

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga	Malynda Jordan-Dandridge	Sharon Nedd
Felina Backer	Reeves Eisen	Judy Newton
Sallie Bennett	Joshua Fassu	Elaine Reid
Barbara Bieber	Maria Garrett	Patrick Jayson Reyes
Ernest Borno	Ian Gaynor	Yolaine Ridore
Sharon Borno	Denise Gordon	Violine Roberty
Greg Borruso	Denise Gourdine	Michelle Sealey
Gardy Brazela	Stuart Heier	Frank Seddio
James Buchanan	Tomas Hernandez, Jr.	Victoria Stennett
Terri Cadet-Donald	Naomi Hopkins	Nancy Walby
Salvatore Calise	Michael Ien	
Donald Cranston	Jibreel Jalloh	
Gil Cygler	Kenny Jean-Baptiste	

GUESTS:

Harriet Wieber	Holy Trinity Church
Paul Curiale	Mill Basin Civic Association/Millennium Development
Rob Mazzuchin	Marine Park Community Association
Maja Clasen	Area Resident
Mark Partnow	Area Resident
Michael Benjamin	Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19 th S.D.
Ras Omeil Novado Morgan	Rebecca Morgan Dementia War Inc.
Hugh Hollingsworth	Area Resident
Gina Joseph	Area Resident
Norine Medas	Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association
Frieda Menos	Representing Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries, 8 th C.D.
Saye Joseph	Rep. Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46 th Council District
Judith Destin	Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Linda Lewis-Coke	Area Resident
Lorraine Barker	Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club
William Chambers	Caribbean Woman's Health Association
Chinua Duke	Representing Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman
Claudette Workman	NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)
Salvatore Calise	Bergen Beach Civic Association
Maria Garrett	Fresh Creek Civic Association
Charlie Courtney	Area Resident
Andrenia Burges	Area Resident
Jennifer Bedeau	Area Resident
Johnny Arcenteles	TAHIBA
Ronald Steinhauer	Area Resident
Roy Holder	Area Resident
Sanele Amsterdam	Area Resident
Sergey Chuprik	Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander
Tawanna St. Louis	Area Resident
Kathy Ohara	Area Resident
Nadine Sylvester	Area Resident

Natalie Aidinov	Area Resident
Sabine J	Area Resident
Wanda Thomas	Area Resident
Yolette Toussaint	Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41 st A.D.
Gaye Davis	Area Resident
Hon. Jaime Williams	Assembly Member, 59 th A.D.
Ian Girshek	Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59 A.D.
Robert Gibbs	Area Resident
Daniel Heredia	Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45 th Council District
Renee V. McClure	National Grid
Anne Rhea Smith	Representing State Senator Kevin Parker, 21 st S.D.

7:14 P.M.

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Michael Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 19, 2022, and the Public Hearing held on October 27, 2022. There being none, Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Sharon Borno seconded the motion. The motion passed with 34 Yes Votes. Chairperson Michael Ien introduced the Executive Board and staff.

7:18 P.M.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Renee V. McClure, Director for NYC Community and Customer Management at National Grid provided a brief presentation on National Grid’s clean energy transition 2050. The CAC (Climate Action Council) put out a document called the CLCPA which is New York State’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. To meet the 2050 goal, we must move to a fossil free environment and bring awareness to how that’s going to impact everyone. Heat is the largest sector of New York Energy and 35% of the total energy in 2020 was for heat. This is more than eleven times the annual power generated from all offshore wind that New York plans to build in 2035, which will not meet the goal. The amount of Annual T energy consumption is more than double the annual total of electricity produced in New York City. This is equivalent to an average annual power generation of 22 Indian point plants. We’re generating a lot of heat through fossil fuels. In fact, 92% of our heat is generated through fossil fuel. After processing all the data, how do they get to this new transition? National Grid is on board with the energy transition, but full electrification may not be possible because some of the buildings may not be eligible to make that switch. We are looking at renewable energy, renewable gas, renewable hydrogen and of course geothermal to get us to that point. Whatever that choice, customers should have options. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that National Grid is only within the five boroughs, but Long Island is predominantly oil. She asked if National Grid has plans to incorporate gas or solar panels to residents since Long Island is helping in that way with this transition. Ms. McClure explained that National Grid is in all of Brooklyn, Staten Island, parts of Queens, Long Island, upstate as well as in New England. They are still able to provide natural gas until the end of 2024. New York is different, not sure how that’s going to impact Long Island. Board Member Donald Cranston stated that they have natural gas in Marine Park, as well as Canarsie and they’re all one- and two-family homes. He asked, how that affects us. Ms. McClure replied we are having the conversation now because on

December 19th the CLCPA is releasing the finalization of the scoping plan. There will be choices and if your option is full electrification, it may be costly. If they can use the current infrastructure that's already in place and bring in hydrogen blend or renewable gas, that's an option for our customers. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked about solar panels. That's part of the renewables but also part of that is weatherization. Solar panels are very important, but you want to winterize your house too. Board Member Greg Borruso stated that the electric grid that we have now can't handle the strain that it has on it. If all these people go electric, how do they expect to handle the grid. Whenever there's a warm day, ConEd cuts the power back. How are they going to take gas away and expect ConEd to be able to provide power, including plug-in cars. He inquired about National Grid teaming up with ConEd. Ms. McClure replied as part of the utility consortium they must look at that possibility. Board Member Borruso asked if the December 19th timeframe is realistic and if there is going to be another open meeting with National Grid. Ms. McClure replied there are no meetings scheduled to her knowledge. December 19th is the day that they're going to have more information and clarification. Board Member Sal Calise asked if customers must go electric or can we keep our existing gas service? Ms. McClure explained that the idea is to move off fossil fuel by 2050. The CLCPA is considering choices for customers with the understanding that the fossil fuel as we burn it today is tentatively not allowed to be used in 2050. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked what happens to those individuals switching from oil? Renee V. McClure explained they're still accepting services to make that transition.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced the following:

Hon. Jaime Williams Assembly Member, 59th A.D. greeted everyone and provided updates on legislation, office information, programs, and events.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Michael Ien

Chairperson Ien announced the seven (7) members he appointed to the Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers for 2023. As per the Community Board's By-laws the Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members are appointed in November and will present their slate of officers to the Board at the December meeting when Nominations for Officers will be open from the floor. Additional Nominations will require a second from another Member of the Board to be placed on the Ballot and Elections will be held at a duly constituted Special Election Meeting in January 2023. He appointed Gardy Brazela, Chairperson – Members: Tomas Hernandez Jr., Yolaine Ridore, Valerie Woodford, Jim Buchanan, Sallie Bennett, and Sharon Borno. He introduced the Current Officers as Michael Ien, Chairperson, Greg Borruso, 1st Vice Chairperson, Maria Garrett, 2nd Vice Chairperson and Barbara Bieber, Secretary. Chairperson Ien also appointed Board Member and Attorney Frank Seddio as CB 18's Parliamentarian.

Board Member and newly appointed Parliamentarian Frank Seddio greeted everyone and reiterated that we are having nominations in December. The Nominating Committee will offer recommendations to the board for Chairperson, 1st and 2nd Vice Chair, and Secretary. He further explained the election process according to the Bylaws. Board Member Seddio said that one of the members reached out to Corporation Council to get an opinion for the vote taken to approve the Capital and Expense Budget submissions. Since members did not receive the previous Capital and Expense Budget submissions and recap, due to a computer glitch, the Public Hearing scheduled at our October 19th meeting had to be rescheduled for October 31st. We did not have what was believed to be a quorum at that time. While a quorum was present according to the Community Board's Bylaws, it was determined that a quorum was not present according to the City Charter. Therefore, Corporation Council recommended a new vote be taken which will be conducted at our

December 21st meeting. Board Member Seddio further explained the role of the Budget Committee in considering the board's recommendations and priorities for the Capital and Expense Budget. He also explained that over the years, the Community Board's powers have been reduced and it's the City agencies who control what gets done. He further explained that the submissions are merely a wish list for things the board would like to see done. He also recommends that our Bylaws be amended to comply with the City Charter. Board Member Seddio also said that if we work together as a team, we can be successful in getting things done for our community. Board Member Seddio recommended that Chairperson Ien appoint a Bylaws Committee which he would be glad to be part of. Board Member Seddio thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

7:57 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow greeted and thanked everyone for being here this evening and informed the board that **she attended the following special events representing Community Board 18:**

- 69th Precinct Community Council 3K Walk for Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness. She thanked Gardy Brazela, Yolaine Ridore, Lucina Clarke and the Canarsie Lions.
- Street Co-Naming for Community Activist Patrick Solomita. She thanked Paul Curiale and Sal Calise.
- Halloween at the Lott House – Marine Park Community Association, great job Greg Borruso and President Rob Mazzuchin
- Community Board 18's Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree was a huge success. She thanked Board Chair Michael Ien, Board Members Valerie Woodford, Maria Garrett, Denise Gordon, Nancy Walby, Sallie Bennett, and Barbara Bieber for helping set up and manning the candy and pumpkin painting table. She also thanked Board Member Naomi Hopkins for designing the flyer and thanked Council Member Mercedes Narcisse and Senator Roxanne Persaud for joining us.
- Veteran's Day Salute – She thanked Assembly Member Jaime Williams for honoring our local Vets.
- Mill Basin Civic, Paul Curiale, President, Bergen Beach Civic, Sal Calise, President, and Flatlands Civic, Joan Gilbert, President

Highlights from October Community Board 18 Cabinet Meeting:

1. The NYC Department of Design and Construction – Milling, Paving and pedestrian ramp upgrades- Glenwood Road from East 86th Street to East 92nd Street.
2. The NYC Department of Transportation – Painting of identifying stop sign on the ground at Avenue K and East 83rd Street. Construction Parking signs to be taken down at Breukelen Houses now that project is completed (Residents are receiving

Tickets)

3. The NYC Department of Buildings is moving to 345 Adamas Street, 3rd Floor.
4. 69th Precinct – 80 Vehicles throughout Canarsie were towed to date. Reported on the shooting at Rockaway Parkway and Shore Parkway and gave an update on crime statistics. A heavy tow truck is working in the area at Foster Avenue and East 88th Street. November 17th the 69th Precinct Community Council will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at South Shore Manor.
5. 63rd Precinct towed 178 vehicles up to October 26th. Reported there are field training officers assigned inside Kings Plaza.
6. MTA- Bus Network Redesign, to make city buses more efficient. You can visit mta.info Brooklyn Buses Redesign. The MTA will be considering more bus stops and faster routes.
7. NYC Parks Department – No date on the renovation of the Marine Park Oval. Comfort Stations at area parks close at 4 PM except for Canarsie Park and Marine Park, they close at 5 PM.
8. FDNY – They are reminding everyone to make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working. If you need detectors call the Red Cross at 877-733-2767. They will bring them and install them for free.
9. NYC Department of Sanitation – Issued 50 summonses to commercial corridors throughout Community Board 18 for not maintaining their property. They have dedicated cleaning on Preston Court, East 102nd Street and Shore Parkway.
10. Brookdale Hospital – January 2023 expanding Emergency Room, new Trauma Area, and new Waiting Room. They will be holding a Thanksgiving Fundraiser for the Hospital.
11. Ian Girshek, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams' Office updated us on the Veteran's Banners that were hung throughout the district by the Assembly Member to honor our service members past and present. He announced the Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaways and Toys for Tots Collection Drop Box at Assembly Member Jaime Williams' Office.
12. Daniel Heredia, Representing Council Member Farah Louis reported that their office has collected over 300 articles of clothing to donate to the shelter at 5244 Kings Highway which houses asylum seekers. The Annual Tree Lighting will be held at Amersfort Park.

In and around Community Board 18:

1. Working with the NYC Department of Transportation and Con Edison to repair a broken streetlight at Avenue S and East 38th Street at a busy bus stop where the lighting situation creates a hazard.
2. She contacted the NYC Department of Sanitation to request new trash receptacles for the Rockaway Parkway Corridor.
3. After contacting the NYC Department of Sanitation, they cleaned up the medians on Avenue M between Bergen Avenue and East 73rd Street.
4. Informed the NYC Department of Sanitation of cars that were not obeying Alternate

- Side Parking regulations on East 80th Street and they were ticketed.
5. A representative from NYC Department of Environmental Protection agreed to conduct an inspection of their property located from Bergen Avenue to Paerdegat Avenue North. The area requires a major cleanup.
 6. After bringing the lot at Canarsie Road and Shore Parkway to the attention of NYC Department of Sanitation, she's happy to report that they did a basic cleaning and litter removal there.
 7. As per Con Edison a replacement pole permit has been issued for East 54th Street and Avenue T. Leaning pole will be removed.
 8. After requesting an inspection, the DEP repaired a fire hydrant that was causing ponding on East 95th Street between Avenue L and Avenue M.
 9. We received a formal notice informing us that the shelter at 108-75 Avenue D is reopening. This facility will help to support the most vulnerable New Yorkers experiencing homelessness and will allow for DSS-DHS to have the capacity to meet legal and moral mandate to provide shelter. Veterans of America, a non-profit social services provider will provide families with children at this location with security and essential social services to help them regain their footing with dignity.
 10. She attended the official groundbreaking of the New Learning Garden and Urban Farm located behind P.S. 312 on Avenue N and East 71st Street. This project was 10 years in the making and was put on hold due to the pandemic. The two acres of land will be the home of a working Greenhouse, Compost Area, Vegetable and Herb Garden, Fruit Orchard, and Outdoor Classroom. Students will learn about planting and bringing healthy choices to their dinner table. We welcome the New Learning Farm and thank former Council Member Alan Maisel for spearheading the project and securing the millions of dollars in funding to bring this working farm to Brooklyn.

Our Community Board 18 Good & Welfare:

1. Happy Belated Birthday to Board Member Reeves Eisen.
2. Happy Birthday to staff member Gail Fazio's grandson who turned 6.
3. Congratulations to Board Members Gil Cygler and Judy Newton and former Board Member Melba Brown for being the honorees at the Thomas Jefferson Club Brunch.
4. November 11th, we celebrated Veteran's Day by honoring those who have served and those who are serving now. We should never forget the sacrifices our service men and women have made. We should salute them every day.
5. On behalf of the staff of Community Board 18 she wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, Safe, and filling Thanksgiving.

William Chambers, from Caribbean Women's Health Association (CWAHA), provided a brief presentation on resources and the multiple services they offer such as Maternal and Child Health Services, HIV Prevention Education, Testing and Consultation, Immigration Legal Assistance and Covid 19 services. Presently, his work is with the Covid 19 outreach

team at Caribbean Women's Health Association (CWAH). They are educating New Yorkers about the different variants and encouraging them to get vaccinated and boosted. The initiative is funded by the Department of Health. Vaccines, boosters, Covid 19 home test and masks are free. CWAH is located at 3512 Church Avenue. Their phone number is 929-399-8070. Judith Destin, Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's Office asked if CWAH still has Brooklyn community meetings. Mr. Chambers responded that they have meetings and meet with members of the community to discuss their health needs. They also have workshops and virtual breastfeeding/safe sleep workshops and support groups, virtual parenting workshops, birth and postpartum doula support as well. Outreach to the community is important because it is a low-income community of color and health disparities do exist.

Chairperson Ien introduced Frieda Menos, Representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries' Office greeted everyone and spoke about the lack of lighting at the Hurricane Sandy Memorial Event at Canarsie Pier. There were quite a few light bulbs that needed replacement. She has been communicating with the National Parks Service Superintendent about this and other issues. They are in the process of getting a truck lift which is required for them to replace the bulbs in the tower lights in the center portion of the parking lot. She also gave a shout out to Council Member Mercedes Narcisse for her help with calming down the folks who were upset and for working with her as well to correct the lighting situation. She assured everyone she will keep the community up to date on the progress. She reported that Congressman Jeffries visits the Community Board 18 area often and she reports back to him about the items discussed at these meetings. She concluded with updates and office information.

Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud's Office greeted everyone and provided updates, community events, and holiday wishes. He informed everyone that under the United States Constitution reapportionment happens every ten years and as of January 1st Senator Persaud will no longer represent a large part of this Community Board. She is going to represent parts of Canarsie, but her lines are going to move further east. You will have a new State Senator but if you're fortunate enough to still have Senator Persaud remain your State Senator then you're very lucky. Senator Persaud has a weekly email blast that has a lot of information that's beneficial to all. Please call the office and have your email added to the list. He thanked the board for everything that they do.

Saye Joseph, Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse's Office, informed everyone they moved their office to 5827 Flatlands Avenue, the phone number is the same 718-241-9330. The office is more accessible to constituents by way of B47, B82 and the B6 bus lines. She provided updates on advocacy for Cure Violence sites, and information on programs, community events, and offered holiday wishes.

Anne Rhea-Smith, Representing State Senator Kevin Parker's Office, Yolette Toussaint, Representing, Assembly Member Helene Weinstein's Office, Chinua Duke, Representing Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, and Daniel Heredia, Representing Council Member Farah Louis' Office provided, program and community event information.

8:23 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMITTEE – Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

Chairperson Cadet-Donald provided the following information:

1. Millennium Development and Bergen Beach Youth Organization (BBYO) is looking for part time workers 17 or older for after school jobs. For more information they can contact her at the Millennium office 718-444-0101. She concluded wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving.

LIBRARIES & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Sallie Bennett, Chairperson

Chairperson Bennett provided the following information:

1. The Canarsie Library has been selected to offer "Teen Takeovers" (after-hours programs for teens) beginning early next year. They have received funding from the Mayor's Office and the City Council for one free teen program every month. A teen advisory committee will be selected to choose programs, such as music, dance, drama performances, author talks, chess instruction, talent shows, cooking classes, and more. All teen advisory committee participants will receive a cash stipend in thanks for their work. Interested persons please call Tom Muller at 718-257-6547.
2. The Brooklyn Library's Strategy Department recently released its new Strategic Plan for the Library for the next two years. The theme of the new Strategic Plan is Finding Level Ground. There will be a small stipend for the teenagers that participate in the team programming. Finding Level Ground will foster literacy and the love of learning, supply trusted up-to-date information resources, connect residents to educational and economic opportunities, and promote civic engagement. Paper copies of the Strategic Plan are available at all Brooklyn Public Library branches and available online at [bklynlibrary.org/strategic plan](http://bklynlibrary.org/strategic-plan). For more information contact Tom Muller at 718-257-6547. She wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Tomas Hernandez Jr, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER &

CIDER:

- Arkflow FBF & Legends Hospitality LLC, Aviator Sports and Recreation, 3159 Flatbush Avenue, 11234

Chairperson Tomas Hernandez Jr stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63rd Police Precinct about the Renewal SLA Application received from Arkflow FBF & Legends Hospitality LLC, Aviator Sports and Recreation, 3159 Flatbush Avenue, 11234. No objections were received for the referenced application. Chairperson Hernandez asked if the applicant or representative was in attendance.

There being no community opposition Chairperson Hernandez asked for a motion that Community Board 18 recommends approval of the Renewal SLA Application received from Arkflow FBF & Legends Hospitality LLC, Aviator Sports and Recreation, 3159 Flatbush Avenue, 11234. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald made a motion. Board Member Jim Buchanan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 27 Yes votes.

Judith Destin, Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's Office greeted everyone and provided updates, office information and extended holiday wishes.

8:39 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

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

Board Member and President of the Fresh Creek Civic Association Maria Garrett explained how the Canarsie neighborhood was affected by Super Storm Sandy. The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) funded the Fresh Creek Coastal Resiliency Project to protect the most at-risk sections of Fresh Creek's shoreline in Canarsie that are vulnerable to flooding caused by high water levels during storm surges and high tide which the Fresh Creek Civic Association helped formulate. She is pleased to announce that the project is completed. The Ribbon Cutting was held on October 26th and was televised on News 12, and covered in the Brooklyn Paper, and the Canarsie Courier. Tide gates were installed from the creek to the sewer system, so the streets won't flood. We thank Congressman Jeffries and the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) for this project.

Ras Omeil Novado Morgan an area resident and owner of a Health Food Store located at 9203 Flatlands Avenue invited everyone to take part in Canarsie Can Arise Wealth and Health Fair on December 22nd at his health food store. He also expressed his concern about African woman being at high risk for dementia in the United States.

Board Member Barbara Bieber mentioned that Amazon packages are being stolen from homes after delivery. She witnessed someone stealing packages on her block and reported it to the 69th Precinct. She urged everyone to be aware.

Board Member Maria Garrett saw on the news that cars were being hijacked after being rear-ended and confronted with a gun. They take your car at gunpoint and drive off. Be cautious!

Chairperson Michael Ien wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to get home safely.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Tomas Hernandez Jr made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Ernest Borno seconded the Motion. The motion passed with 34 Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

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