

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 15, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Felina Backer
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Andrenia Burgis
Eugene Burshtein
Terri Cadet-Donald
Jamaal Carryl
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Marie Delus
Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Joan Gilbert

Denise Gourdine
Stuart Heier
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Aryanna Holder
Naomi Hopkins
Michael Ien
Jibreel Jalloh
Aleah Laforce
Omeil Morgan
David Price
Viole Roberty
Michelle Sealey
Victoria Stennett
Robert Tracey

Nancy Walby
Valerie Woodford

GUESTS:

Herbert Fair
Janine Mineo
Robert Mineo
Jose A. Santos
Josh Vogel
Kyra Cuevas
Lucia Marquez Reagan
Lystra Medas
Michele Harris
William Matheson
Dr. Jackie Cody
Glenna Pursod
Peter Cipolla
Rob Muzeuchin
Clayton Allwood
Shaniya Allwood
Floyd Jarvis
Linda Steinmuller
Andrew Zibell
Sgt. Brian Maher
P.O. Samuel Maria
P.O. Peterson
P.O. Singh
Tessie Binns
Li Mc
Michael Harris
Jennifer Harsford
Hon. Farah Louis
Sabrina Dieujuste
Jason Compaan

Brooklyn Public Library
Area Resident
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NYC Department of City Planning
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Marine Park Community Association
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Ital Mist Smoke Shop Corp.
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Area Resident
Canarsie Courier
VOAGNY Legacy Family Residence
69th Precinct
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Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D.
Council Member, 45th Council District
Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45th Council District
Area Resident

Brit Byrd	Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Teslie Alba	Area Resident
Maureen Durso	Area Resident
Sarah Cancel	Area Resident
Yolette Toussaint	Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41 st A.D.
Saye Joseph	Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46 th C.D.
Nigel Dupree	Breukelen Housing Tenants Association
Heidi Forde Washington	Area Resident
Antonette McKain	Area Resident
David Phillip	Area Resident
Gerard Brewster	Utica 2 Flatbush
Hon. Jaime Williams	Assembly Member, 59 th A.D.
Paul Curiale	Representing Mill Basin Civic Association
Foster Charlton	Area Resident
Vivienne Bent	Rep. Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58 th A.D.
J. Lewis	Area Resident

7:08 P.M.

Board Member Tomas Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:09 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Secretary Barbara Bieber called the roll. A quorum was present to begin the meeting.

7:13 P.M.

Chairperson Michael Ien welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He introduced the Executive Board, 1st Vice Chair Greg Borruso, 2nd Vice Chair Maria Garrett, Treasurer David Price, Secretary Barbara Bieber, and introduced the staff, District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, Assistant District Manager Dorothy Paul, and Community Assistant Gail Fazio.

7:15 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Housing Committee Chair Pro Tem Naomi Hopkins who provided a committee report and informed the Board that on November 6th the Planning & Zoning Committee met with the NYC Department of City Planning who provided a presentation on the “City of Yes for Economic Opportunity.” She stated that the plan has three major focuses, carbon neutrality, which will expand opportunities for decarbonization projects, economic opportunity to increase opportunities for small businesses with flexible zoning, and housing opportunities to ensure all communities are meeting the need for housing. There are 16 proposals with four specific goals which will affect our Community Board. The details of achieving these goals have the capacity to be in direct conflict with the look and feel of the areas that make up Community Board 18. We would see changes to zoning, which would enable commercial activity on the upper floors of businesses and residential blocks. Growing industries include urban agriculture, life science laboratories, and expansion of nightlife regulations such as dancing and live entertainment. These changes, if activated, would exacerbate problems for our district. The committee has serious concerns that commercial outlets put on NYCHA property would violate the policy that’s in place to provide economic opportunity and employment to NYCHA residents. The City of Yes is bold and contains some ideas that would be welcoming to CB 18. However, it has the potential to exacerbate the challenges

that we've already outlined in our need's assessments, infrastructure, public transit, poor lighting, traffic congestion, lack of youth programming, illegal dumping, posting and more. The residents of Community Board 18 have been unified in our needs. Board Member Hopkins said she appreciates that the Department of City Planning is considering each Community Board individually as this is the best way to determine if this plan is truly the best path forward for the entire city. However, she said that the committee does not recommend the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity. Chairperson Ien turned the floor over to Kyra Cueva, the Senior Planner from the Department of City Planning, for a Powerpoint presentation. Board Member Nancy Walby asked about Urban Farms, composting and community gardens. Lucia Marquez Reagan responded that in terms of composting she's not entirely sure but they're happy to get back to her on that. This economic opportunity proposal is intended for economic activity outside of just consuming produce. Second Vice Chair Maria Garrett asked how they are going to implement more spaces for businesses on Flatlands and Ralph Avenues. Josh Vogel explained that this proposal is not adding or changing the underlying zoning districts, they're not adding more height or saying that you can build another 10 stories or even 1 story and that it's just allowing more flexibility for the existing businesses. If one is struggling or vacates the retail space, it's easier for another business to come in and occupy that space. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked for a map of the area and zoning district before the Board votes. Kyra Cueva will provide that before the January meeting. Board Member Jamaal Carryl asked if there would be any conflicts with auto repair shops and street parking if the zoning of buildings is changed. Will that reduce parking, which has been a major problem in this Community Board. Josh Vogel explained that the streetscape should not have double parked cars or cars parked on sidewalks, or challenges for residents that are trying to park in the area. It's all about small scale auto repair on a more vibrant retail street or manufacturing area with less impact on the surrounding community. Lucia Marquez Reagan added that they're not proposing removing or adding any parking as a part of economic opportunity. They're classifying two different kinds of auto uses, heavy auto repair and a light auto repair. Light auto repair is only able to locate via a BSA Special Permit, keeping them within their zoned area. Board Member Joan Gilbert stated that she's concerned about commercial activity on upper floors. How would that affect low density areas. Lucia Marquez Reagan stated that for predominantly C1 and C2 districts, it would be limited to the 1st or 2nd floor. There would not be commercial uses for the above places of residence. It would be the same floor or underneath and if it was on the same floor, there would have to be separate entrances for the commercial space. Also, there would be noise and certain environmental requirements allowing a business on the same floor as a residence. This would create an issue with building a new entrance for commercial space above the ground floor. This is geared towards newer construction that can accommodate challenges when it comes to being right next to a commercial space. Council Member Farah Louis asked if DCP can come back and give a more thorough presentation with printed copies for the Board Members. Lucia Marquez Reagan responded that they could come back again since Community Board visits were extended to the end of January. Council Member Louis suggested hosting a separate night for the presentation. She wants to be cautious because the vote for Carbon Neutrality was scheduled for one day and moved up to an earlier day not allowing the Community Boards the time to weigh their recommendations. If that happens again, we're going to push back to make sure we're getting all the information. Lucia Marquez Reagan stated they're coming back with a very clear timeline as to when the recommendation is due. CM Louis explained that she did not hear anything about funding that DCP is putting behind this proposal in their presentation. She understands that this is a question they may not be able to answer tonight but feels it should be added to their presentation. Also, CM Louis asked if we could get the date of the vote, and the date for the last day of public comment. Board Member Eugene Burshtein stated that allowing the 2nd floor of a building to be mixed-use for commercial purposes can cause tax and building code issues. Would it mean a C of O change for the building. Josh Vogel explained that the goal is to provide more flexibility and less restrictions, but they will confirm with the Department of Finance. Furthermore, any commercial use of the 2nd floor is only in those specific areas where there is already commercial use allowed. For example, a mixed-use district can have commercial and residential, but normal lower scale, lower residential blocks will remain only residential. Nigel Dupree, Representing Breukelen Houses asked how this proposal affects NYCHA developments throughout the city where vacancies or percentage of apartments are concerned. Lucia Marquez Reagan said our commissioners outlined the importance of putting NYCHA residents first before businesses in that space. Unit commercial activities and vacancies are only for storefronts and commercial spaces and not for vacant units in a developed complex. Mr. Dupree asked who the developer would be, and will the community have a vote on what they will be developing. Lucia Marquez Reagan explained that there are some proposals that

will go through the Community Board and other parts of the proposal that are standardized without Community Board input. Assembly Member Jaime Williams stated that she has concerns about the overall development in our community which takes in Canarsie, Georgetown, Mill Basin, Bergen Beach, Marine Park, Gerritsen Beach and the surrounding areas. We are a suburban community in New York City, and she doesn't want this community to be overdeveloped with upgrades along Flatlands Avenue and Avenue N since there are already huge traffic issues diverting vehicles onto local streets. She's happy there are environmental impact studies and that the DCP is coming before the Community Board but feels this is a huge issue affecting everyone. Assembly Member Williams said that something of this magnitude that can alter our community needs everyone to be mobilized. Just because it is the Mayor's City of Yes Program, doesn't mean we're going to say yes to it. Board Member Victoria Stennett asked that when a presentation is made about agriculture are you proposing that growing cannabis will be allowed. Lucia Marquez Reagan explained that it is vertical farming that grows food closer to the communities that eat the food. Cannabis has been brought up and so has florists and other types of plant and agriculture businesses beyond just vertical farming. Chairperson Ien thanked the Department of City Planning for coming and providing information on the City of Yes Proposal.

7:58 P.M.

Chairperson Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on October 18, 2023. Board Member Maria Garrett made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Board Member Valerie Woodford seconded the motion. The motion passed with 26 Yes and 2 Abstention Votes.

8:02 P.M.

Council Member Farah Louis, Representing the 45th C.D., extended Thanksgiving greetings to everyone and Happy Diwali to those who celebrate. She informed the board about Bill Intro 0417-2022 that was scheduled for a vote today in the City Council but hit the floor. Intro 0417-2022 is a local law to amend an administrative code in relation to notice requirements for certain transportation projects. It's the repealing of Section 19-187, which was former Council Member Lew Fidler's Bill many years ago. If this Bill is repealed, it would take input away from Community Boards and Council Members for construction projects or removal of bike lanes. The NYC DOT could come here with a presentation and even if you objected to it, they could move forward with removal or construction of bike lanes. She didn't support it because DOT has a flawed public engagement process i.e. bike share, park share, and bike lanes. This is something that she has been working with District Manager Partnow on as well as Community Board 17. Council Member Louis highly recommends contacting Council Member Lincoln Ressler and Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez to invite them to present to this Community Board as well as Community Board 14. Once you have no notification, there is nothing that a Council Member, Senator, Assembly Member, Congressional Member or God can do to help you. She just wants to let everyone know that the agency will have the authority to do whatever they want, and all of you want to keep your authority on the Board to decide what happens in your community. She thanked the 63rd Precinct for their towing of abandoned vehicles in the Flatlands area. The DOT finally put a no left turn sign at 1623 Flatbush Avenue. She also wanted to raise a quick concern to the 63 Precinct from her constituents regarding a speed trap vehicle. The community is requesting a warning. She also provided information on her Wellness Program, other events, and her office contact information.

Assembly Member Jaime Williams, Representing the 59th A.D., greeted everyone and spoke about the proposed NYC budget cuts. As a parent, she is concerned about how the cuts are going to affect the schools and school safety. School safety is of the utmost importance and cutting the budget from the bottom will only cause more problems. If the city wants to cut, they should cut from the top not from the bottom. She continued to talk about Floyd Bennett Field and how she fought to divert 7,500 men from the site while the city extended the desolate and isolated area to families. During heavy rainstorms, migrant families suffered flood conditions at Floyd Bennett Field. These Budget cuts are so we can help undocumented people when we are not helping our veterans, our retirees, the unemployed and our homeless. We cannot sustain this as a city. We need to do the right thing for our tax-paying citizens. We need to have a plan for those who come here seeking a better life but not at the expense of the people that live here. The federal

government must give more funding to New York City so that we can treat all people with dignity and respect. He informed the Board that she will continue to represent and fight for what is right.

Saye Joseph, Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th C.D., greeted everyone and spoke about the upcoming Turkey giveaway, the City of Yes and information on programs, events, and the Council Members office contact information.

Sgt. Brian Maher, 69th Precinct, provided precinct crime statistics, recent and upcoming tow operations, NCO and Community Council meeting info, and holiday event updates.

Jennifer Horsford, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D., greeted everyone and spoke about her upcoming shredding event, Turkey distribution, toy distribution, other community events and the City of Yes. She also provided information on programs, and her office contact information. She thanked Community Board 18 for the beautiful updates that they send out during the month and asked everyone to give them a hand for that.

Orlando Ross, Representing Congressional Member Yvette Clarke, 9th A.D., greeted everyone and thanked everyone who came out to their job fair which attracted over 2,000 applicants for jobs at the City Tech Center. He briefly spoke about the House Shutdown, Women's Health, META, the AI Policy, and student loans. He provided information on her upcoming community events and programs.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Michael Ien

Chairperson Michael Ien announced the board members that were asked to serve on the Nominating Committee and accepted the appointment – Terri Cadet-Donald, Nancy Walby, Jamaal Carryl, Frank Seddio, Andrenia Burgis, Gil Cygler, and Valerie Woodford. The Committee will be meeting prior to the December meeting. If you are interested in running for any position on the Executive Board, you can submit your resume via email to the Community Board Office before December 11th. Please note, eligibility for the executive board requires one full year of membership on the Community Board. Board Member Jibreel Jalloh asked how the nominating committee members were chosen. Chairperson Ien explained that he went through the list of the Board Members and selected the people who he felt would be appropriate for this Committee.

8:33 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – David Price

Treasurer David Price gave a financial overview of the Community Board's office expenditures for the month of October 2023. Except for salaries, CB18 expenses were approximately \$1,650. All expenses appear to be well within the boundaries of our annual budget and currently does not think that there's any risk of us going over budget. However, we currently have a budget overage of approximately \$23,245 dollars and we have less than 8 months to spend it. Our District Manager, Sue Ann Partnow sent out a list of various ways for us to spend this available monies and unfortunately no submissions were received, the Budget Committee met and discussed several priorities needed around the office, including, but not limited to getting an automated electronic defibrillator for this office, providing training for use of the AED and CPR for the office staff and any interested Board Members. We discussed repairing the electronic gate at the front of the office to ensure and prevent any types of safety issues, upgrading the audio and visual equipment for our meetings to avoid recurring technical issues, assessing the HVAC System, extermination services, providing refreshments and snacks at our meetings and special holiday parties. These are some of the ideas and recommendations of the Budget Committee for your consideration. He gave the floor back to Chairperson Ien for discussion and any proposed vote. Board Member David Price made a motion to prioritize the listing that we have here with the addition of the holiday party and to try to use the available funds on these items for the rest of the fiscal year. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with 29 Yes, 1 Abstention and 1 No Votes.

8:39 P.M.

Chairperson Paul Curiale began his report with greetings from Board Member Jim Buchanan who is still recovering and hopes to be back soon.

SLA COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chairperson

1. New York State Office of Cannabis Management Application Received – Vote

NEW APPLICATION FOR AN ADULT-USE RETAIL DISPENSARY PREMISES LICENSE

- Clayton Allwood, Ital Mist Smoke Shop Corp., 4502 Avenue N – 11234

Chairperson Paul Curiale stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Police Precinct about the Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Premises License Application received from Clayton Allwood, representing Ital Mist Smoke Shop Corp, 4602 Avenue N and no objections were received. He then introduced the applicants Clayton Allwood and his daughters Shaniya and Shanique Allwood representing Ital Mist Smoke Shop Corp. Clayton Allwood stated that they're going on 18 months at this location, and they are a licensed CBD store existing right now and are doing a transition to legal marijuana.

Chairperson Curiale informed the board that the Planning and Zoning Committee met with the applicant at 6:00 PM this evening to discuss the application. A name change may be in the future, plus there was a question of distance between Cannabis shops, but it is the State's obligation to make those adjustments. He reminded the Board that we are only a recommending body and we don't make the final decision in the State. We only advise and recommend. Chairperson Curiale opened the floor for discussion on the Adult-Use Cannabis Retail Dispensary. Owner Clayton Allwood explained the name change and the refiling requirements. It's a family business and each of his daughters will have 30% and he will have 40%. He answered all the questions that were asked. Chairperson Curiale made a motion to approve the New Application received from Clayton Allwood, Ital Mist Smoke Shop Corp., 4502 Avenue N, 11234. Board Member Andrenia Burgis seconded the motion. The motion passed with 21 Yes, 5 No, and 3 Abstention Votes. Assembly Member Jaime Williams commended Mr. Allwood for involving his children in a business that will carry on his legacy and be the first minority owned dispensary here. That is a very big accomplishment.

8:52 P.M.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Activities and volunteer opportunities in our Parks:

1. **Native American Heritage Month: The Lenape.** During Native American Heritage Month, explore the past and present experience of Native Americans. On Sunday, November 19th, join the Urban Park Rangers at the Salt Marsh Nature Center in Marine Park, from 11:00am – 12:00pm, This event is free. The address of the Nature Center is 3301 Avenue U.

Remember to check out all the other fun activities and programs in our NYC Parks by calling 311 or going online to www.nyc.gov/park.

8:54 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow greeted and thanked everyone for being here this evening.

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO OFFER OUR RESIDENTS INFORMATION & RESOURCES AT THEIR EVENTS & I WAS HAPPY TO REPRESENT CB18 AT THE FOLLOWING

69TH Pct – Sponsored a Halloween Movie Night and a Domestic Violence & Breast Cancer Walk

Domestic Violence Awareness Seminar – Thank you Senator Roxanne Persaud

63rd Pct. - Community Council-sponsored their Halloween at the Lott House – Thank you President Greg Borruso and 63rd Council Board Members

Fall Festival in Marine Park – thank you Assembly Member Jaime Williams

69th Pct. & 63rd Pct. Community Council Meetings, Flatlands Civic, Mill Basin Civic & Marine Park Association meetings – thank you Presidents Greg Borruso, Gardy Brazela, Joan Gilbert, Paul Curiale & Rob Mazzuchin for hosting these informative meetings.

Community Board 18's Annual Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree was a huge success. The weather held up and hundreds of kids & parents enjoyed rides, games, pumpkin decorating, snacks, and giveaways. Thank you to our sponsors – Ponce Bank, Millennium Development, American Debate League, DEP & NYU Dental. Special shout out to Chairperson Michael Ien, Board Members Valerie Woodford, aka Cookie Monster & Goofy, Nancy Walby, Terri Cadet-Donald, Sallie Bennett, Sal Calise, Marie Delus and area resident Angela Calise for volunteering to help. Millennium's Paul Curiale and staff are invaluable, thank you so much for all your hard work. Our spooky flyer was designed by Board Member Naomi Hopkins, thank you.

Hurricane Sandy Remembrance at the Canarsie Pier -Thank you Lucina Clarke

Halloween Candy Distributions at our local elected officials' offices on October 31st -Thank you Senator Roxanne Persaud & Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman

Marine Park Alliance lit up Marine Park with lights & featured Indian traditional attire in celebration of DiWali Veterans Appreciation Day-Thank you Assembly Member Jaime Williams and Nick's Lobster for sponsoring the tribute held in Marine Park.

Millennium Development honored Community Board 18 older adults that served, and St. Bernard's Church saluted our area veterans with special events.

COMMUNITY BOARD 18 NOVEMBER CABINET MEETING

SANITATION – Check their website for composting information

63rd Pct. – Public Safety made an arrest for car break ins at E. 36th St. & Ave. S. Continuing to tow derelict vehicles. Increasing patrols for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

DDC – Corner pedestrian safety projects will be starting in CB 18's Mill Island section

DOB – Buildings After Hours is the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month from 4 pm-7pm at 345 Adams Street

DEP – 200 complaints were received by their office from residents of CB18. All complaints were addressed.

BROOKDALE HOSPITAL – 500 Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed throughout the community.

Sabrina Dejuiste, representing **Councilmember Farah Louis & David Shaeffer**, representing **Senator Roxanne Persaud** announced upcoming community events.

IN & AROUND CB 18

Street Naming Avenue S & E. 35th St. in memory of Firefighter Steven Pollard

Reconstruction of Crosstown B82 Select Bus Service has begun. Currently, the contractor is installing catch basins and chute connections along Kings Highway (Main Road and Service Road - including most intersections) between Avenue K and E 35th Street. One crew is located on the corner of Kings Highway and E 40th Street, and the second crew is located on the corner of Kings Highway and E 38th Street.

The contractor will continue working within these limits and will begin the installation of the water main by the end of this month or early next month.

Reminder to residents looking to dispose of their autumn leaves. Separating leaves and yard waste from the trash and other recycling allows them to be turned into renewable energy or compost, instead of

decomposing in a landfill. Leaf and yard waste may be placed in your food scrap bin, in paper lawn and leaf bags, in an open, labeled bin, or in clear plastic bags. Leaves should be placed with other curbside compost material and will be collected on your recycling day.

GOOD & WELFARE

Congratulations to Board Member Omeil Morgan for being named advocate of the month for the Alzheimer's Association

Thank you to all our veterans who served and continue to serve to protect our freedom

Turkey drawing for attendees of tonight's meeting

Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving to all that celebrate

District Manager Sue Ann Partnow stated that she received an email today from a company that's doing an environmental investigation and remediation at the site of 2300 East 69th Street in Bergen Beach. It will be conducted by Lockwood Kessler and Bartlett, and they are from the Vertex Company. As part of the process, they need to obtain approval to store their records and were hoping that the Community Board would be able to help them out by storing them here in the office. They would like to know the Community Board 18's thoughts, since the remediation is being done here for a developer in CB18. After a brief discussion, 1st Vice Chair Greg Borruso suggested that we should table it until we have more information. Board Member Michelle Sealey made a motion to table the vote on whether to keep the records here at Community Board 18. Chairperson Michael Ien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9:17 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Ien opened the discussion for the renaming of the SLA Committee to the SLA/Cannabis Committee. Board Member Michelle Sealey made a motion to approve the renaming of the SLA Committee to the SLA/Cannabis Committee. Board Member Valerie Woodford seconded the motion. The motion passed with 21 Yes, and 1 Abstention Votes.

9:20 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairperson Ien asked if there are any questions or concerns you would like to bring to the attention of the Board.

Board Member Denise Gourdine explained that she went to the 63rd Precinct Sector D Meeting last week and officers were not there. After several calls she found out there was a shift change. That was an advertised public meeting for residents in sector D. DM Partnow stated that she will find out what happened. 1st Vice Chair Greg Borruso and President of the 63rd Precinct Community Council stated that he's having his Council Meeting next week and will get answers since the 63 isn't here tonight and they should be.

Board Member Jibreel Jalloh informed everyone of an event he is hosting this Saturday, November 18th from 2:30-3:30 at the Canarsie Library on Participatory Budgeting. He encouraged full participation to figure out how Canarsie can best use those monies. He reiterated to come up with ideas that will benefit the community.

Board Member Omeil Morgan reminded the board about the Alzheimer/Dementia event he is hosting.

Board Member Reeves Eisen informed the board that she will be resigning from the Community Board. She said it was a pleasure and honor to serve on the Board since 2016.

2nd Vice Chair Maria Garrett reminded the attendees about the dangers of E bikes. She remembered

the fireman that was killed a year ago and went on to say that we need to be vigilant because E bikes are causing most of the fires. We need our elected officials to stop these E bikes because the consequences are devastating. Be mindful of those bikes and if you see them, they are very dangerous.

Brit Byrd, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, greeted everyone and informed the board that as of today November 15th, Community Board applications are available and are due by February 19th. The applications are on the Borough President's website. All members with expiring terms will receive a notification informing them to reapply. Members who do not respond within the said window will not be reappointed. He continued with information on upcoming programs and events.

Yolette Toussaint, Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41st A.D., greeted everyone and spoke about upcoming community events and programs. She extended holiday wishes to everyone.

Nigel Dupree, Representing Breukelen Houses, wanted to piggyback on what Board Member Jibreel Jalloh said earlier. There is money for neighborhoods, and we need to invest it in our youth with Boys Clubs, YMCAs and after school programs. We have smart kids who need an outlet, let's not let them find it on the streets, let's invest in this next generation.

Chairperson Ien wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Michelle Sealey made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Violine Roberty seconded the motion. The motion passed with 31 Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

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