

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga
Michael Benjamin
Sallie Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Ernest Borno
Sharon Borno
Greg Borruso
Melba Brown
James Buchanan
Terri Cadet-Donald
Salvatore Calise
Lucina Clarke
Donald Cranston

Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Malynda Jordan-Dandridge
Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Denise Gourdine
Stuart Heier
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Jean Joseph
Sharon Nedd
Saul Needle
Judy Newton

Yolaine Ridore
Violette Roberty
Marcia Schiff
Michelle Sealey
Frank Seddio
Nancy Walby
Sylvia Whiteside
Bishop Nathan Williams
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Michael Benjamin
Evelyn Moise
Mark Partnow
Dennis Powell
Paul Curiale
Gail Fazio
Karlene Ellis
P.O. Ronette Benjamin
Gerard Brewster
Kateryna Brestovska
Isaac Selolwane
P.O. Samuel Maria
Jibreel Jalloh
Corey Gallaway
Tamara Gallaway
Norine Medas
Debbie Louis
Sabrina Dieujuste
Christina Armieri
Linda Steinmuller
Roopesh Ramjit
Venessa Harry
Juan Bravo
Harold Jones
Joyce Minault
Kim Robinson
Vanessa Quashie
Orlando Ross
Martine Jean-Charles
Michelle Cumberbatch

Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D.
Au Couteau D'or Restaurant & Lounge Inc.
Area Resident
Area Resident
Mill Basin Civic Association
Area Resident
Rea Resident
63rd Precinct
Utica 2 Flatbush
D&D Duet Inc.
NYC Parks
69th Precinct
Area Resident
Fitmar Management Inc.
Fitmar Management Inc.
Rockaway Parkway Merchants Corridor Association
Representing CM Farah Louis, 45th Council District
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Brooklyn Public Library
Canarsie Courier
Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Area Resident
Representing CM Charles Barron, 42nd Council District
Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)
Area Resident
Representing CM Mercedes Narcisse, 46th Council District
Area Resident
Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke
Area Resident
Area Resident

Sergey Chuprik	Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander
Yuri Sanchez	Area Resident
Aurelia Jemmott	Area Resident
Rodney Theobal	Area Resident
Anika A.	Area Resident
Beatrice Lalanne	Area Resident
Marie Nelson	Area Resident
Maureen English	Area Resident
Kimberley Coke	Area Resident
Tricia Forest	Area Resident
Ian Girshek	Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59 th A.D.
Salvatore Calise	Bergen Beach Civic Association
Reeves Eisen	Representing Senator Andrew Gounardes, 22 nd S.D.

7:06 P.M.

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the meeting and introduced the newly appointed Community Assistant of Community Board #18 Gail Fazio to the board. Gail Fazio thanked everyone for appointing her.

Chairperson Michael Ien greeted everyone and introduced the Officers of the Board.

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on February 16, 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 Michael Benjamin seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 27 Yes Votes.

7:14 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Public Hearing on the Agency Responses to the Community Board's Fiscal Year 2023 Register of Capital and Expense Priorities. Chairperson Ien explained that although a Public Hearing and/or a Community Board vote is not required for this process, our District Manager Sue Ann Partnow will explain the Budget Process and the Board's Letter of Comment, based on the Agency Responses to the Community Board's Preliminary Capital and Expense Budget for FY 2023 and then open the floor for any questions or comments.

District Manager Sue Ann Partnow explained that the Community Board's Statement of Comment as well as the Agency Responses are the preliminary steps in developing a draft Capital and Expense Budget for submission and adoption by the City Council. She reported that most of the Agency Responses to our requests are, once again, in the negative and did not demonstrate an earnest effort on behalf of the Agencies to address our needs.

She stated that our total Budget Requests for FY'23 was forty (40) Capital Requests and

twelve (12) Expense Requests with two (2) Continued Support. Many of our requests are for maintenance of aging infrastructure and quality of life for the residents of our community. These projects are not designed to enhance but rather to protect and maintain our current aging infrastructure. Year after year the board tries to move the same projects forward but to no avail. Over the next few months, the Board will be participating in various stages of the budget process. Hopefully, this Administration will finally listen to us and we will start to see progress with some of our proposed projects.

Some of Community Board 18's proposed priority requests are for increase in funding for the 63rd and 69th Precincts, the Fire Department and Department of Sanitation Personnel. Also requested is a new building for the 63rd Precinct and reconstruction of catch basins and sanitary sewers throughout Community Board 18. There being no further discussion or questions, Chairperson Ien closed the Public Hearing on the Agency Responses to the Community Board's Fiscal Year 2023 Register of Capital and Expense Priorities.

Chairperson Michael Ien continued the Public Hearing on the Amendments of Community Board 18's By-Laws and its Standing Committees. Chairperson Ien introduced Judy Newton, the Chair of By-Laws Committee. Chairperson Newton explained that Chairperson Ien has appointed a By-Laws Committee consisting of five (5) members, she as the Chair of the By-Laws Committee, and Sallie Bennett, Tomas Hernandez, Jr., Michael Benjamin, and Amar Dyal as members. Chairperson Newton informed the board that the Committee met on February 28, 2022 to discuss the best way to combine the committees to maximize board member involvement. After a lengthy discussion the committee reduced the fourteen (14) committees to nine (9) by joining those that shared similar descriptions. The committee met again on March 7, 2022 to complete the process and assured that all board members were assigned to serve on a committee. The new list of committees are as follows: Planning & Zoning, Environment & Sanitation, Libraries & Education, Housing, Youth, Social Services, Transportation, Public Safety and Parks.

Chairperson Ien closed the Public Hearing on the Amendments of Community Board 18's By-Laws and its Standing Committees.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Chairperson Ien introduced Deputy Commissioner Isaac Selolwane from the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DSS-DHS) for a presentation on their proposed U.L.U.R.P. Application to establish its fleet of vehicles at 1427 Ralph Avenue in Brooklyn, Community District 18. Deputy Commissioner Selolwane explained the fleet services are used for moving and transportation. This particular property is about five minutes from the warehouse that they have in CB 18 which will expand their fleet services. He provided information about DHS and their facilities. He reiterated that the proposal is there to house 34 vehicles and 55 office staff. He stressed that there will not be a shelter at this location. First Vice Chair Saul Needle asked for the cross streets and Mr. Selolwane responded between Chase and Preston Court. Board Member Judy Newton asked Mr. Selolwane to clarify the exact address, which he did. Board Member Michael Benjamin thanked Isaac Selolwane for the presentation. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked about donations of usable furniture for the homeless. Mr. Selolwane said they don't take donations. Chairperson Michael Ien asked where their existing warehouse is located in Community Board 18. Mr. Selolwane informed him they've been at Farragut Road and East 101st Street for over 21 years. Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush thanked Isaac Selolwane

for coming and wanted to know how our community benefits from DHS. Mr. Selolwane responded there will be 55 employees, patronization of local businesses and 24-hour security. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge inquired about community employment. Mr. Selolwane deferred to their intergovernmental agency. Board Member Violine Roberty asked if a lease was signed. Isaac Selolwane responded that no lease was signed yet. Board Member Kenny Jean Baptiste asked if this plan can be found online. Mr. Selolwane responded that it will be online when they formally file the ULURP.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow greeted and thanked everyone for joining tonight and informed the board that she attended the following:

1. Borough President’s Cabinet Meeting where much of the discussion was resuming the possibility of exclusive In-Person Meetings.
2. She met with the NYC Department of Sanitation to identify abandoned vehicles along Bergen Avenue from Avenue T to Avenue K.
3. She thanked Paul Curiale, President of the Mill Basin Civic Association, Sal Calise, President of the Bergen Beach Civic Association, and Saul Needle, President of Mill Island Civic Association for inviting her to speak and update the residents on the happenings in Community Board 18.
4. She helped with the food giveaway that was held at Bayview Houses hosted by Council Member Mercedes Narcisse and Kim Robinson her Director of Community Engagement.
5. She was happy to attend and congratulate the ladies, especially our own Community Board 18 Member Lucina Clarke, at the Women’s History Month Forum hosted by Council Member Mercedes Narcisse.
6. She attended Coney Island Hospital’s Legislative Forum on their \$19 Million state of the art facility, parts of which are due to open in the Fall of 2022.
7. She hosted the 2nd Community Board 18 Cabinet Meeting. Greg Borruso asked the representative from the NYC Department of Transportation to investigate Utica Avenue for additional traffic signals due to two fatalities that recently took place. The NYC Department of Transportation will notify the Traffic Planning Division.
8. The NYC Department of Sanitation and the 63rd Precinct reported that the Bergen Avenue Tow and Clean Operation has begun. Approximately 50 cars were tagged and being towed giving the NYC Department of Sanitation the room they needed to clean the area.
9. After several complaints to our office, the 63rd Precinct and the Department of Sanitation are planning a Tag and Tow Operation on Utica Avenue between Kings Highway and Avenue I in early May.

10. The 69th Precinct has seen an uptick in convenience store crime, namely Grab and Go. Plain clothes officers are being placed in the stores to apprehend those individuals.
11. Now that many of the COVID restrictions have been lifted Brookdale Hospital is looking for volunteers to help throughout the facility.
12. The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs and Worker Protection addressed concerns related to Smoke Shops that have been popping up throughout Community Board 18.
13. National Grid informed us of new main installations from Albany Avenue to East 42nd Street between Avenues I to K, and from Avenues H to J between Albany Avenue and East 42nd Street. This main installation will be an 8-month long project.
14. There was an issue with bus layovers in front of homes on Veterans Avenue. Exhaust fumes were causing concerns for the area residents. DM Partnow worked with NYC Transit and was able to get the layover moved away from these homes.
15. She extended condolences to Board Members Barbara Bieber on the loss of her mom, and Greg Borruso on the loss of his mother in law. She also extended get well wishes to Board Member Gardy Brazela who had a heart attack but is home from the hospital and resting and Board Member Sylvia Whiteside who is back after a short stay in the hospital. She congratulated Board Member Tom Hernandez Jr. and his family on the marriage of their daughter.
16. District Manager Partnow expressed that it is very important that everyone let her, or Dorothy know both the good (engagements, weddings, babies etc.) and the bad (illness or death). We would like to let the board members know since you are all part of this extended family. We know that your fellow members would want to reach out.
17. This month is Women's History Month. To all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, and friends, as women you are paving the way for all the young women that will follow and for that we salute you.

Chairperson Michael Ien acknowledged P.O. Officer Thomas Podd and P.O. Ronette Benjamin from the 63rd Precinct.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Michael Ien

Chairperson Michael Ien congratulated the women who serve on Community Board 18 and all the women for Women's History Month.

Chairperson Michael Ien said that Canarsie has seen an uptick in violent crimes and it's a shame because it's a beautiful area. He then asked P.O. Samuel Maria for clarification on the new safety plan that's being instituted and knows that the officers in the 69th Precinct are doing the best that they can. P.O. Maria explained that what Chairperson Ien is describing is the Neighborhood Safety Teams made up of skilled officers in modified uniforms with NYPD patches on their shoulder pads. They will target violent crimes and illegal guns. Regarding the Grab and Go situation that DM

Partnow mentioned earlier, the Rite Aid and Walgreens in Canarsie have been targets. He also spoke about the catalytic converter thefts on Mitsubishi Outlanders. Lastly, they will be having a tow operation in April. Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush, asked if NYPD has jurisdiction on trains. P.O. Maria told him NYC Transit Police are responsible. Board Member Malynnda Jordan-Dandridge asked what kind of tours the new Neighborhood Safety Team be assigned to. P.O. Maria explained their assigned tours. He informed the Board that the 69th Precinct Community Council Meeting is on Tuesday, March 29th at 7 PM at 9502 Seaview Avenue. DM Partnow thanked the 69th Precinct for the upcoming tow operation of the RV's along Seaview Avenue from East 102nd Street to East 108th Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – Judy Newton, Chairperson

Board Member Michael Benjamin made a motion that Community Board 18 accept the report presented by the Chair of the By-Laws Committee to amend Community Board 18's By-Laws and its Standing Committees. Board Member Saul Needle seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes.

BUDGET – Michael Ien, Chairperson

Chairperson Ien made a Motion to approve Community Board 18's Statement of Needs and Priorities and disapprove the Agency Responses to our Proposed Capital and Expense Budgets for FY 2023. Board Member Saul Needle seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 36 Yes Votes.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Sal Calise, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- Au Couteau D'or Restaurant & Lounge Inc., Au Couteau D'or Restaurant & Lounge, 1784 Flatbush Avenue – 11234
- Mikey's Restaurant & Lounge Inc., Mikey's Restaurant & Lounge, 9712 Seaview Avenue – 11236

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

- D&D Duet Inc. Duet, 6179/6181/6183 Strickland Avenue – 11234
- Fitmar Management Inc., Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club, 1500 Paerdegat Avenue North – 11236

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR BEER & CIDER:

- Sea Traveler's Marina Inc., Sea Traveler's Marina, 2835/2875 Flatbush Avenue – 11234

Chairperson Pro Tem Paul Curiale stated that The Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63rd and 69th Police Precincts about the SLA New and Renewal Applications received from Au Couteau D’or Restaurant & Lounge Inc., Au Couteau D’or Restaurant & Lounge, 1784 Flatbush Avenue 11234, Mikey’s Restaurant & Lounge Inc., Mikey’s Restaurant & Lounge, 9712 Seaview Avenue 11236, D&D Duet Inc. Duet, 6179/6181/6183 Strickland Avenue 11234, Fitmar Management Inc., Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club, 1500 Paerdegat Avenue North 11236, Sea Traveler’s Marina Inc., Sea Traveler’s Marina, 2835/2875 Flatbush Avenue 11234. However, objections were received for Au Couteau D’or Restaurant & Lounge, 1784 Flatbush Avenue 11234, Mikey’s Restaurant & Lounge Inc., Mikey’s Restaurant & Lounge, 9712 Seaview Avenue 11236.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale asked if any of the applicants or representatives were in attendance. Present were Evelyne Moise representing Au Couteau D’or Restaurant & Lounge Inc., Kateryna Brestovska representing D&D Duet Inc. and Corey and Tamara Gallaway representing Fitmar Management Inc.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale introduced Evelyne Moise, owner of Au Couteau D’or restaurant and lounge. Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale stated that before he opens the floor for questions and comments, Sal Calise Chairperson of the Planning & Zoning Committee did some background on the business and at the site. Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale stated that the name on the license is different from the name on the site. The application must say the correct name of the establishment. Presently, the name on the establishment does not match the name on the application. Second Vice Chair Jean Joseph stated that being an accountant she knows that the name of the business be correct on all documents. DM Partnow stated that there are concerns about the location of the establishment. There are people living above the restaurant who may be concerned about the hours of operation. Ms. Moise stated that they plan to be open at 8 AM and close at 1 AM. Board Member Denise Gourdine wants to know if the residents living above were notified, where patrons are going to park, and whether there were there any previous problems reported to the 63rd Precinct. Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale explained that 1 AM closing and parking issues are problematic. Board Member Violine Roberty stated that since the restaurant’s lawyer isn’t here, she suggests that we revisit the application at a later date. Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale, Board Member Judy Newton, Board Member Barbara Bieber and 2nd Vice Chair Jean Joseph advised the applicant to withdraw her application and speak with her lawyer. Board member Michael Benjamin recommended that the application be tabled until it can be amended. DM Partnow suggested the applicant present to the Board once her application is corrected. Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale explained that we will adjourn this application until next month.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale explained that the 69th Precinct recommends denial of the new application received from Mikey’s Restaurant & Lounge Inc., located at 9712 Seaview Avenue 11236 because it has a history of complaints, violent crimes, and shootings. This establishment creates a general negative impact on the residential community-at-large. Board Member Maria Garrett agreed with the sentiments of the 69th Precinct. DM Partnow stated that the Bayview Tenants Association made complaints regarding this location.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale introduced Kateryna Brestovska the General Manager representing D&D Duet Inc. Ms. Brestovska informed the board that D & D Duet has been part of the community for over 7 years. Chairperson Sal Calise stated that this establishment maintains their property and are good neighbors.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale introduced Corey & Tamara Gallaway owners and operators of Fitmar Management Inc. known as the Paerdegat Athletic Club Complex but the name was changed to a d/b/a Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club. They're here to ask for a renewal of their application.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale called on Sea Traveler's Marina Inc., Sea Traveler's Marina, 2835/2875 Flatbush Avenue, 11234 who was not present for the meeting.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale asked for a motion on Mikey's Restaurant & Lounge. Board Member Michelle Sealey made a motion that Community Board 18 recommend DENIAL of the new application received for Mikey's Restaurant & Lounge Inc. located at 9712 Seaview Avenue 11236. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 32 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Pro Tem Curiale asked for a motion on D & D Duet, Fitmar Management and Sea Travelers Marina. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge made a motion that Community Board 18 recommends Approval of the Renewal Applications received for D&D Duet Inc. Duet, 6179/6181/6183 Strickland Avenue 11234, Fitmar Management Inc., Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club, 1500 Paerdegat Avenue North 11236, and Sea Traveler's Marina, 2835/2875 Flatbush Avenue 11234. Board Member Valerie Woodford seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 32 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Assembly Member Jaime Williams who greeted everyone and wished all the women in the audience a Happy Women's History Month. She provided brief updates on what's happening in Albany with the budget, bail reform, meeting with the female correctional officers of Rikers Island and information on upcoming events.

Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes, Orlando Ross, Representing Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, Kim Robinson, Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, Debbie Louis, Representing Council Member Farah Louis, Juan Bravo, Representing Council Member Charles Barron and Roopesh Ramjit, Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez provided brief updates and information on upcoming events.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Walby provided the following information as per the NYC Parks Dept. website, which was updated on 3/22/2022. A summary of the capital projects in CB18 are as follows:

1. 16 Projects in 10 parks are in various phases of completion:

- 5 are in the Design phase (to be completed in 2022)
- 9 are in the Procurement phase (to be completed in 2022)
- 2 are in the Construction phase (to be completed in 2023)

- Canarsie Park - comfort station is in the construction phase (over \$4M)
- Belt Parkway/Shore Parkway - tree planting and area restoration is in the procurement phase (over \$10M), bike path and seawall reconstruction are in the design phase (\$5 - \$10M).

- Four Sparrow Marsh - tree planting and area restoration is in the procurement phase (over \$10M)
- Marine Park -JHS 278 Playground reconstruction is in the design phase (\$5 - \$10M), forest restoration, golf course path restoration, and the Oval reconstruction are all in the procurement phase (\$1 - \$3M, \$1 - \$3M, over \$10M, respectively) Salt Marsh Nature Center reconstruction is in the construction phase (\$2M)
- McGuire Fields - mechanical systems reconstruction in the John Malone Center is in the design phase (\$1 - \$3M), tree planting and ecological restoration is in the procurement phase (over \$10M)
- Paerdegat Basin Park - boiler reconstruction is in the procurement phase (less than \$1M)
- Paerdegat Park Ballfields - ballfield reconstruction is in the design phase (\$5 - \$10M)
- Power Playground - playground reconstruction is in the design phase (\$3 - \$5M)
- Sunners Playground - play area reconstruction is in the procurement phase (\$1 - \$3M)
- Wilson Playground - play area reconstruction is in the procurement phase (\$5 - \$10M and is shared among Dyker Playground, Dyker Beach Park, Patrick O'Rourke Playground and Wilson)

2. 16 Projects in 10 parks are in various phases of completion:

3. Board Member Walby informed the Board that Assembly Member Jaime Williams hosted the first meeting of the South Brooklyn Waterfront Task Force. Stakeholders introduced themselves and agreed to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss ideas, plans, and projects.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA IN-PERSON & WEBEX . . .

Board Member Barbara Bieber asked about removing advertisements at the entrance and exit of the Belt Parkway. Assistant District Manager Dorothy Paul explained that the NYC Department of Transportation has been responsive about removing the advertisements.

Norine Medas, Representing Rockaway Parkway Merchants Corridor Association provided brief updates and information on upcoming events.

There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Ien made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Violine Roberty seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 32 Yes Votes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

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