

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MEETING – DECEMBER 21, 2022

ATTENDANCE

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

Amar Dyal
Reeves Eisen
Joshua Fassu
Maria Garrett
Ian Gaynor
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
Yolaine Ridore
Viole Roberty
Josh Rubenstein
Michelle Sealey
Frank Seddio
Victoria Stennett
Robert Tracey
Raphael Treitel
Nancy Walby
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Charli Courtney
Jennifer Bedeau
Johnny Arcenteles
Sanele Amsterdam
Ronald Steinhauer
Roy Holder
Sanele Amsterdam
Sergey Chuprik
Tawanna St. Louis
Anne Rhea Smith
Brenda Lawrence
Chevon W
David N
Guerda Victor
Joy Dunkley
Kathy Ohara
Nadine Sylvester
Natalie Aidinov
Sabine J
Wanda Thomas
Yolette Toussaint
Gaye Davis
Ian Girshek
Robert Gibbs
Barry Duane
John Lombardi
Joseph Zelinski

Area Resident
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TAHIBA
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Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander
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Representing State Senator Kevin Parker, 21st S.D.
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Verdure Inc.
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Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41st A.D.
Area Resident
Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59 A.D.
Area Resident
Marine Park Resident
Marine Park Resident
Marine Park Resident

Lucy Brincat	Area Resident
Larry Brincat	Marine Park Resident
Paul Curiale	Mill Basin Civic Association/Millennium Development
Michael Sokolow	Marine Park Resident
Rose Cassius	Marine Park Resident
George Cassius	Marine Park Resident
Sam Molos	Marine Park Resident
John Palazzola	Area Resident
Frank Palilo	Blueprint 265 Management LLC
Kwame Mack	C'Zen Restaurant
Gregory Santangelo	Marine Park Civic
Hugh Hollingsworth	Area Resident
Mark Partnow	Area Resident
Michael Benjamin	Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19 th S.D.
Saye Joseph	Rep. Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46 th Council District
Mitchell Kaufman	Marine Park Resident
Roberta Kaufman	Marine Park Resident
Martin Vezutto	Marine Park Resident
Vito Delre	Marine Park Resident
Lt. Justin Simms	69 th Precinct
P.O. Samuel Maria	69 th Precinct
Thomas P. O'Connor	Marie Park Resident
Bruce Ginsberg	Marie Park Resident
Hilary Ginsberg	Marine Park Resident
Amanda Salazar	Canarsie Courier
Juwanie Piquant	Area Resident
Maureen Eng	Marine Park Resident
Michael Eng	Marine Park Resident
Shauna-Kay Hinds	Business Owner
Salvatore Calise	Bergen Beach Civic Association
Eric St. Bernard	Marine Park Resident
Hon. Farah Louis	Council Member, 45 th Council District
Norine Medas	Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association
Maria C. Willis	Area Resident
Cheryl Weinstein-Shama	Marine Park Resident
Ron Weitz	Marine Park Resident
Melanie Marmer	Marine Park Resident
Nora Pavone	Marine Park Resident/ Owner of Marine Park Funeral Home
Andrea Durando	Marine Park Resident
Robert Mineo	Marine Park Resident
Clark Eliot	Marine Park Resident
Gloria Eliot	Marine Park Resident
Sgt. Joe Piscatella	63 rd Precinct
P.O. Triano	63 rd Precinct
Mark Manning	Marine Park Resident
Claudia Robin Manning	Marine Park Resident
Maureen Furnari	Marine Park Resident
Claudette Workman	NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)
David Stein	NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)
Vivienne Bent	Rep. Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58 th A.D

Judith Destin
Maria Garrett
Pastor Zack Martin
Robert Spieler

Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Fresh Creek Civic Association
Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Area Resident

7:10 P.M.

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Michael Ien called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 16, 2022. Board Member Jibreel Jalloh asked for a correction to the minutes as his attendance was not recorded. Board Member Sharon Borno made a motion that the minutes be accepted with the correction. Board Member David Price seconded the motion. The motion passed with 31 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced the Executive Board, 1st Vice Chair Greg Borusso and 2nd Vice Chair Maria Garrett, Secretary Barbara Bieber and staff District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, Assistant District manager Dorothy Paul and our Community Assistant Gail Fazio.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Michael Ien explained that our first order of business is taking a Re-Vote on the Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for FY 2024 and turned the floor over to Budget Committee Chair Barbara Bieber.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – Barbara Bieber, Chairperson

Chairperson Bieber explained that the board will be taking a Re-Vote on the 2024 Capital & Expense Budget submissions for the Public Hearing that was held on October 27, 2022 since it was determined that a quorum of the Community Board 18 members was not present. Chairperson Bieber made a motion to accept the Capital & Expense Budget Submissions for FY 2024 as they stand. Board Member Donald Cranston seconded the motion. Chairperson Bieber proceeded to do a roll call. The motion passed with 32 Yes, 2 No, and 1 Abstention Votes.

Board Member Elaine Reid asked to be reassigned from the Transportation Committee to the Social Services Committee since she is a licensed clinical Social Worker. Board Member Denise Gordon explained that she's a new member and just wanted to follow up on Board Member Reid's statement of how individuals are placed on Committees. Chairperson Ien explained that committees are selected at his discretion. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow explained that new members were put on Committees to fill vacancies of members that were not reappointed. DM Partnow said that a survey will be sent to Board Members requesting their preference for Committee assignments.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Nominating Committee Chair Gardy Brazela.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Gardy Brazela, Chairperson

Chairperson Brazela presented the nominees for the Slate of Officers for Community Board #18 for the calendar year 2023:

Chairperson – Michael Ien
1st Vice Chairperson – Greg Borruso
2nd Vice Chairperson – Maria Garrett
Secretary – Barbara Bieber

Chairperson Brazela asked for further nominations from the floor for the position of Chairperson, 1st Vice Chairperson, 2nd Vice Chairperson and Secretary. There being no further nominations, the nominations for Chairperson, 1st Vice Chairperson, 2nd Vice Chairperson and Secretary of Community Board #18 were closed. Chairperson Brazela asked for a Motion to close the nominations for the slate of Officers for Community Board #18 for the calendar year 2023. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge made a motion. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 35 Yes Votes. Chairperson Brazela announced that the Election of Officers for 2023 will take place at a Special Annual Board Meeting on January 18, 2023 prior to our regularly scheduled January Meeting.

7:51 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Public Hearing and called upon Board Member Frank Seddio to conduct the Public Hearing on the issue of the proposed parking meter installation on Quentin Road from East 37th Street and Marine Parkway and Avenue S. Board Member Seddio thanked the many residents who showed up to express their concerns. Brooklyn Deputy Borough Commissioner Claudette Workman and David Stein, the Director of Parking Planning and Policy for the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) explained that they have received some concerns and complaints about meter installation on Quentin Road, which is currently on hold. DOT said they received requests from several business owners on Quentin Road and explained that they are here to listen to what everyone has to say and report back to DOT. Several area residents expressed their concerns with the proposed installation of Parking Meters along Quentin Road corridor. One concern was parking for teachers at PS 222 once these 40 parking spots are taken away to install meters. Brooklyn Deputy Borough Commissioner Claudette Workman explained that the principals can request parking passes for the teachers. David Stein explained that the NYC Department of Education can authorize parking by issuing permits. Board Member Barbara Bieber explained that she worked for a school and the NYC Department of Transportation issues parking passes, and the principal decides if they want to distribute it to their staff. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated the whole side of the school is underutilized and staff should utilize the entire parameter of the school where it says, 'No Parking from 7 AM to 4 PM". First Vice Chair Greg Borruso inquired about where the initial request came from because none of the people, he spoke with want the meters. Brooklyn Deputy Borough Commissioner Claudette Workman stated that the request came from the previous administration. A Marine Park resident living on East 36th Street off of Quentin Road went to businesses along the Quentin Road corridor showing the owners the DOT letter. The business owners said they never requested meters. Brooklyn Deputy Borough Commissioner Claudette Workman said they don't need any further discussion on the matter because it's very clear that the meters are not wanted. Board Member Frank Seddio met with the 1st Deputy Commissioner and made it very clear that there's not going to be any meters installed on Quentin Road. Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, thanked Board Member Frank Seddio for holding that meeting. Board Member Frank Seddio made a motion that Community Board 18 stands with the Marine Park community and opposes the installation of meters along Quentin Road

from East 37th Street and Marine Parkway and Avenue S. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 31 Yes Votes.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Michael Ien

Chairperson Ien announced the members he appointed to the By-Laws Committee, Frank Seddio, Chairperson – Members: Ian Gaynor, Michelle Sealey, Grace Zwillenberg, and Ernest Borno. Board Member Frank Seddio mentioned that if any board members have any comments and recommendations for changes to the Bylaws to please contact the Community Board Office. Board Member Denise Gordon asked where she can send her recommendations. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow advised her to email them to the office.

Council Member Farah Louis greeted everyone and provided updates, community events, Holiday wishes. She commented on the Public Hearing with the NYC Department of Transportation that was held earlier. Last year DOT wanted to install more parking street signs around Quentin Road. She worked with the JCC of Marine Park and stopped the process. She's happy that the board voted tonight to oppose the parking meters especially on blocks that have homes. She thanked everyone for voicing their concerns. She thanked District Manager Partnow for supporting some of the initiatives that she's had in the last couple of weeks for young people in our community. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if the request for the installation of the parking meters had a timeframe. Council Member Farah Louis said that both her and Council Member Mercedes Narcisse's will send an official letter to DOT on behalf of the community that they oppose the installation of meters on Quentin Road and cc the Community Board on it.

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 meetings representing the Community Board to show support for our organizations and update the attendees about issues facing our community:

- Lots of Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaways – Thank you Assembly Member Jaime Williams, Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, Council Member Farah Louis, and Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman.
- Sit down Turkey Dinners – Thank you 69th Pct. Community Council, President Gardy Brazela and his board and The Rockaway Parkway Corridor, President Norine Medas.
- There were 2 special events for Thanksgiving – The Canarsie Brotherhood Service, hosted by the Canarsie Brooklyn Lions, thank you President Jean Joseph and all of the Lions. The Bernie Catcher Ecumenical Service, thank you Tom Sorrentino, St. Bernard's Church and Audrey Durst, Temple Sholom for chairing the event.
- Small Business Saturday at the Rockaway Parkway Corridor, President Norine Medas and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce did a great job as usual.
- The well attended 69th Pct. Community Council and the 63rd Pct. Community Council meetings connect the Community to important information. Thanks President Gardy Brazela and President Greg Borruso.
- As we move from Thanksgiving to the Holiday Season, there were Tree Lighting

events all over CB 18 – Millennium Development, Director Paul Curiale, Lott House, Greg Borruso, P.S. 276, Marin Park, Marine Park Alliance and Paul Curiale, Fox Playground, Assembly Member Jaime Williams and P.S. 251, Amersford Park, Council Member Farah Louis. We thank them all for making the Holiday Season Bright.

- Mill Basin Civic, 69th Pct. Community Council, Mill Island Civic and Marine Park Community Association combined their meetings with Holiday celebrations. Thank you to the Presidents, Gardy Brazela, Paul Curiale, Saul Needle and Rob Mazzuchin.
- Thank you, Council Member Farah Louis and Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman for brightening up the holidays for our older adults at your senior luncheons.
- To make sure that every child in the Community had a Toy for the Holidays, there were giveaways throughout the week. Thanks to Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 69th Pct. Community Council, President Gardy Brazela, Paul Curiale, Director of Millennium, Flatlands Reformed Church & 63rd Pct., and the Sesame Flyers. To finish out the week leading to Christmas, Assembly Member Jaime Williams will be distributing Toys tomorrow at her office and Council Member Farah Louis will be distributing Toys on Friday at her office. Thank you to all the organizations and our elected officials.
- I attended Brooklyn Borough President's Cabinet Meeting and President Wayne Clarke's Brookdale Hospital CAB meeting, always informative.
- P.S. 276 hosted the launching of a program called NYC KIDS RISE. NYC Public School students in kindergarten and first grade are eligible for the Save for College Program. This is a FREE NYC scholarship account. If your child or grandchild hasn't registered already, you can call the NYC Kids Rise hotline at 833-543-7473 for more info.

Highlights from October Community Board 18 Cabinet Meeting:

- Brookdale Hospital – reported 500 thanksgiving baskets were distributed, plus 30 turkeys to families in need. There will be a holiday food distribution on December 21st at the Kahn Auditorium. Phase 1 of construction for the new trauma area & waiting room will begin Feb. 2023
- DDC (Dept. of Design & Construction)– paving of the last 2 blocks in Bergen Beach before the holidays. Any odds and ends will be dealt with in the spring.
- 69th Pct. Capt. Abdullah – increase in robberies around Canarsie & South Shore H.S. various youth programs being offered at the Pct to engage young people and keep them off the streets and out of trouble. Support for domestic violence victims. Slight increase in GTA (grand theft auto). Shootings and violence decreased. Community clean up at Glenwood Rd. From Rockaway Pkwy. to East 95th Street. 69th Pct. Community Council Toy Giveaway at Pct. On Saturday, December 17th.
- Millennium Dev. Corp. – Paul Curiale reported on community events.
- 63rd Pct. – continuing tow operations. Black Friday at Kings Plaza went well with no incidents reported. Collection and donation of toys for a local children's hospital.
- Mayor's Office of CAU (Community Affairs Unit) – smoke shop enforcement through DCWP (Dept. Of Consumer & Workers Protection) and the Mayor's Office. Violations will be issued for selling tobacco products without proper licensing. In an effort to combat large trucks and trailers parking on city streets, the mayor's office is trying to coordinate using big store parking lots to house these large vehicles for a fee.

- DOB (Dept. of Buildings) – all buildings that house 3 families or larger must have their gas piping systems inspected by a licensed master plumber every 4 years. This went into effect January 1, 2020. There is also a homeowner's relief program, any violations that have been corrected will not be penalized.
- FDNY – fires increase at this time of year. They remind everyone to be cautious during the winter months and holiday season when lighting candles, using space heaters and multiple plug ins.
- Sanitation – cleaning up streets throughout CB 18 for other agencies responsible for those areas. They have salt spreaders on the streets practicing for any expected snow or ice storms.
- Parks – the Salt Marsh, Sunners Playground and the Canarsie park comfort station are all in progress.
- Daniel Heredia representing Council Member Farah Louis gave an update on upcoming events and explained redistricting. Mike Benjamin representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud gave an update on events and explained the state senators redistricting changes.

IN & AROUND CB 18

- After I Contacted Sanitation, new Trash Receptacles were installed on the Rockaway Parkway Corridor
- Met with residents on Flatlands 7th St. after the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery completed the resiliency project to discuss their options for damages. I put them in touch with our liaison from the Comptroller's office to guide them through the process.
- The bench at the Utica Ave. & Ave. M bus stop was replaced after CB 18 reached out to the DOT.
- Contacted Verizon to remove an old phone booth in Marine Park. They sent out a team to inspect and will be removing the old phone booth before the end of the year.
- An update on the shelter at 108-75 Avenue D – Dept. of Homeless Services has opened the Legacy Family Residence for families with children. Volunteers of America, Greater New York is the provider. The site will have 98 units that will be used.
- The office of the Brooklyn Borough President wanted me to remind our members that attendance at Community Board meetings is very important. An attendance spread sheet is emailed to all the Community Boards from the Borough President's office.

GOOD & WELFARE

- We would like to thank Board Members Jim Buchanan & Terri Cadet-Donald for arranging for all the goodies in the lobby for everyone to enjoy and of course we extend our thanks to Palermo's Bakery for donating the delicious cookies.
- On behalf of the staff of Community Board 18, I would like to extend warm wishes for a Happy & Bright Holiday Season. Whether you are kindling the Chanukah Menorah, Decorating the Christmas Tree or Lighting the Kwanzaa Kinara, enjoy with family and friends in good health. We also wish you a safe New Year, we will see you in 2023.

8:23 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Walby provided the following information:

1. Mulchfest, December 26, 2022 - January 8, 2023. Wrap up your holiday season and say goodbye to your tree at Muchfest. Join NYC Parks and NYC Dept of Sanitation in the NYC holiday tradition of recycling Christmas trees (<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scraps-and-yard-waste-page/christmas-trees>). Put on your boots and haul your tree to a Mulchfest location (about 23 in Brooklyn) from December 26th through January 8th. On January 7th & 8th, DSNY will host a "Chipping Weekend" at some of the Mulchfest locations, where you can pick up free chipped trees for mulch if you bring your own bag. This is for residents only, no businesses please. In CB18 you will be able to pick up free mulch in Marine Park on January 7th & 8th, 10am - 2pm.
2. Also, weather permitting, DSNY will collect and compost trees left at curbs from Friday, January 6 - January 14
3. There are lots of indoor and outdoor activities and events in our parks during the winter months. Lots of things to keep park visitors of all ages occupied and most of them are free! Check them out by calling 311 or visiting the Parks website at nyc.gov/parks.

During the next few weeks here are some scheduled events in CB18 in Marine Park:

1. Festival of Lights at the Carmine Carro Community Center: 1. Lighting of the Chanukah menorah and storytelling on December 22nd (5pm - 7pm); 2. Kwanzaa Celebration and lighting the kinara on December 28th (5pm - 7pm)
2. Winter Wildlife Hike for Kids at the Salt Marsh Nature Center on December 26th (1pm - 2pm). Guided tour by the Urban Park Rangers.
3. Birding: Winter Fowl at the Salt Marsh Nature Center on December 31st (10am - 11am). Bring your own binoculars. Guided tour by the Urban Park Rangers.
4. Just because most of the trees in our neighborhoods have lost their leaves by now does not mean they won't require attention during the winter. You can make a service request, or submit a request to have a tree planted in front of your home or business, or report illegal tree work and damage, plus much more by calling 311 or visiting 311 Online (<http://www.nyc.gov/portal/site/threeoneone>). Service requests may include removal of damaged and fallen trees, stump removal, wood debris removal after a storm, or an emergency tree pruning. Or, maybe you just want to know what kind of trees are already in your neighborhood; you can find out by calling 311 or visiting the Parks website at nyc.gov/parks and searching "Trees".

YOUTH COMMITTEE – Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

Chairperson Cadet-Donald greeted everyone and provided the following information:

1. This time of year is known as the Sad Awareness Month (Seasonal Affective Disorder). Check on your neighbors, friends, and family who might look happy on the outside but on the inside are not. Please dial 988 or text to speak to someone. This number is for all ages.
2. For those that have young people looking for work, please contact Millennium Development and Bergen Beach Youth Organization (BBYO). We are looking for part time workers 18 or

older for after school jobs in Marine Park, Bergen Beach and Canarsie. For more information call the Millennium office 718-444-0101.

3. If you're looking to become a Union Carpenter information is on the table. The classes are starting January 16th. The applications are available now and the deadline for this is January 6, 2023.
4. Lifeguards in the summer are looking for young people 16 and older go to www.nyc.gov/lifeguard to find more information.
5. NYC is hiring people to clear the snow for \$17 an hour. For more information please visit www.nyc.gov/snow. Let's get our young people working and off the streets.

She wished everyone a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year.

LIBRARIES & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Sallie Bennett, Chairperson

Chairperson Bennett provided the following information:

1. The Jamaica Bay Branch Notary Service is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:15 am to 11:15 am.
2. Teen Tech Time is available Wednesdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.
3. The Canarsie Library Branch is offering a new weekly free one-on-one Financial Counseling program. Financial Counseling will begin at the Canarsie Library Monday November 28. The program will run every Monday, from 10 AM to 6 PM. All meetings are private. The counselors (who work for Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation's Financial Empowerment Center) will help with budgeting, money management, credit rating problems, and debt reduction. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.
4. The Mill Basin Branch has Knitting and Crocheting classes every Monday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, please call the Mill Basin branch at 718 241 3973. Knitting needles, crochet hooks, and yarn are available at the branch, and attendees can also bring their own supplies.
5. The Brooklyn Public Library Adult Learning in partnership with SUNY Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center (BEOC) is now offering a virtual FREE 15-week intensive Medical Billing & E-Records class for the Fall 2023. For more information call (718)230-2100. There's also additional information about the libraries on the table. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Violine Roberty, Chairperson Pro-Tem

Taxi and Limousine Commission Application Received – Vote

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

- George Town Management Inc., George Town Car Service, 6002 Foster Avenue, 11236

Chairperson Pro Tem Roberty stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 69th Precinct about the TLC Renewal Application received from George Town Management Inc., George Town Car Service, 6002 Foster Avenue, 11236. No objections were received. Chairperson Roberty asked if the applicant or a representative was present for the application or any comments. There being no one present, Chairperson Roberty made a motion that CB18 recommends approval of the Renewal Application received for George Town Management Inc., George Town Car Service, 6002 Foster Avenue, 11236. Board Member David Price seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 36 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Ian Girshek, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams who greeted everyone and provided information on the Assembly Members Toys for Tots and Toy Donations. He extended an invitation to stop by their district office and drop off some toys for those that are in need and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lt. Justin Simms, 69th Precinct and Sgt. Joe Piscatella, 63rd Precinct greeted everyone and provided precinct crime statistics, program, and event updates.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Tomas Hernandez Jr, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

CORPORATE CHANGE APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- JP Canes Inc., Bill’s Bar, 6326 Avenue N, 11234

METHOD OF OPERATION APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- Blueprint 265 Management LLC., C’Zen Restaurant, 4410 Avenue H, 11234

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

- Verdure Inc., TBD, 7804 Flatlands Avenue, 11236
- Allure Restaurant & Bar Inc., Allure Restaurant & Bar, 2112 Flatbush Avenue, 11234

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

- Hudson River Yacht Club Inc., N/A, 2101 Bergen Avenue, 11234
- The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, 2281 Nostrand Avenue, 11210

Chairperson Tomas Hernandez Jr stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63rd and 69th Precinct about the SLA Applications received from JP Canes Inc., Bill’s Bar, Blueprint 265 Management LLC., C’Zen Restaurant, Verdure Inc., TBD, Allure Restaurant & Bar Inc., Allure Restaurant & Bar, Hudson River Yacht Club Inc., N/A, The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box. Objections were received for both The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, 2281 Nostrand Avenue, 11210 and Blueprint 265 Management LLC., C’Zen Restaurant, 4410 Avenue H, 11234. The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, has a history of neighborhood complaints, a suspended license in Fall 2020 due to noncompliance with the city rules in regard to reopening during the COVID 19 pandemic, shooting resulting in police actions, unruly and destructive patrons, destruction of neighboring properties as well as displaying public drunkenness, and continuing to do business past 4am on all nights of the week. This establishment creates a general negative impact on the adjacent residential community-at-large. After due consideration, and objection from the NYPD, and the negative sentiments voiced by the area residents, it is in the best interest of the community that Community Board 18 recommends denial of this Application based upon a history of issues at that location. In reference to Blueprint 265 Management LLC., C’Zen Restaurant – Assembly Woman Helene Weinstein’s Office, the local civic associations, and the neighboring residents object to the Method of Operation change which would amend their original SLA License to include the use of the backyard space to serve Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider, recorded and live music on their Patio/Deck, and the modification of their closing time, from 2am to 4am. While Assembly Member Weinstein’s Office, the civic associations and the neighboring residents are not opposed to the establishment renewing their license to operate they are opposed to the Method of Operation Change.

Chairperson Hernandez asked if the applicants or a representative for Blueprint 265 Management LLC., C'Zen Restaurant, and The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, was in attendance. The 63rd and 69th Pct were no longer present. The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, was not in attendance. Natalie Aidinov Representative for Verdure Inc., TBD, and Kwame Mack the owner of Blueprint 265 Management LLC C'Zen Restaurant and his attorney Frank Palilo were present. Frank Palilo explained that there seems to be a misunderstanding on the Method of Operation Change as it's only to add live music and DJ to the restaurant and just to extend their closing hours from 2am to 4am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There is no change to the outside area, and nothing is being added to the backyard area. DM Partnow informed them that the Community Board received emails from residents opposing any change to their closing hours and live music. Frank Palilo asked that the board just get the resolution right because they're not asking to add live music and DJ to the outside. Board Member and Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group Member Violine Roberty said they do not have an issue with the establishment operating, they have an issue with them operating until 4 am. The establishment shares a backyard with the neighbors and that it's not fair to have music until 4 am. Board Member Sal Calise stated, if it isn't broke don't fix it. Frank Palilo stated that three years ago the Community Board was dead set against his client's application, and he appreciates Board Member Violine Roberty saying that they've done a good job. Frank Palilo argued that his client gained the trust of this Community Board three years ago and deserves the opportunity to grow his business. Board Member Kenny Jean Baptiste stated that they must speak for the neighborhood and the neighborhood does not want the closing time to change to 4 am. The residents want the restaurant to thrive but not at the applicant's proposed method of change. Board Member Sal Calise stated that if the establishment is doing good, how is business going to go up in two hours. Board Member Frank Seddio suggested that the board table the application for Blueprint 265 Management LLC., C'Zen Restaurant until next month's meeting so that the owner reconsider their request and come back with a better solution. Kwame Mack the owner of Blueprint 265 Management LLC., C'Zen Restaurant expressed that they've been there for three years and would like to remove all stipulations as far as live music. Board Member and Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group Member Violine Roberty stated that they have strong block and civic associations and could have discussed this, but this is the first time they're hearing about the method of operation change. Chairperson Hernandez said the Planning & Zoning Committee will set up a meeting to discuss the matter further.

There being no community opposition for the following establishments, Chairperson Hernandez asked for a motion that Community Board 18 recommends approval of the SLA Applications received from JP Canes Inc., Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N, 11234, Verdure Inc., TBD, 7804 Flatlands Avenue, 11236, Allure Restaurant & Bar Inc., Allure Restaurant & Bar, 2112 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, and Hudson River Yacht Club Inc., N/A, 2101 Bergen Avenue, 11234. Board Member Greg Borruso made a motion. Board Member Jim Buchanan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 34 Yes votes.

Natalie Aidinov, Representative for Verdure Inc., TBD, greeted everyone and voiced support for C'Zen Restaurant.

There being no further comments Chairperson Hernandez asked for a motion that Community Board 18 table the SLA Application received from Blueprint 265 Management LLC C'Zen Restaurant, 4410 Avenue H, Board Member Frank Seddio made a motion. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 34 Yes votes.

There being community opposition, Chairperson Hernandez asked for a motion that Community Board 18 recommends denial of SLA Application received from The Juicy Box Bar LLC, The Juicy Box, 2281 Nostrand Avenue, 11210. Board Member Frank Seddio made a motion. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with 33 Yes votes.

8:39 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud's Office greeted everyone and provided updates and community events. He stated that CB 18 meetings are our town hall and the way our communities come together to discuss issues. He wished a Happy Kwanza, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

Saye Joseph, Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, stated that the Quentin Road meter proposal happened before the Council Member took office. The Council Member takes all concerns very seriously and contacted the NYC Department of Transportation, along with District Manager Sue Ann Partnow and Frank Seddio to make sure that we come to a collective solution. The Council Member's office is checking to see if there is a policy that requires the NYC Department of Transportation to notify a community before implementation of a proposal. If not, the Council Member will consider potential legislation to make sure there is a process that requires community engagement before any proposed installation. She also provided updates and information on their holiday toy drives and giveaways, community events, office address located at 5827 Flatlands Avenue and wished everyone a Happy Kwanza and Merry Christmas.

Yollette Toussaint, Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41st A.D., Pastor Zack Martin, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Vivienne Bent, Representing Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D., Judith Destin, Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's Office greeted everyone and provided information on programs, updates, upcoming community events, and extended Holiday wishes.

Board Member David Price greeted everyone and stated that recently the Board Members received a list of the Standing Committees. He proposed that a Standing Audit Committee be added and explained why he feels an Audit Committee would be beneficial to the Community Board. He made a motion to amend the Bylaws to add a standing Audit Committee. Board Member Elaine Reid seconded the Motion. Board Member Frank Seddio asked why we would need an Audit Committee. Board Member David Price explained that an Audit Committee provides oversight over many things besides just the financials. Board Member Barbara Bieber said that the OMB and the NYC Comptroller's Office audits us. Board Member Barbara Bieber provided Community Board 18's Financial Budget Report totaling \$257,057., minus personal services such as annual salaries \$197,486., minus other personal services in the amount of \$1442. leaving an unencumbered budget balance of \$58,128.20. She also stated this budget is what the city gives this Community Board and OMB and the Comptroller's Office handles the audit reports for the board. Board Member David Price asked that we move the discussion because the motion was made and requires a vote. A discussion ensued about having a quorum for enough votes. Board Member Victoria Stennett asked for clarification on the motion that was made by Board Member David Price before we go into the amendment. Board Member Frank Seddio made a motion to table the motion made by Board Member David Price until the January Meeting. Board Member Michelle Sealey seconded the motion. Board Member Naomi Hopkins asked how many voting members were present because we use Robert's Rules of Order. The amendment to table the Motion passed with 19 Yes, 10 No, 2 Abstention votes.

Robert Spieler, Area Resident requested more pickle ball courts in local parks and a comfort station in Jacob Joffe Park.

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

Board Member Denise Gordon asked for a motion that the board member emails be available to all board members. Board Member Joshua Fassu seconded the motion. Board Member Frank Seddio stated that there is a reason why the Brooklyn Borough President's Office does not give out the board members emails. There was a discussion between board members about the dangers of giving out their personal emails. Board Member Naomi Hopkins stated we should come to a consensus without taking these drastic measures and putting motions on the floor. Board Member Frank Seddio agreed. He suggested that Board Member Denise Gordon withdraw her motion and DM Partnow put together a method where each Board Members can choose whether or not they want to provide their emails to other Board Members. Board Member Denise Gordon agreed and withdrew her motion. Board Member Victoria Stennett agreed emails should be shared.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Violine Roberty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member David Price seconded the Motion. The motion passed with 31 Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 P.M.

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