

**ATTENDANCE**

Rosamond Alvaranga  
Felina Backer  
Sallie Bennett  
Barbara Bieber  
Ernest Borno  
Sharon Borno  
Greg Borruso  
Gardy Brazela  
James Buchanan  
Terri Cadet-Donald  
Salvatore Calise  
Donald Cranston  
Gil Cygler

Malynda Jordan-Dandridge  
Amar Dyal  
Reeves Eisen  
Maria Garrett  
Denise Gordon  
Denise Gourdine  
Stuart Heier  
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.  
Naomi Hopkins  
Michael Ien  
Jibreel Jalloh  
Kenny Jean-Baptiste  
Sharon Nedd

Judy Newton  
David Price  
Elaine Reid  
Patrick Jayson Reyes  
Yolaine Ridore  
Viole Roberty  
Michelle Sealey  
Frank Seddio  
Victoria Stennett  
Robert Tracey  
Nancy Walby  
Valerie Woodford

**GUESTS:**

Miles Stennett  
Harold Jones  
Mark Partnow  
Cecilia Boyce  
Nina Hannon  
Diana Soriano  
Tom Muller  
Vladimir Stalin  
Calvin Sennon  
Frank Nalevaiko  
Valleix Herard  
Jaden Herard  
Joshua Darismond  
Shannon Minogue  
Hon. Mercedes Narcisse  
Kim Robinson  
Luis Pinto  
Lisa Fletcher  
Bishop Nathan Williams  
Marie Henry  
Guerda Victor  
Johnny Arcenteles  
Gerard Brewster  
Dorothy Lee  
P.O. Ronette Benjamin  
Capt. Khandakar Abdullah  
P.O. Samuel Maria  
Hon. Farah Louis  
Ruth Guillaume  
Nadine Sylvester

Area Resident  
Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)  
NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)  
Brooklyn Public Library  
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce  
Area Resident  
Representing TRINIJAM LLC, TRINIJAM BK ROTI BAR & GRILL  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
Representing MOJO 33 LLC, Jack Bailey's Bar  
Council Member, 46<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Rep. Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
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Area Resident  
Area Resident  
TAHIBA  
Utica 2 Flatbush  
Area Resident  
63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
Commanding Officer, 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
69<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Council Member, 45<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Area Resident

Linda Steinmuller  
Jibreel Jalloh  
Paul Curiale  
Salvatore Calise  
Sylvia Whiteside  
Saul Needle  
Michael Benjamin  
Marcia Schiff  
Debbie Tiamfook

Canarsie Courier  
Representing Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams  
Mill Basin Civic Association  
Bergen Beach Civic Association  
Area Resident  
Area Resident  
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**7:05 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 May 18, 2022. There being none, Chairperson Ien asked for a motion. Board Member Valerie Woodford made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Jim Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion passed with 37 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Ien greeted everyone and explained that he would normally begin the meeting by introducing the entire executive board, but we have two vacancies on the board that will be filled this evening. He introduced Community Board 18's Executive Board Secretary Barbara Bieber, District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, Assistant District Manager Dorothy Paul, and Community Assistant Gail Fazio. Before opening the meeting, Chairperson Ien thanked outgoing board members Saul Needle, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Jean Joseph, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Board Members Bishop Nathan Williams, Sylvia Whiteside, Eugene Burshstein, Melba Brown, Paul Curiale, Henry Bolus, Marcia Schiff, Michael Benjamin, and Debbie Tiamfook. He knows that they will continue to be involved in CB 18 because that's where their heart is. He asked the incoming board members to please stand as their names are called: David Price, Elaine Reid, Joshua Fassu, Jibreel Jalloh, Denise Gordon, Ethlyne Ferrari, Victoria Stennett, Felina Backer, Patrick Jayson Reyes, and Naomi Hopkins. He thanked them in advance for their commitment to CB 18. He then opened the regular meeting.

**7:12 P.M.**

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

Nina Hannon, Representing the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) provided a presentation on new proposed safety improvements within CB 5 and a small portion in CB 18. Installation of a parking protected bicycle lane on Louisiana Avenue from Stanley Avenue to Cozine Avenue and connected parking protected bicycle lanes to the larger neighborhood cycling network. The community needs safety improvements after two fatalities involving children. Safety treatments include: school slow zones, speed bumps, signage improvements, signal improvements, studying intersections for stop signs and traffic signals, etc. School slow zones in the vicinity of schools can reduce speeds to 20 or 15 MPH (with speed bumps) during school days. Safer, calmer roadways, better organized traffic, and dedicated spaces for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. District Leader Frank Seddio asked if DOT could identify the streets in this proposal that fall within Community Board 18. Jeff McDuffy explained which streets were involved. District Leader Frank Seddio said this is an industrial area and there's not a lot of foot traffic. Second Vice Chair Maria Garrett asked if

they presented this proposal to CB 5 since CB 18 only covers a small portion of this proposal. Jeff McDuffy responded no. Board Member Raphael Treitel asked if the bike lanes are tying into CB 18. Debbie Tiamfook said she's very familiar with this location and that it's mostly in CB 5 and would like to hear what they have to say about the proposed safety improvements. Deputy Borough Commissioner Claudette Workman explained that 280 parking spaces will be eliminated, and this presentation is just to let everyone know what they are proposing. The presentation will come before CB 5 on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Saloni Sharma, Senior Director of Neighborhood Economic Development at Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and Gabriel Cirio, Program Manager for the SBS Avenue NYC Grant Program provided a brief presentation on the extensive needs assessment and surveying work that they've been doing in Canarsie along three commercial corridors: Rockaway Pkwy from Avenue D to Avenue N, Flatlands Avenue from Ralph Avenue to East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Avenue L which includes the restaurants, grocery stores etc. Gabriel Cirio also informed the board that they're collaborating with the Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association.

**7:47 P.M.**

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

District Manager Partnow welcomed everyone to this unusual, outdoor meeting and stated that it's great to finally have everyone here in person. She thanked all the outgoing board members. She knows that all of them will continue working closely with CB18 to keep our community the great place it is. To our incoming board members, she knows each of them will play a vital role as we tackle community issues and concerns. She informed the board that this has been a very busy month now that organizations are meeting in person again.

**She represented Community Board 18 at the following:**

1. The Power Playground Phase 2 Meeting.
2. The Major McCarthy Memorial Ceremony. She thanked Tom Hernandez, President of Frasier Civic association and Community Board 18 Member for honoring and remembering the men and women who have served our country.
3. Panel discussion on Anti-Semitism hosted by Council Member Mercedes Narcisse and Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez.
4. The Flatlands Civic Association Meeting. She thanked President and Community Board 18 Board Member Joan Gilbert for her dedication.
5. Monthly District Manager's Cabinet Meeting hosted by Borough President Antonio Reynoso. The discussion focused on issues concerning the NYC Department of Transportation which included the placement of bike lanes.
6. The Bayview Awards of Distinction Ceremony presented by Bayview Tenants Association and the Caribbean Day Celebration at Senator Persaud's office.
7. She met with 30 students from Columbia University and explained the workings of a Community Board.
8. She toured the State-of-the-Art 3D Mammography Facility at Coney Island Hospital.

9. She attended the Senior Concert at Marine Park thanks to funding from Council Member Mercedes Narcisse and the hard work of former board member and Director of Millennium Development Corp. Paul Curiale. The seniors in our area can party and prove that age is only a number.
10. She attended the Marine Park Community Association's Installation of Officers and congratulated the outgoing officers and welcomed the new officers. She thanked Bob Tracey a fellow Community Board 18 Member for his years of service as their President and welcomed the new President of Marine Park Community Association, Rob Mazzuchin.

DM Partnow hosted her monthly cabinet meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the following was discussed.

1. 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct – Possible TLC Operation at Kings Plaza to combat dollar vans. They are cracking down on illegally parked tractor trailers and cars throughout the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. Kings Plaza incident, 15-year-old male throwing fireworks inside Kings Plaza and at the same time bomb scare on a Flatbush Avenue bus. The 15-year-old was apprehended, and no bomb was found on the bus.
2. 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Towed trucks and RV's along Seaview Avenue and towed an additional 26 cars throughout Canarsie. Tag and Tow Operations will continue monthly.
3. DDC – Update on the Bergen Beach Construction Project. No work at this time but contractor will be working around the schools in the area during July and August. Street Construction will continue in the Fall. Project Completion is scheduled for June 2023.
4. Sanitation – She brought up several areas in need of a clean-up. Avenue U from Mill Avenue to East 59<sup>th</sup> Street on the southside, the triangle at Avenue T and East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, the lot at Flatlands Avenue and East 56<sup>th</sup> Street and the triangle on East 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue T. Thanks to the Department of Sanitation all location have been inspected and are being tended to.
5. Parks – New flowerpots on Avenue M median between Bergen Avenue and East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Amersfort Park fountain is running after major cleaning. Pop Smoke Day scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at Canarsie Park. New fencing for comfort station at Canarsie Park has been installed.
6. Sabrina Dieujuste from Council Member Farah Louis' office reported on Cultural Events and Movies Under the Stars scheduled at Amersfort Park.
7. Michael Benjamin from State Senator Roxanne Persaud's Office reported on upcoming events and the June 11<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration at Senator Persaud's office located at 1222 East 96<sup>th</sup> Street.
8. Paul Curiale of Millennium Development Corp. stated that there will be a Senior Concert in Marine Park on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> a pop-up cop on the corner of Ralph Avenue and Avenue N.

9. Brookdale hospital is having a Health Fair on June 11<sup>th</sup> in front of the hospital.

**In and around Community Board 18:**

1. Mt. Sinai Hospital will be doing excavation work at their site on Kings Highway.
2. Rehabilitation of pedestrian ramps and curb restoration will be taking place throughout Community Board 18 from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. There are approximately 27 locations. Print outs are available on the table.
3. Project by DDC for the Southern Brooklyn Crosstown B82 Select Bus Service, proposes to improve speed, reliability, bus safety, pedestrian safety, expanded medians at bus stops, reinforced concrete bus pads, curb extensions and pedestrian islands. This project is in the design phase and is expected to begin in the Fall/Winter.
4. Catch Basin installation will restrict curbside parking and driveway access at the intersection of Avenue T and East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street beginning on or about July 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. NYC will continue free meals for the summer for anyone 18 years or younger. Designated public schools, community pools, parks, and food trucks will be serving breakfast and lunch through September 2<sup>nd</sup> except for July 4<sup>th</sup>. NYC will also be presenting fireworks in some of the parks as part of summer fun. Please call the Community Board Office for more info on the free meals and fireworks locations.
6. No trash recycling, compost collection, or street cleaning on Monday, July 4, 2022. Monday trash or compost collection may be put at the curb between 4pm and midnight Monday evening however there will be collection delays as is common after holidays. If you have Monday recycling collection place your materials at curbside between 4pm and midnight on the following Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> for pickup on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, all Sanitation Department administrative offices will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday.
7. 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.

**Our Community Board 18 Good & Welfare:**

1. Congratulations to District Leader and Board Member Frank Seddio on the graduation of his granddaughter.
2. Congratulations to our Community Assistant Gail Fazio on the kindergarten graduation of her grandson.
3. Congratulations to board member Grace Zwillenberg on the engagement of her son and the graduation of both her son and his fiancée from their residency.
4. Congratulations to board member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge on her sons' graduation from St. John's University with a BA in Sociology. He is certified in trauma and is focusing on preparing social workers to assist Ukrainians through Coney Island Hospital.

5. Happy Belated Father's Day to the dads, grandfathers, great grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and friends as we celebrate all the men in our lives.
6. Thank you again to Frank Seddio for the delicious BBQ and to Paul Curiale and his staff for all their hard work.
7. To all our board members, please check your BK18 emails. These are sent to you from the Community Board Office. Whether its events from our local elected officials, information from Community Board 18 about meetings or committee information, our emails will keep you informed about what's going on.
8. To all our members and community attendees have a sparkling July 4<sup>th</sup>, enjoy a relaxing, safe, and happy summer. We will see everyone in September when we resume our monthly meetings both virtually and in-person.

Capt. Khandakar Abdullah, Commanding Officer, 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct greeted everyone and provided event updates, and precinct crime statistics.

Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, and Council Member Farah Louis greeted everyone and provided their office information, programs, and event updates.

**8:15 P.M.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

Chairperson Terri Cadet-Donald explained that this Nomination and Vote is to fill the vacancies for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of Community Board 18 for the remainder of the calendar year. The Committee will present their Nominees and Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. To be eligible to hold an office, a member must have served at least one (1) term as a member of the Board. Nominating Chairperson Cadet-Donald said since there were no additional nominations, the Slate of Officers for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of CB18 for the remainder of the calendar year is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson – Greg Borruso and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Maria Garrett. Committee Chairperson Cadet-Donald asked Secretary Barbara Bieber to cast one ballot for the presented slate of officers for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair for the remainder of the calendar year. Secretary Barbara Bieber casted one ballot for the presented Slate of Officers for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of Community Board 18 for the remainder of calendar year 2022. Board Member Frank Seddio made a motion Board Member Jim Buchanan seconded the motion and the motion passed with 35 Yes votes and 1 Abstention vote.

Board Member Felina Backer asked the new 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairs to introduce themselves for those who are new. Newly appointed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Greg Borruso and Maria Garrett introduced themselves to the board. District Leader and Board Member Frank Seddio and Board Member Jim Buchanan congratulated the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairs.

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

Chairperson Walby provided the following information:

1. Hannah Bossio, our Partnership for Parks Outreach Coordinator, is moving on to her new position as Parks Manager for Parks Districts 6 & 7. Carmine Raimondi will be our new Outreach Coordinator. His contact info is carmine.raimondi@parks.nyc.gov, Office 718-965-8902, Cell 646-628-6797, or www.partnershipsforparks.org. Mr. Raimondi was invited to introduce himself at a future CB 18 meeting.
2. Even though all swim programs, including Lap Swim, Senior Swim, and Learn to Swim have been cancelled for this summer due to the national lifeguard shortage, NYC Parks pools opened yesterday (June 28th) for general swim. Pool hours will remain the same which are 11am to 3pm, and 4pm to 7pm. To find an outdoor or indoor pool near you, call 311 or visit the NYC Parks website. Also, please check out the Know Before You Go information for parents on what to wear, what to bring and not to bring.

There are lots of other free activities in NYC Parks to enjoy this Summer so please check them out. Nancy Walby stated that everyone should enjoy a fun filled Summer and stay safe!

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

Chairperson Cadet-Donald provided the following information:

1. 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

Chairperson Bennett provided the following information:

1. Canarsie Library will close in late 2023 and will undergo a complete renovation. All Canarsie residents are invited to the Canarsie Library Renovation Planning Community Engagement Workshop on Tuesday July 12th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at the Canarsie Library, 1580 Rockaway Parkway. No advance registration is required. This is an in-person event at the library, please wear a mask. They want to hear from everyone about what they want to see in the all-new Canarsie Library.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE** – Tomas Hernandez Jr., Chairperson

State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

**NEW APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WINE, BEER & CIDER:**

- B'UENO DELI & FOODS, INC CORP., N/A, 10013 Foster Avenue, 11236

**NEW APPLICATION AND TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:**

- Espiga Restaurant & Bar Corp., Espiga Restaurant & Bar, 4602-4604 Avenue N, 11234

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

- 8920 Avenue D Inc., Flava II Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236
- Hook & Reel Georgetown Inc., Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar, 2183B Ralph Avenue, 11234
- MOJO 33 LLC, Jack Bailey's, 2128 Flatbush Avenue, 11234
- TRINIJAM LLC, TRINIJAM BK ROTI BAR & GRILL, 9501 Flatlands Avenue, 11236

Chairperson Tomas Hernandez Jr 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 New and Renewal Applications received from B'UENO DELI & FOODS, INC CORP., N/A, 10013 Foster Avenue, 11236, Espiga Restaurant & Bar Corp., Espiga Restaurant & Bar, 4602-4604 Avenue N, 11234, 8920 Avenue D Inc., Flava II Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236, Hook & Reel Georgetown Inc., Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar, 2183B Ralph Avenue, 11234, MOJO 33 LLC, Jack Bailey's, 2128 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, AND TRINIJAM LLC, TRINIJAM BK ROTI BAR & GRILL, 9501 Flatlands Avenue, 11236. No objections were received for the SLA New and Renewal Applications received from B'UENO DELI & FOODS, INC CORP., Espiga Restaurant & Bar Corp., Flava II Lounge, Hook & Reel Georgetown Inc., MOJO 33 LLC, Jack Bailey's, AND TRINIJAM LLC.

Chairperson Hernandez asked if any of the applicants or representatives were in attendance. Present were Frank Nalevaiko, Representing TRINIJAM LLC, and Shannon Minogue, Representing MOJO 33 LLC, Jack Bailey's Bar. District Leader and Board Member Frank Seddio stated that TRINIJAM BK ROTI BAR & GRILL is a nice establishment.

Chairperson Hernandez asked for a motion that Community Board 18 recommends approval of the SLA New and Renewal Applications received from B'UENO DELI & FOODS, INC CORP., N/A, 10013 Foster Avenue, 11236, Espiga Restaurant & Bar Corp., Espiga Restaurant & Bar, 4602-4604 Avenue N, 11234, 8920 Avenue D Inc., Flava II Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236, Hook & Reel Georgetown Inc., Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar, 2183B Ralph Avenue, 11234, MOJO 33 LLC, Jack Bailey's, 2128 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, AND TRINIJAM LLC, TRINIJAM BK ROTI BAR & GRILL, 9501 Flatlands Avenue, 11236. Board Member Sharon Borno made a motion. Board Member Michelle Sealey seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 31 Yes Votes.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – Gil Cygler, Chairperson

Taxi and Limousine Commission Application Received – Vote

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

- Transit Private Car Service, Inc., Transit Car Service, 1407 Rockaway Parkway, 11236

Chairperson Gil Cygler stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 69<sup>th</sup> Precinct about the TLC Renewal Application received from Transit Private Car Service, Inc., Transit Car Service, 1407 Rockaway Parkway, 11236. No objections were received. Chairperson Cygler asked if the applicant or a representative



was present for the application. There being no one present Chairperson Cygler asked for a motion that CB18 recommends approval of the Renewal Application received for Transit Private Car Service, Inc., Transit Car Service, 1407 Rockaway Parkway, 11236. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald made a motion. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 31 Yes Votes.

Council Member Mercedes Narcisse greeted everyone wearing her beautiful 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.

**8:41 P.M.**

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge announced that the new 988 number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline starts July 1, 2022.

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

Area Resident Marie Henry requested the installation of metered parking along East 59<sup>th</sup> Street between Flatlands Avenue and Avenue J due to illegal parking and abandoned vehicles.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting of CB18. Board Member Sharon Borno seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously with 22 Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

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