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Monthly Board Meeting - Minutes

March 23, 2021 Webex Conference 6:00pm

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

Chairperson Scavo asked everyone to please take a moment to say a prayer for Rabbi Burg. She stated she spoke with both Rabbi Burg and the Rebbetzin Pearl Burg. Rabbi Burg, is in a rehabilitation center, recuperating from the effects of Covid and he assures us he will be back, better than ever. Jay Lieberman is now at home also recuperating and resting from the effects of Covid. Please keep them both in your prayers.

In Memorial, she added it pains me to say this, we lost one of the longest standing and devoted members of our Board, Howard Katz. Howard lived to serve on this Board, taking his responsibility very seriously. He would often arrange his doctor's appointments around meetings, so as to assure he would not miss one. Please join me in a moment of silence to wish him peace.

Chairperson Scavo, introduced presenter Janeira Bencosme-Gil, from the Mayor's Office to End Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence. She provided a brief overview of what her agency does. Their office develops policies and programs to assist with educating the community on preventing Domestic Violence and Gender-Based violence. They help survivors, in securing restraining orders, lawyer's assistance and provide safe locations to relocate them, so they can leave an abusive partner.

They operate the New York City Family Justice Center which works with community stake holders to offer inclusive services that focus on assisting constituents with family violence, abusive partners, elder abuse, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking.

She added we offer in kind training, virtual outreach, and presentations. Flyers and posters can be emailed upon request if you reach out to the email she provided in chat, outreach@ENDGBV.nyc.gov

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She also included in chat: to please review our online directory of services at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/nychope/site/page/home>

She added that her office has been working remotely since March 17, 2020, but their centers can be reached Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm in Brooklyn at 718 250-5113 or in case of emergency to please call 911.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING:

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chair Scavo called upon guest speakers:

Michael Benjamin from Senator Persaud's Office sent Holiday Greetings from the Senator for a Good Passover and Happy Easter. He thanked the Board for their steadfast devotion as volunteers. He encouraged everyone to view the Senator's website and sign up for her weekly very informative newsletter. Their office number is 718 649-7653. Lastly, he stated we are seeing a light at the end of this long Covid Pandemic tunnel, but please remain vigilant and wear your masks and follow all safety protocols.

Eileen O' Brien from Councilman Maisel's office sent Holiday Greetings from the Councilman for a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter. If you are having difficulty in setting up a vaccine appointment, the Councilman's office has been successful in helping to get appointments, so please call our office at 718 241-9330.

Nancy Lulu from Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office stated the DA stands in solidarity with our Asian Community and participated, this past Sunday, in the Borough President's Rally Against Discrimination, Hate and Violence. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday. The Brooklyn DA's Action Center can be reached at 718 250-2340. Ms. Lulu also provided her email which is Lulun@BrooklynDa.org

Reeves Eisen from Senator Gournardes office stated the Senator, who represents a very large community of Asian constituents, also participated in the Borough President's Rally Against Discrimination, Hate and Violence. He condemns any Hate Crimes. She informed everyone that a pop up vaccination sight was being planned for Kings Plaza. She stated the Senator was in Albany working on a number of pieces of legislation. The legislation Senator Gournardes is working on provides 4 hours of paid leave for employees seeking to receive the Covid Vaccination. He is also working on, as requested, a Sunday shredding event, it won't have e-waste, but you can make an appointment with the Department of Sanitation to request an e-waste home pick-up. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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Lenny Markh, Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz stated the Assemblyman was busy in Albany working on the budget. He wanted to share he is launching his Holocaust Awareness contest once again, to teach about the Holocaust, so it never occurs again. The contest is open to young people in Southern Brooklyn and he posted the contest information in the chat for everyone to share <https://mailchi.mp/assembly/assemblyman-steven-cymbrowitz-holocaustcreativeartscontest2021>

You can reach the office at 718 743-4078 or by email cymbros@nyassembly.gov If you need to reach Lenny directly email him at markhl@nyassembly.gov

Doug Luback, former President of Gerritsen Beach Homeowners Association, stated they are finally down to the final plans with the Department of Transportation in Gerritsen Beach. They have made headway with Senator Gournardes' help at their meetings. He said this upcoming Holiday, is a triple one, so he wished everyone a Happy Passover, Happy Easter, and a Happy Ramadan.

Evan Burr, from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams' Policy office sent greetings and spoke stating the Borough President had a successful Rally this past Sunday, Against Discrimination, Hate and Violence. He said he found it heartwarming seeing everyone stand together in solidarity against hate. To report a bias crime, he placed in the chat this link: NYC.gov/StopAsianHate He added that tomorrow Wednesday March 24, 2021, Borough Hall was sponsoring their Annual Women's History Month Celebration. This year's event will feature a panel discussion regarding adjusting to the new normal, moderated by Executive Director Faye Penn, of Women. NYC. To register go to <https://www.brooklyn-usa.org/event/womens-history-month-celebration-2021/>

Sergey "Sam" Chuprik representing Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office sent greetings. He stated his office has been inundated with calls about the reports the Comptroller's office has been generating. Please visit his website's report page to see what the Comptroller has been working on. He offered his email should anyone have any questions or concerns, schupri@comptroller.nyc.gov

Chris Greif, from the Transit Rider's Council shared a link in the chat the next Mask Force is being held on April 22, 2021 and to get involved in your local mask force: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/mask-force>

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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 February 23, 2021.

A motion to adopt the February 23, 2021 minutes was made by Debra Greif and seconded by Ronnie Tawil.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

LIQUOR LICENSES- Month of March 2021

RENEWAL - FULL - Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Wheeler's Ltd.
dba Wheelers
1705 Sheepshead Bay Road
11235

TGI Fridays
3181 Harkness Avenue
11235

Wise
35 Neptune Avenue
11235

RENEWAL - Wine, Beer & Cider

Kindashi Inc. dba
Mitoushi Japanese Restaurant
1221 Quentin Road
11229

NEW - FULL - Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

360 Concepts Group 1 LLC dba
Bowl 360 B
1 Bouck Court (Shell Lanes)
11223

ODA
2027 Emmons Avenue
11235

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Georgian Backyard LLC dba
Qugale
1788 Sheepshead Bay Road
11235

NEW - Wine, Beer & Cider
FFG Services Corp. dba
Pizza D'Amore
3003 Avenue U
11229

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 Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 5:00pm. Representing the 61st Police Precinct was its Commanding Officer, Captain Derby St. Fort. Present from Community Affairs division of the 61st Pct. was Detective, Sam Shaya and Police Officer, Lauren Au. The CompStat report presented to our committee covered the period of 3/1/21 through 3/7/21. Based on the (7) major crime complaint categories, comparing 2021 with 2020, week to date, the 61st Pct. was down 40%; 28 days down 47.8%; and year to date, down 36.9%. Regarding the two most challenging crime complaint categories of 2020, those being burglary and grand larceny auto, thus far in 2021: year to date, the 61st Pct. was down to 0.0% in burglary and down 21.1% in grand larceny auto. Captain St. Fort stated that he is committed to the enforcement of the wide variety of quality of life issues.

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 6:37p.m.

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