

**ATTENDANCE**

Rosamond Alvaranga  
Sallie Bennett  
Barbara Bieber  
Henry Bolus  
Ernest Borno  
Melba Brown  
James Buchanan  
Eugene Burshtein  
Terri Cadet-Donald  
Lucina Clarke  
Donald Cranston  
Paul Curiale  
Gil Cygler

Malynda Jordan-Dandridge  
Reeves Eisen  
Maria Garrett  
Ian Gaynor  
Joan Gilbert  
Stuart Heier  
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.  
Michael Ien  
Kenny Jean-Baptiste  
Jean Joseph  
Sharon Nedd  
Saul Needle  
Judy Newton

Yolaine Ridore  
Viole Roberty  
Marcia Schiff  
Frank Seddio  
Debbie Tiamfook  
Robert Tracey  
Raphael Treittel  
Nancy Walby  
Bishop Nathan Williams  
Valerie Woodford  
Grace Zwillenberg

**GUESTS:**

Michio Sanga, RA  
Edward Kowlessar  
Christine Kowlessar  
Sheila Kowlessar  
Rochelle Sanders  
Elyse Foladare  
Dawn Simon  
Emma Dawson  
Jovia Radix  
Steve Smith  
Jennifer Horsford  
Johnny Arcenteles  
Josephine Poloti  
Ed Pessotti  
Tom Muller  
Arnold Fine  
Nicholas Asaro  
Alexandria Asaro  
Linda Steinmuller  
Sgt. Brian Maher  
P.O. Samuel Maria  
George C. Nelson  
Pierre Brunache  
P.O. Ronette Benjamin  
Norine Medas  
Noreen Roach  
Debbie Louis  
Jibreel Jalloh  
Yvette McLawrence  
Aleah LaForce

Façade Architecture Inc., Representing, 1520 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
Owner of 1520 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
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East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Block Association  
Eric Palatnik, PC  
Macerich, Kings Plaza  
Kings Plaza  
Kasirer  
Area Resident  
Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19<sup>th</sup> S.D.  
TAHIBA  
Area Resident/Vice President of Mill Basin Civic Association  
Area Resident  
Brooklyn Public Library  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Canarsie Courier  
69<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
69<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge  
Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge  
63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association  
Area Resident/Flatlands Civic Association  
Representing CM Farah Louis, 45<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Representing Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams  
Area Resident  
Area Resident

Tamara Marshall	Area Resident
Jackie Hamilton	Area Resident
Cateshia Ledee	Area Resident
Roopesh Ramjit	Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
David Louis	NYC Mayor's Office
Hannah Bossio	NYC Parks Department
Mariya Markh	Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41 <sup>st</sup> A.D.
Delores Washington	Area Resident
Christina Caputo	Area Resident
Sergey Chuprik	Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander
Elba Melendez	Area Resident
David John	Area Resident
Alicia Daniel	Area Resident
Charlon Foster	Area Resident
Nadine Sylvester	Area Resident
Donnamae Crossfield	Area Resident
Denise Mason	Area Resident
Dr. Rhonda Cambridge-PhillipMD	Area Resident
Harold Jones	Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)
Kathy O'Hara	Area Resident
Venessa Harry	Area Resident
Kaegan Mays-Williams	Area Resident
Rosa Sealy	Area Resident
Aryanna Holder	Area Resident
Anne Rhea Smith	Representing Senator Kevin Parker, 21 S.D.
Tafia Johnson	Area Resident
Rodney Theobal	Area Resident
Karen Alford	Area Resident
Roxanne Need	Area Resident
Guerda Victor	Area Resident
Isaac Shaul	Area Resident
Mitchell Partnow	Area Resident
Sabine J	Area Resident
Ruth Guillaume	Area Resident
Kaegan Mays-Williams	Area Resident
Lucina Clarke	My Time Inc.
Hon. Farah Louis	Council Member, 45 <sup>th</sup> Council District
Rose Cherubin	Area Resident
Joan Gilbert	Flatlands Civic Association
Paul Curiale	Mill Basin Civic Association
Venus Sutton	Area Resident
Hon. Mercedes Narcisse	Council Member, 46 <sup>th</sup> Council District

**7:01 P.M.**

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Michael Ien asked for a moment of silence for Firefighter Timothy Klein who died recently fighting a fire in Canarsie and for the victims of the Buffalo mass shooting over the

weekend.

### REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Michael Ien greeted everyone and introduced the Officers of the Board. He then opened the regular meeting of the Board and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 18, 2022. There being none, Chairperson Michael Ien asked for a Motion. Board Member Saul Needle made a motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Valerie Woodford seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 23 Yes Votes.

### 7:13 P.M.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Elyse Foladare, of Eric Palatnik, PC representing **B.S.A. Calendar # 135-46-BZ – Premises affected – 3802 Avenue U**, Block 8555, Lot 37 who provided a brief presentation on an instant Application filed pursuant to Section 11-411 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, that seeks to extend the term, which expired on January 29, 2022, and amend a variance to remove the automotive station originally granted under B.S.A. Cal. No. 135-46-BZ on July 16, 1946. The Board of Standards and Appeals approved a gas station with an automotive repair shop in 1946. The amendment would allow for a gas station with a convenience store and no auto repair shop. The building is being enlarged by 900 sq feet to accommodate the convenience store and will stand at 3500 sq feet. Neighbors within a 1000 sq feet radius were notified. The applicant met with CB18's Planning and Zoning Committee to design a site plan that would not have a negative impact on residents. Elyse Foladare asked if there were any questions from the floor. Board Member and Marine Park Civic President Bob Tracey has no problem with them extending the variance, but he's not sure the neighborhood doesn't have any objections. Bob Tracey stated that there were no notices sent out. Elyse Foladare informed him that notices were sent out. DM Partnow said she received two objections from the residents. Bob Tracey felt that several blocks are affected by this and asked if 1000 sq feet of notification is the minimum requirement. Elyse Foladare explained that the minimum is 400 sq feet. Bob Tracey asked when this plan is scheduled to take place. Elyse Foladare explained the Board of Standards and Appeals approval will take about a year. Bob Tracey asked if the tanks that they're going to put in are in the ground already and have they done a test on the property. Elyse Foladare explained that they proposed new tanks, and a survey was done, and nothing problematic has come up. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked what the hours of operation will be. Elyse Foladare responded they would like it to be open 24 hours. Board Member Tom Hernandez Jr. asked if she could describe the convenience store. Elyse Foladare responded it would be a business where people can get everyday items. Alexandria Asaro, an area resident of East 38<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenue U and T, expressed concerns about traffic, air pollution and contaminated soil. Board Member Barbara Bieber suggested possibly putting in a speed bump on East 38<sup>th</sup> Street from Avenue U to V. DM Partnow explained that it is not that easy to get a speed bump. Alexandria Asaro asked if there are any other options besides speed bumps. Ed Pessotti explained that he lives on East 38<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenue U and V and it was recently changed to a one-way street with a bike lane and a curb cut. He said traffic will increase to turn into the gas station. Elyse Foladare asked whether CB18 can assist in getting the speed bump approved. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge asked how many parking spaces will be on premises. Elyse Foladare explained that it was approved as a gas station with 12 parking spaces and they're doing 14 and 1 handicapped accessible parking space in the front of the building. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge

replied only one handicapped spot is insufficient. Elyse Foladare explained that all the parking spaces are in front of the building and only one handicapped accessible spot is required. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge asked if there's a way to get two handicapped accessible spots. Elyse Foladare stated that they can ask the architect if they can have two. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge thanked her. Elyse Foladare thanked everyone for allowing her to present.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Michio Sanga, RA of Façade Architecture Inc., Representing **B.S.A. Calendar Application #2022-23-BZ – Premises affected –1520 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street**, Block 7900, Lot 53 who provided a presentation on an application for a variance, pursuant to Zoning Resolution (the "Z.R.") § 72-21, to allow, within an R3-2 zoning district, the construction of a detached two-story house with cellar, that does not comply with the zoning requirements for front yards (Z.R. § 23-45) and side yards (Z.R. § 23-461). Michio Sanga informed the Board that it's a triangular shaped house and is approximately 1860 sq feet and side corner with a garage and small yard in the back. This house is being built on an empty lot. It's a corner property and it was not being kept up by the owner because nobody was living there. They want to build a two-family house approximately 925 sq ft for upstairs and downstairs. Josephine Poloti Area Resident and Vice President of Mill Basin Civic Association explained that she lives across from the site and it's been an eyesore, and this will be a good thing for the neighborhood. Owner Edward Kowlessar stated that he received letters from neighbors who are very happy he will be building on the site. He is asking for the approval for a variance. Board Member Eugene Burshtein asked if they were denied approval from the Board of Standards and Appeals. DM Partnow stated that they just applied with the Board of Standards and Appeals.

### GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Jovia Radix, Vice President of Kasirer Consulting, Representing Macerich, Kings Plaza introduced herself and introduced Dawn Simon, the Area Senior Marketing Manager and Emma Dawson, General Manager for the Kings Plaza Shopping Mall. Emma Dawson informed the Board that she oversees the property, and they are here to answer any questions that the community may have. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge said the area is very dark and suggested better lighting or more police presence at night. Emma Dawson said they have lighting around the property that they survey nightly. In terms of having police there it depends on their schedules. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if they have an extensive camera system outside the perimeter of the building. Emma Dawson stated that she's not going to tell how many state of the art cameras they have but she'll say that they are able to assist the police in apprehending perpetrators. Board Member Paul Curiale stated that on behalf of the Mill Basin Civic Association they work closely with Kings Plaza and thanked them for their donations to the community and community events. He knows Kings Plaza cleans and sweeps their property and works closely with the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. Board Member Tomas Hernandez stated that Kings Plaza's reputation of dangerous incidences have kept people away. Marketing themselves as a safe and great place to shop again will build their reputation and increase traffic. Dawn Simon explained that they've had issues at Kings Plaza mall which have been unfortunate but it's beyond their control. However, they've made tremendous strides in their Community Relations Program since she started in 2012. Kings Plaza is making improvements and bringing big name stores into the mall, one of which is Target. Jovia Radix added that they are in constant contact with the local elected officials and the District Manager whenever issues develop, or something is needed in the community. Steve Smith, a resident of East 57<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that all the donations and giveaways are nice, however, he agrees with Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge that the lighting is very poor. Also, the Macy's escalator

is always broken. Emma Dawson stated that she believes she addressed the first issue in terms of the lighting and Macy's is one of their anchors and they're putting in a lot of money and there will be a lot of improvements. Tamara Marchall asked about attracting the youth in terms of jobs and summer jobs. Dawn Simon thanked her for the question and explained that they have job fairs at least one or two times a year. There will be another job fair around the holiday season. There are also job postings on their website [www.kingsplazaonline.com](http://www.kingsplazaonline.com). She also provided the names of their Instagram and Facebook pages which offer additional job opportunities. Venus Sutton asked if there are any small business opportunities. Jovia Radix explained that there are always opportunities to open a small store in the mall. An area resident asked if Kings Plaza would consider waiving the parking fee on certain days or times. Jovia Radix said that waiving the parking fee would be highly unlikely. Eileen Level mentioned that in the 1990's Kings Plaza had a movie theatre frequented by teenagers and young adults and wanted to know how Kings Plaza can socially engage our youth outside of work since malls are hot spots.

Eileen Level, Founder of PaleFO Cinema introduced herself and provided a brief presentation about the first outdoor cinema summer series at Bayview Houses. The cinema series will invite young people to curate and produce the event. Keeping teenagers and young people engaged can prevent youth gang activity. There is a lack of continued recreational activities for our young adults and teens between the ages of 14-24. Bayview Houses and Breuklen Houses will be using their spaces as outdoor cinemas. There will be a DJ, music, trivia, free giveaways and access for them to have social connectiveness without cellphones. There'll be opportunities to win gift cards from our local merchants thanks to the Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association. Sponsors are needed for the screenings whether that means purchasing the popcorn or candy concessions or help purchasing the license for the film. The \$8000 Summer grant from the Mayor's Office is dwindling down. To show one film to the public for free is about \$450 for that license alone. If anyone wants to support or sponsor, she can be reached at [eileenlevel@gmail.com](mailto:eileenlevel@gmail.com). It doesn't have to be a monetary commitment; it could just be helping her get more youth involved. She thanked everyone.

### **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT** – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow greeted and thanked everyone for joining tonight and Provided the following information:

1. She attended the monthly District Managers Meeting hosted by Deputy Borough President Diana Richardson where the discussion focused on the needs of Community Board Districts.
2. She spoke at the Mill Basin Civic Association Meeting to update the residents on what's happening in Community Board 18. She was honored to discharge and install the officers of the Bergen Beach civic Association.
3. She addresses the family and friends of John Cortese, owner of the Golden Gate Market, at the street naming in his honor at Flatbush Avenue and Troy Avenue.
4. She took part in Senator Roxanne Persaud's Spring Festival in Canarsie Park and then joined Council Member Farah Louis' Spring Festival in Amersfort Park. Easter egg hunts, face painting, balloons and giveaways and all-around fun.
5. She attended the Inauguration of Borough President Antonio Reynoso

6. She provided updates at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting and the Mill Island Civic Association.
7. She collaborated with Assembly Member Jaime Williams to present a ceremony on the children of the Holocaust. She thanked Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, District Leader Frank Seddio, the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the JCRC for their participation and meaningful words.
8. She met with the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Parks Department, and the organizers of the Annual Pop Smoke Event in Canarsie Park scheduled for Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns, safety and respect for the homeowners surrounding the park.
9. She spent this past Sunday morning with Assembly Member Jaime Williams and her staff distributing compost to the community. Many community residents came to pick up compost and flowers. A great hobby and kudos to those with green thumbs.
10. The Department of Transportation is looking into requests for traffic signals on Avenue N and East 55<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue T and East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and checking on possible medians for East 69<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenues U and Y to curtail speeding and cars doing donuts.
11. The NYC Department of Sanitation and the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct did a tag and tow operation at Remsen Avenue and one at Rockaway Parkway and summonses were issued to local body shops for leaving cars on the street.
12. The NYC Parks Department reported Four Sparrows Field which is located next to the old Toys R Us property was cleaned up last week. There will be a new comfort station in Canarsie Park at the skate park at Paerdegat Avenue. The Amersfort Park Fountain is in the process of being cleaned out to be up and working for the upcoming warm months.
13. Brookdale Hospital is hosting a street fair on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> right in front of the hospital.
14. Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Kim Robinson, Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, and Sabrina Dieujuste Representing Farah Louis provided updates from their offices.
15. The NYC Department of Transportation will implement Vision Zero Safety Improvements along Kings Highway between Avenue J and East 98<sup>th</sup> Street. (Install left turn signals, add painted median tips, add painted curb extensions, ban low volume left turns, and upgrade corridor markings).
16. The NYC Department of Design and Construction will be starting construction on the Jamaica Bay Greenway-Canarsie Pier Connector Project. This project involves the construction of a two-way grade separated greenway path along Shore Parkway service road, Rockaway Parkway and Canarsie Veterans Circle.
17. The NYC Department of Parks will be upgrading Sunners Playground at East 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue H to include a water play area, separate play areas for 2-5-year old's and 5-12 year old's, new swings, a drinking fountain, and seating area. Power Playground at Utica Avenue and Avenue N has been closed since this past Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to begin Phase I of construction which will include a skate park in place of the bocce court that is there now. There will be a Zoom meeting tomorrow evening for

community input on Phase 2 of Power Playground. If you would like to participate in the zoom, please call the Community Board Office and give us your email and we will send you the link.

18. Whether you live on a block with Alternate Side or shop in an area with Alternate Side Parking, please be aware that beginning on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Alternate side Regulations for street cleaning will be restored to Pre-Pandemic frequency.
19. Congratulations to Council Member Mercedes Narcisse on the graduation of her daughter.
20. Happy Belated Mother's Day to the moms, grandmothers, great grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and friends as we celebrated all the women that made a difference in our lives.
21. A quick announcement, next months meeting will be held outdoors at the John Malone Center on June 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be no virtual option for that meeting. Details will be sent via email and will be on the Community Board 18 website.

District Leader and Board Member Frank Seddio informed the Board that this is reapportionment year when new lines are drawn for the various political districts that we have in our community. Community Board 18 is basically represented by two main Assembly Districts which is the 59<sup>th</sup> and the 41<sup>st</sup> the lines for the 59<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly Districts have pretty much stayed the same. There is some controversy about the fact that we're going to have two Primaries this year. On June 28<sup>th</sup> we will be voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the State of New York, and this is a Democratic Primary and a Republican Primary as well. Early Voting begins June 18 and ends June 26<sup>th</sup>. The two locations in Community Board 18 are 5201 Avenue N and IS 68 on East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Avenue J. He continued to explain about the different local challenges and the new lines for Congress and the State Senate. He explained how large CB 18 is and that we are the largest geographical board in the City of New York with more parkland than Central Park and Prospect Park combined. No other community has what we have, it's unique. Our community is like a small town in a big state, and it works because we're mostly 1-2 family homes with very few developments. We are just middle-class people trying to take care of educating our children, keeping our neighborhoods safe, and working hard at our jobs. He informed the board members that he's going to do something special next month for the Board Members as an appreciation for all they do. Information will follow.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PARKS COMMITTEE** – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Walby provided the following information:

1. Power Playground Phase 2 public scoping meeting is being held on **Thursday, May 19th**, at 6:30pm, to share and discuss ideas for the second phase. Register for the virtual meeting at [nyc.gov/parks/input](https://nyc.gov/parks/input). Registration is required to attend. If you want to learn more, or want to get involved, or can't make the meeting, then send an email to [BKspecialevents@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:BKspecialevents@parks.nyc.gov).
2. In Canarsie Park, this **Sunday, May 22nd**, from 11:00am to 12noon, there will be a Discovery Hike and Pond Ecology learning opportunity. Meet at the East 88th Street entrance on Seaview Avenue. Call 718-421-2021 for more information.

3. The Major McCarthy Memorial and Re-dedication service will be held this **Sunday, May 22nd**, 10:30am, at the Major McCarthy Triangle (intersection of Avenue N, East 31st Street, and Kings Highway service road). For more information call Tom Hernandez, Jr. at 917-559-3600. Board Member Tomas Hernandez, Jr. added that in addition to the service they will be honoring Firefighter Timothy Klein, a six-year veteran of the department, who was killed while battling a massive fire in Canarsie.
4. Activities in Marine Park that you can register for on the Parks website at **nyc.gov/parks**: It's My Park Day, Saturdays, **June 4th and June 18th**, from 8:30am to 10:30am, Birding in Marine Park, Friday, **June 10th**, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, and Forest Restoration, Saturday, **June 11th**, from 9:30am to 12:30pm
5. **Little Red's Hood** is coming to Marine Park and Canarsie Park this summer thanks to the Puppet Mobile. Performers put a new spin on an old story. The Puppet Mobile will be in Marine Park on **July 15th** (11:00 to 11:45am), and in Canarsie Park on **August 23rd** (1:00 to 1:45pm). For more information visit the Parks website at **nyc.gov/parks**

Chairperson Walby informed everyone that there's lots of free fun stuff to do.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE** – Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

1. Chairperson Cadet-Donald reported on the Free Outdoor Golf Program that is being offered at the John Malone Community Center for children in grades 3-7. The program is every Tuesday starting at 3 o'clock. Registration is required
2. This Saturday is the Health Fair at Bayview. Activities include archery, pickle ball, and martial arts. There will also be a dental van, school giveaways and much more.
3. For Canarsie residents, there will be another Health Fair on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The dental van will be back for pre-school checks and the mammogram bus will also be there. More information will be sent out as the date gets closer.

**LIBRARIES & EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – Sallie Bennett, Chairperson

1. Chairperson Bennett reported on the city funding to renovate the Canarsie library which will be closed beginning June 2023.
2. She provided updates and information on upcoming events taking place at the libraries.
3. She also announced that the branches will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary.

Sgt. Brian Maher, 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct, greeted everyone, provided event updates, and precinct crime statistics. Sgt. Maher, on behalf of Captain Abdullah, asked if the Board could defer the vote for the Renewal Application received from Flava II Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236 till next month because proper review is needed before giving a recommendation. He thanked everyone and appreciated the cooperation of the Board on this matter. He asked if there were any questions. Denise Mason asked what can be done about the growing graffiti along the stores on Flatlands Avenue. DM Partnow asked if the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct has a Graffiti Clean Up Program. Sgt. Maher explained that Officer Saleh is the assigned graffiti office for the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He can be contacted



at 929-343-9474 or by email [brian.maher3@nypd.org](mailto:brian.maher3@nypd.org). Pictures of the graffiti should be sent. There is a clean-up scheduled and the Flatlands Avenue corridor can be included in the cleanup. The explorers go out for the whole day and paint over any gang iconography and random graffiti on storefronts.

Officer Ronette Benjamin, 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, greeted everyone and informed the Board that on May 17<sup>th</sup> there was a suicide at the Days Inn Hotel located at 1729 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street. This would be the second suicide since this hotel has been in existence. She provided event updates, and precinct crime statistics. Steve Smith stated that he is very disappointed in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. He has called 311 repeatedly to report abandoned vehicles and nothing is done by the police. DM Partnow suggested that he call the CB office because we work together with the Precincts and Sanitation to tow derelict vehicles. Steve Smith also asked what is being done about the dollar vans. They park all over the streets, cause traffic backups and don't get ticketed. They're eventually towed and right back on the streets. He complained about gun violence, school shootings and people riding around on ATV's. Officer Benjamin invited him to attend the next 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting being held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE** – Paul Curiale, Chairperson

1. **B.S.A. Calendar # 135-46-BZ – Premises affected – 3802 Avenue U**, Block 8555, Lot 37 – Vote

Chairperson Paul Curiale asked for a motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the Application for **B.S.A. Calendar # 135-46-BZ – Premises affected – 3802 Avenue U**, Block 8555, Lot 37, an instant Application filed pursuant to Section 11-411 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, that seeks to extend the term, which expired on January 29, 2022, and amend a **variance** to remove the automotive station originally granted under B.S.A. Cal. No. 135-46-BZ on July 16, 1946. The Board of Standards and Appeals approved a gas station with an automotive repair shop in 1946. Board Member Tomas Hernandez, Jr. made a motion. Board Member Eugene Burshtein seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 29 Yes Votes and 1 Abstention.

2. **B.S.A. Calendar Application # 2022-23-BZ – Premises affected –1520 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street**, Block 7900, Lot 53 – Vote

Chairperson Paul Curiale asked for a motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the Application for **B.S.A. Calendar Application #2022-23-BZ – Premises affected –1520 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street**, Block 7900, Lot 53, an application for variance, pursuant to Zoning Resolution (the "Z.R.") § 72-21, to allow, within an R3-2 zoning district, the construction of a detached two-story house with cellar, that does not comply with the zoning requirements for front yards (Z.R. § 23-45) and side yards (Z.R. § 23-461). Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald made a motion. Board Member Sallie Bennett seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 29 Yes Votes.

3. State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:**

- Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge LLC, Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge, 9413 Avenue L, 11236
- Ruan New Star Inc., Ruan New Star Inc, 2210 Flatbush Avenue, 11234

- 8920 Avenue D Inc., Flava II Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236
- Sons of Flatbush 497 Inc., Sons of Flatbush 497 Inc., 3409 Avenue S, 11234

Chairperson Paul Curiale stated that The Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63<sup>rd</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> Police Precincts about the SLA Renewal Applications received from Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge LLC, 9413 Avenue L, 11236, Ruan New Star Inc., 2210 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Flava II Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236, Sons of Flatbush 497 Inc., 3409 Avenue S, 11234. No objections were received for the SLA Renewal Applications received from, Ruan New Star Inc, 2210 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Flava II Lounge, 8920 AVENUE D, 11236, Sons of Flatbush 497 Inc., 3409 Avenue S, 11234. However, objections were received last month for Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge, 9413 Avenue L, 11236 and was tabled to this month with the stipulation that the owner Pierre Brunache meet with the Sergeant of the 69<sup>th</sup> Pct to work out the situation with the video tape showing an incident in front of the business.

Chairperson Curiale asked if any of the applicants or representatives were in attendance. Present were Pierre Brunache owner of Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge and George C. Nelson the attorney Representing Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge. Pierre Brunache owner of Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge explained that the video tape was provided to the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Chairperson Curiale asked for a motion that Community Board 18 recommends approval of the SLA Renewal Applications received from Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge LLC, 9413 Avenue L, 11236, Ruan New Star Inc, 2210 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Sons of Flatbush 497 Inc., 3409 Avenue S, 11234. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald made a motion. Board Member Sallie Bennett seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 31 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Curiale asked for a motion that Community Board 18 table the vote for the SLA Renewal Application received from 8920 Avenue D Inc., 11236 until the June meeting when Captain Abdullah returns to give it proper review. Board Member Debbie Tiamfook made a motion. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 31 Yes Votes.

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – Gil Cygler, Chairperson

#### **1. Taxi and Limousine Commission Application Received – Vote**

#### **RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION LIVERY BASE STATION LICENSE:**

- Winthrop Holding of New York, Inc., Winthrop Car Service, 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234

Chairperson Gil Cygler stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct about the TLC Renewal Application received from Winthrop Holding of New York, Inc., 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234. No objections were received. Chairperson Cygler asked if the applicant or a representative was present for the application. Chairperson Cygler made a motion that CB18 recommends Approval of the Renewal Application received for Winthrop Holding of New York, Inc., 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234. Board Member Michael Ien seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 31 Yes Votes.

Assembly Member Jaime Williams greeted everyone. She informed the Board that she met with the DOT Commissioner in Albany about speed cameras running 24 hours, 7 days a week at schools and the issues we're having with the dollar vans. She also spoke about her opposition to

the eviction legislation. She provided event updates and thanked Kings Plaza for sponsoring the concerts in park series at Marine Park and the prom dresses giveaway at Thomas Jefferson High School.

Debbie Louis, Representing Council Member Farah Louis, greeted everyone and provided information on upcoming events. Debbie Louis recently organized a block association on East 96<sup>th</sup> Street due to a series of car break-ins. If you have any questions, she'll be in the back and will take questions for Council Member Farah Louis.

Jennifer Horsford, Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud, greeted everyone and provided updates on legislation passing through Albany and Senate Bill S6195B which replaces certain references to "mentally retarded" persons with the term "individuals with a developmental disability". She also provided information on upcoming events.

Mariya Markh, Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, greeted everyone and wished everyone a Happy Belated Mother's Day and soon to be Memorial Day and Father's Day. She also provided information on upcoming events.

David Louis, Representing the NYC Mayor's Office, greeted everyone and wished all those celebrating, a Happy Haitian Flag Day and Happy AAPI Heritage Month. He also provided information on upcoming events.

Roopesh Ramjit, Representing the District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, greeted everyone and provided his contact information and information on programs and upcoming events.

Chairperson Michael Ien acknowledged Sergey Chuprik, Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander.

Jibreel Jalloh, Representing Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams, greeted everyone and provided his contact information and information on upcoming events.

Council Member Mercedes Narcisse greeted everyone wearing her cultural dress celebrating Haitian Flag Day and Haiti which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Black Republic to gain its Independence and freedom from slavery. We celebrate each other when we talk about freedom. She also provided information on programs and upcoming events.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION VIA IN-PERSON & WEBEX . . .**

Noreen Medas, Representing Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association, greeted everyone and provided information on upcoming events.

Board Member Maria Garret shared that Congressman Hakeem Jeffries honored the Fresh Creek Civic Association with an additional \$800,000 for the Fresh Creek Tide Gate Project. The project is on East 108<sup>th</sup> Street from Avenue K to Seaview Avenue and should be completed by July 2022. She also asked whether anything can be done about commercial vehicles parked on the streets of Canarsie. DM Partnow asked her to send an email with pictures of the vehicles.

Anne Rhea Smith, Representing Senator Kevin Parker, greeted everyone and provided information on the Senator's Democratic challenges.

There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Michael Ien made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 22 Yes Votes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 P.M.

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