.

Chair Scavo stated that the BSA, for 511 Avenue R, on tonight's agenda was cancelled.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING / PUBLIC SESSION:

Chair Scavo opened the floor and invited Elected Officials, their representatives, and Agencies representatives to Speak:

Reeves Eisen representing Senator Andrew Gounardes' office stated the Senator is assured the budget will be on time this year. The Senator was pleased to close a loophole in the law that previously would allow Elected Officials who committed sexual harassment of staff, an out in being held accountable for their actions. Governor Kathy Hochul signed the bill he sponsored into law this week and now any employer public or private will now be held accountable. Reeves announced that the end of March will be her last day with the Senator. His district lines have changed, and he will no longer be representing Marine Park or Gerritsen Beach and will now have a smaller part of Sheepshead Bay. She stated it was a pleasure working with this Board and to please reach out to the office with any issues at 718 238-6044. On behalf of the Senator she wished Happy Holidays, Happy Passover, Happy Easter, and a Good Ramadan to everyone.

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Stanley Kaplan spoke about his concern for the Federal Government proposing to pass legislation making daylight savings time permanent. He stated our children will be at the bus stops going to school in the dark during the winter, inviting crime and making it harder for drivers to see them out in the dark. Statistics show that more accidents occur during Daylight Savings Time. He encouraged the Board and Community Members to reach out to their local Congress Representative to share their concerns and stop it from passing. First Vice Chairperson, Ronald Tawil, added that states in the middle of the country have less daylight and that is the reasoning behind the push for making it permanent.

Anastasia Yaskova, Brooklyn Borough Director, CAU Office of the Mayor stated that Mayor Adams rolled out his plans to expand a summer program connecting 110,000 elementary and middle school students to fun, culturally-relevant, hands-on experiences to strengthen their academic, social, and emotional skills called Summer Rising. It's a free program that will be administered by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development and the NYC Department of Education. She also announced that Mayor Adams signed an executive order to strengthen fire safety throughout the city. There will be an overall increase in effort to identify safety violations and increase fire safety. The Department of Housing Preservation and Development will continue to look for housing violation codes and also look for Fire Department compliance requirements in buildings. The FDNY will also work closely with HPD to launch a campaign to educate New Yorkers on fire safety. She shared her contact information in chat (929) 273-9543 and email AYaskova@cityhall.nyc.gov

Yehuda Schupper from Assembly Member Helene Weinstein's office stated that Assemblywoman Weinstein was still hosting marathon budget meetings. Her office will be putting out a Passover briefing on pick-ups shortly within the week, If you are not on her mailing list to please email their office at weinsth@assembly.state.ny.us to be added.

Stephannia Cleaton, Government Relations Manager from Kingsborough Community College sent greetings from the President Dr. Claudia Schrader, for a Happy Holiday. Happy Passover and Happy Easter. Spring session has begun and nothing new to report.

Lenny Markh, Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Cymbrowitz, stated the Assemblyman has confirmed with the Department of Homeless Services that 100 Neptune will not be a homeless shelter. The Assemblyman in the budget has secured an additional 1.5 million in funding for emergency rental assistance to help New Yorkers struggling to pay their rent because of

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economic heart ships suffered during the pandemic. Included in the new budget is also \$500 million for assistance with those struggling to make utilities payments and \$400 million for landlord assistance for those who have been negatively impacted financial by the pandemic. Lastly, if you need any assistance from Assemblyman Cymbrowitz' office call us at 718-743-4078.

Ms. Nancy Lulu sent greetings from Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez. She wished Reeves Eisen much luck on her new endeavors. DA Gonzalez has partnered with immigration professionals from Safe Horizon and Brooklyn Law School for this urgent initiative Project Safe Refuge. Their office will help provide legal assistance to Ukrainian Nationals who wish to apply for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). Ukraine has been declared TPS eligible by the Federal Government as of March 3, 2022. We understand this issue is personal to many residents in Brooklyn. They are sponsoring a TPS event this Sunday March 27th, in partnership with the Shorefront YW-YMHA of Brighton Beach located at 3300 Coney Island Avenue) from 12pm-4:00pm. In honor of Women's History Month, the DA is also hosting a celebration of women-owned businesses in Brooklyn with the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce on Monday March 28, 2022, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joraleman Street. To RSVP, please call 718 250-3888 or email communityaffairs@brooklynda.org Lastly, she spoke about DA Eric Gonzalez' Internship program for 2022 for High School students. The deadline is Friday April 1, 2022. The internship provides our young people with an understanding of how the criminal justice system operates, how the DA works to keep Brooklyn safe and strengthens community trust. She shared in the chat that to learn more or apply: <http://bit.ly/3MUIFFc> Ms. Lulu also shared the DA's action center's number 718-250-2340. She ended by wishing everyone, on behalf of DA Gonzalez, a Happy Easter, and a Happy Passover.

Sergey Chuprik representing Comptroller Brad Lander stated the Comptroller visited Brighton Beach recently to speak to Ukrainian business owners, as well as businesses owned by former soviet union nationals to discuss the war taking place in the Ukraine, offering any support they may be needing right now. Many people are leaving the Ukraine seeking refuge, as well as the Former Soviet Union because they are unhappy and disillusioned by the current regime and they want to gage what support will be needed and anticipate having the necessary resources in place upon their arrival. In chat he placed his email contact information should anyone have any questions or concerns schupri@comptroller.nyc.gov

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Ed Jaworski, Executive Vice President of the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association stated that their next meeting will be held this Thursday March 24, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Carmine Carro Community Center located at 3000 Fillmore Avenue. Many people have been mentally and physically impacted by the Covid Pandemic and they will have experts on hand to discuss these impacts and they are anticipating a lively and informative conversation.

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 Chair Scavo, with a Quorum present, a motion to adopt the February 22, 2022, minutes was made by Pearl Siegelman and seconded Robert Gevertzman.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

MARCH 2022 LIQUOR LICENSES:

New Application Wine, Beer, and Cider

Asian King Bk Inc
2827 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Lucia Pizzeria Inc.
Lucia Pizza of Avenue X
2201 Avenue X
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Aki Mori Hospitality Group LLC
557 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Regal Cinemas Inc
Sheepshead Stadium 14 IMAX & RPX
3907 Shore Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11235

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New Application Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider

Surge Management Group Inc.
Hype Sports Bar & Lounge
28 Dooley Street
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Just Healthy
2415 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Renewal Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Good Fortune Nostrand Inc.
Chopstix
3790 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Chikurin
1702 Avenue Z
Brooklyn, NY 11235

FFG Services Corp
Pizza D'Amore
3003 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Liv Rock Rest Corp
Clemente's Maryland Crabhouse
3939 Emmons Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Maria Café Inc
Tabu
2205 Avenue X
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Goldmaker Inc.
Estelle
1824 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

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Sheepshead Apple, LLC
Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
2501-2526 Emmons Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Chateau Seafood Inc.
Chateau De Capitaine
2570 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Milinna's Homemade Food
813 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11223

G 13 Project Inc
Tsob-Tsobe!
2817 Coney Island 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.

Parks Committee Meeting Report:

Al Smaldone, Parks Committee Chair reported that the Parks Committee met via Webex last Monday March 14th, 2022, to discuss Phase 2 the proposed plans for McDonald Park's Police Officer Jeff Herman's ballfield. McDonald Park is located at 2099 McDonald Avenue between Avenue S and Avenue T. Mr. Smaldone reported that the ballfield renovation has been funded by Councilman Ari Kagan for a cost of \$9 million dollars. Previously the Community Board approved the playground's reconstruction in Phase 1 and now they are seeking to upgrade the ugly broken up asphalt area that served as a neighborhood's ballfield. They are putting in beautiful artificial turf, adding and enhancing amenities, making sure the play area is ADA complaint and raising a fence, that was brought into question by the committee members, as being too low for anyone strongly hitting a ball over it. The ballfield was named for a young man who grew up in the area, played and coached in that park and later joined the 71st Precinct police force and was killed responding to a domestic dispute that escalated into gun violence. He added, in a climate where the police department have become unappreciated and disrespected, even though they lay their life on the line

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each and every day for us, he could not think of a better tribute to honor Police Officer Herman's sacrifice than by giving his namesake ballfield a major renovation that the community can embrace, enjoy, and fully utilize. A letter of support was recommended unanimously by the committee.

Public Safety Report:

Chick Pallotta, Public Safety Chair reported that the Public Safety Committee Meeting was held on Webex, Wednesday March 9, 2022, at 5:00pm via Webex. Representing the 61st Police Precinct was its' Commanding Officer, Captain Derby St. Fort. Also present was Detective Sam Shaya and Police Officer Lauren Au from the Community Affairs Office.

Captain St. Fort announced to us that a new officer was assigned to the 61. Her name is Captain Elissa Carlies, now second in command. Presumably, Captain Carlies will help address this committee's monthly complaints concerning a number of quality-of-life issues within Community Board 15.

The latest year-to-date Citywide CompStat Report on the seven (7) major crime categories is at an alarming and shameful +45.23% increase.

The latest CompStat Report to the 61st Police Precinct, year-to-date through 3/06/2022 comparing the same period with 2021, the 61 is up---+ 70.48%. Thus far, no murders and no rapes. Robberies have increased +72.2%; Felony Assaults are up---+33.3%; Burglaries up --+23.5%; Grand Larceny up-- +114.8%; and Grand Larceny Auto up--+106.7%

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Tawil and seconded by Pearl Siegelman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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