

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – MAY 17, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga
Felina Backer
Barbara Bieber
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Gardy Brazela
James Buchanan
Andrenia Burgis
Eugen Burshtein
Terri Cadet-Donald
Salvatore Calise
Jamaal Carryl
Paul Curiale
Marie Delus
Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Denise Gordon
Denise Gourdine
Stuart Heier

Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Aryanna Holder
Roy Holder
Naomi Hopkins
Michael Ien
Lyndon Inglis
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Aleah Laforce
Omeil Morgan
Juvanie Piquant
David Price
Elaine Reid
Patrick Jayson Reyes
Wilton Ricketts Jr.
Viole Roberty
Michelle Sealey
Jerry Toussaint
Robert Tracey

Nancy Walby
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Harriet Wieber
Donald Cranston
C. Medas
Michele Harris
Matthew Colton
David Thomas
Dorothy Lee
Joseph Zelinski
Phyllis Job
Mark Partnow
Michael Benjamin
Darren Hoyte
Bevon Duncan
Rob Muzeuchin
P.O. Thomas Podd
P.O. Tricia Navarro-Caraballo
P.O. Felicia Grant
P.O. Walsh
Miles Stennett
Cheryl & Al Markowitz
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sinesi
Rosa Julian
Saye Joseph
Sgt. Brian Maher
Andrew Zibell
Linda Steinmuller

Holy Trinity Church
Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59th A.D.
Area Resident
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Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC
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Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D.
Area Resident
Area Resident
Marine Park Community Association
63rd Precinct
63rd Precinct
63rd Precinct
63rd Precinct
Area Resident
Area Residents
Mill Island Civic Association
Area Resident
Rep. Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th Council District
69th Precinct
Legacy Family Residence/Volunteers of America
Canarsie Courier

Hugh Hollingsworth	Paerdegat Squadron Inc.
Bob Spieler	Area Resident
Johnny Arcenteles	TAHIBA
Noreen Roach	Area Resident
Denise Hubbard	NYC DEP
Andrew Ng	NYC DEP
Zachary Wasserman	AECOM
Orville Coley	AECOM
Doodley Plaisival	Area Resident
Dante Hunter	Area Resident
Maria C. Willis	Area Resident
Sabrina Dieujuste	Rep. Council Member Farah Louis, 45 th Council District
Sharon Borno	Area Resident
Ernest Borno	Area Resident
Keisha Sydney	Sesame Flyers
Judith Destin	Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Kyra Cuevas	NYC Department of City Planning
Yolette Toussaint	Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41 st A.D.
Brit Byrd	Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Christina Caputo	Area Resident
Charli Court	Area Resident
Det. Conrad Narcisse	NYPD
Dolange Donacien	Area Resident
Francis Akachukwu	Area Resident
Jacob Gold	Representing NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
Jacqueline Hamilton	Area Resident
Noreen Bhola	Area Resident
Russell Pinsker	Area Resident
Sergey Chuprik	Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander
Arlene Perkins	Area Resident
T. Johnson	Area Resident
Vivienne Bent	Rep. Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58 th A.D.
Cateshia Ledee	Area Resident
Claudette Workman	NYC DOT
Grace Pigott	Area Resident
Christina Armieri	Mill Basin Library

7:04 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 Regular Board meeting held on April 19, 2023. Board Member David Price made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the motion. The motion passed with 39 Yes Votes.

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

7:19 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Public Hearing and introduced Andrew Ng of DEP's BEDC Unit who provided a presentation on renovations of the Paerdegat Pump Station at Ralph Avenue and Flatlands Avenue as well as a brief history. The project will upgrade the entire pump station, establish redundancy for all critical equipment, and raise electrical equipment above the flood elevation to ensure resiliency and reliability. Temporary construction conditions will include the relocation of the bus shelter during restoration of concrete sidewalk and brick pavers on Flatlands Avenue. The location of the temporary bus shelter will be coordinated with NYCDOT. The construction is scheduled to begin early Fall of 2024. Board Member Paul Curiale asked if the DEP team could look into a DOT plan that would make a bike path and walkway connector for Bergen Beach/Mill Basin to get to the Paerdegat bike path and to the Greenway on the sidewalk in front of the DEP building. Board Member Marie Delus asked if they started the procurement for this project and the cost. Andrew Ng responded they are deep in design and hope to finish the design by the end of the year at which time they will start the procurement process and the project will cost approximately \$37 million dollars. Board Member Jamaal Carryl asked about lighting and security cameras around the building as part of the project. Andrew Ng noted the suggestion and will look into it. Board Member Sal Calise stated that the areas of Canarsie, Bergen Beach, and Mill Basin are prone to flooding. It was mentioned that pumps and electrical will be changed but is there a plan for a fault tolerant system. Andrew Ng said that it is part of their design phase operation, and their number one concern is operability. Johnny Arcenteles asked if this design would include installing solar energy or any other green types of energy. Orville Coley, AECOM explained that solar panels are costly and there is not enough room on the roof to put the amount that would be needed to run the station. We are also trying to maintain the historic look of the building; therefore, they are exploring different methods using more efficient equipment. Board Member Barbara Bieber thanked Orville Coley for the clarification on the solar energy panels. Michael Benjamin agreed with Board Member Jamaal Carryl on security measures but also wanted to know about fencing in the pump station. Andrew Ng explained that the enclosure is not just like a box around it because those spaces need ventilation, there are new bulletproof type enclosures that are being considered. Dante Hunter asked about Mr. Coley's qualifications. Orville Coley explained that he's a consultant for NYC DEP and is a registered mechanical engineer. Donald Cranston asked if the pumps are going to be turned off during the construction. Orville Coley explained that before they start any construction, they will be implementing a full capacity bypass system. Board Member Eugene Burshtein stated that currently the capacity is at 57 million gallons, is there a plan to increase the capacity and asked if the Community Board can suggest increasing the capacity base in Canarsie, Mill Basin and Georgetown. These areas are R-3, 4, and 5 zones and if there is ever an increase in density to an R-6, 7 and 8 in the next 30 years, the neighborhoods are going to become more dense and at that point 57 million gallons may not be able to handle that. Board Member David Price stated that Governor Hochul is looking to rezone the entire State and wants to build 800,000 new homes across New York, starting with the five boroughs. There being no further comments, Secretary Barbara Bieber asked for a motion to approve DEP's Proposed Renovations of the Paerdegat Pump Station at Ralph Avenue and Flatlands Avenue. Board Member David Price made a motion. Board Member Jamaal Carryl seconded the motion. The motion passed with 32 Yes, 3 Abstentions, 0 No Votes.

8:04 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

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

District Manager she represented the community board at the following meetings and events to show support for local organizations and elected officials. Spring is a busy time as she attended the following events:

1. Interagency Council Meeting – Hosted by Paul Curiale Director of Millennium Dev. Corp.
2. Meeting with the new Captain of the 69th Pct. Captain Badillo.
3. 69th Pct. Community Council Gala – Thank you President Gardy Brazela and the Community Council Board.
4. 63rd Pct. & 69th Pct. Community Council Meetings, Flatlands, Mill Basin, Mill Island and Marine Park Civic Associations. Thanks Presidents Greg Borruso, Gardy Brazela, Sol Needle, Joan Gilbert, Paul Curiale & Rob Mazzuchin,
5. Bergen Beach Civic Association's Installation of Officers – Thank you Sal Calise and the Bergen Beach Board. Sue Ann said she was particularly honored to do the installation ceremony of so many dedicated civic members.
6. Borough President Cabinet Meeting – Focus on Sanitation issues - dumping, street clean-ups, alternate side ticketing, and violations for early set out of garbage.
7. DEP Town Hall Meeting held here at CB18 to address flooding issues within our Community Board. Thank you, Sal Calise, for addressing this ongoing problem in parts of Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Flatlands and Mill Basin. Excess flooding has been plaguing Community Board 18 since we were hit with Super Storm Sandy.
8. NYPD Community Affairs Bureau, Mayors Community Affairs Unit, along with the 63rd Pct. hosted the first NYC Kids Festival at Marine Park. Approximately 1300 public school students from Brooklyn were in attendance including P.S. 276 and P.S.115 from CB 18.

Community Board 18 May Cabinet Meeting

COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION LIAISON - Bergen Beach Project - updated the progress on the Punch List as the project nears completion.

National Grid – Apologized for the lack of communication regarding the Jamaica Bay East infrastructure upgrade and valve replacement. They will be working with Con Ed on the electrical components and will keep CB18 in the loop as the project progresses. Emergency HEAP applications have been extended until May 19th.

BROOKDALE HOSPITAL – Gave an update on hospital construction and announced their Annual Health Fair on June 10th.

NYC AGING – May is National Older Americans Month and you probably didn't know that there are 1.6 million Older Adults over the age of 60 that reside in NY. They are continuing their intergenerational programs with High Schoolers to fight ageism. For those that need help with Medicare, a Virtual Medicare Counselor is available to help you if you register on nyc.gov/aging website.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER JAIME WILLIAMS – greeted everyone and gave an update on events, programs, and clean-ups throughout the district. The Assemblywoman conducted a DEP walk through to target any obstructions blocking waterflow at catchment basins throughout the district.

69th Pct. – Updates on crime statistics. The next 69th Pct. Community Council meeting is Tuesday, May 23rd at the HES.

63rd Pct. – 50 cars towed in conjunction with Sanitation. May 15th Community Affairs Bureau presents Kids Fest in Marine Park. The next 63rd Pct. Community Council meeting May 24th at the Malone Center.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Canarsie Park will be the recipient of a Horticulture Garden. This will be the second of its kind in Community Board 18. The first one was started in Amersfort Park. The Forestry Division has begun pruning in Canarsie Park. Sunners Park renovation

is completed, and the Marine Park oval is scheduled to start renovations in June. A clean up at the Four Sparrows Field, which is located next to the old Toys R Us, removed 60 yards of debris and is on the list for a much-needed pruning. Additional pickleball courts are being added in Marine Park making a total of 8.

SANITATION – East 59th Street was approved for the signage along the commercial portion of the street. Ongoing clean up on Preston Court. A camera was requested on Avenue W & East 69th Street at the dead end by the basin due to dumping.

SABRINA DEJUISTE REPRESENTING COUNCIL MEMBER FARAH LOUIS AND RASHEEN TEN REPRESENTING MILLENNIUM DEV. – Gave updates on programs and events

IN & AROUND CB 18

1. DOT has approved the installation of a traffic signal at Ave. T & East 73rd Street
2. On February 22nd, DM Partnow sent an email to DOT requesting a time change for the traffic light on Rockaway Parkway & Shore Rd. due to the traffic backup onto the Belt. Their investigation found that traffic is impacted by construction and no signal timing changes are recommended at this time.
3. National Grid continues the Jamaica Bay project on Avenue U and East 56th St. They are upgrading existing infrastructure to increase safety and reliability in compliance with federal regulations. The project will not interrupt natural gas service. Work will be done in intermittent phases. Phase 1: Crews will upgrade an existing water main on Avenue U. Phase 2: Crews will upgrade existing natural gas infrastructure. Excavations will be on the northside of Avenue U.
Projected construction finish: Summer 2023 Material Storage: Avenue T & Avenue U between East 55th and 56th Streets.
4. On June 1st, there will be a Zoom meeting for the design of the playground portion of Hickman Park (located at Roy Mann JHS Veterans Ave. between E. 67th St. & E. 68th St.). The Zoom registration and information will be sent out via email to Board Members and the CB18 distribution lists as soon as the office receives it. This is a public meeting for ideas and input for the reconstruction. The registration information will also be posted on the CB 18 website and Facebook Page.
5. The handicap parking signs at Marine Park were vandalized. New handicap parking signs will be installed for the parking lot at Marine Park. Until the signage is ready, blue lines and stencils will be painted to identify the handicap spots.
6. **Reminder**—all Block Party applications and petitions must come through the Community Board office.

GOOD & WELFARE

Congratulations to Board Member Terri-Cadet Donald on the college graduation of her daughter Kalli Donald. She double majored in Dance and Psychology and double minored in Kinesiology and Women's Studies.

Get well wishes to Board Members Grace Zwillenberg and Sallie Bennett

Whether you are a mom, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, or good friend, I hope you enjoyed a great Mother's Day

8:13 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

There are some **FREE** events and programs you may be interested in:

1. Horseshoe Crabs in New York City Parks (Fun Fact)

Every May and June, horseshoe crabs emerge from the Atlantic Ocean onto the beaches of New York City (primarily Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island) to lay their eggs. The horseshoe crab (*Limulus polyphemus*) has been around since before the dinosaurs – roughly over 1 billion years – and may resemble a crab but is more closely related to spiders and scorpions and is a relatively harmless creature. This “living fossil” is important to medical science and has been used to make a variety of commercial products which has led to overharvesting and a decline in its population in the Atlantic. If you are lucky enough to see horseshoe crabs on our beaches this Spring, enjoy, but please be respectful and keep your distance.

2. FREE Events in Canarsie Park....

a) It's My Park at Canarsie Park: Canarsie Park on May 20th, 10:00am – 2:00pm

The Girl Scouts from PS276 have organized a cleanup and are looking for volunteers. Meet them at the park house located at Seaview Avenue & East 88th Street. You can register online at PS276girlscouts@gmail.com.

b) Pond Ecology: Freshwater Invertebrates, Canarsie Park on May 21st, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Join the Urban Park Rangers this Sunday, 1pm – 2pm, and dip nets into one of Brooklyn's only freshwater ponds and learn about the tiny organisms that make up one of the load-bearing strands of a healthy food web. Meet them at the Canarsie Park House. Contact the Urban Park Rangers at 718-421-2021 for more information.

3. FREE Events in Marine Park....

a) Intro to Birding: Marine Park on May 20th, 9:00am – 10:00am

Join an expert from NYC Audubon and the Marine Park Alliance and learn how to use binoculars and spot the fascinating birds that live in the salt marsh. Families are welcome. Meet at the Salt Marsh Nature Center located on Avenue U at East 33rd Street. This event will be repeated on Saturday, May 27th, at the same place and time. Contact the Marine Park Alliance at www.marineparkalliance.org.

b) Seining: Marine Park on May 27th, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Join the Urban Park Rangers and learn about the ecology of our waterways and the seining program. Be prepared to get your hands wet; seining programs use nets to catch fish. All equipment will be provided. This program is recommended for ages 8 years and older. Participation is first-come, first-served. Contact the Urban Park Rangers at 718-421-2021 for more information.

c) National Trails Day: Marine Park on June 3rd, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Join the NYC Parks Stewardship team and the Natural Areas Conservancy at the intersection of Gerritsen Avenue & Gotham Avenue. Come dressed in sturdy boots or shoes, long pants, and clothing that can get dirty. Face masks may be worn at your discretion. Space is limited and registration is required. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone. This event is funded by the NYC Parks Service. To register and get more information, reach out to stewardship@parks.nyc.gov

d) Marine Park Mile a Minute Forest Restoration Pull: June 17th, 10:00am – 12:30pm

NYC Parks needs your help to protect Marine Park against the “mile-a-minute vine”! Join the NYC Parks Stewardship team at the intersection of Gerritsen Avenue & Channel

Avenue. This vine (*Persicaria perfoliata*) can grow up to 6-inches a day, often destroying young trees in the process. Come dressed in sturdy boots or shoes, long pants, and clothing that can get dirty. Face masks may be worn at your discretion. Space is limited and registration is required. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone. To register and get more information, reach out to stewardship@parks.nyc.gov

4. NYRR Open Run: Canarsie Park and Marine Park through Sept., No registration required.

NYRR Open Run brings free, 5K weekly community-led runs, to neighborhood parks across the greater New York City area.

- a) Canarsie Park: Saturdays, at Canarsie Park House, Seaview Ave. & E. 88th St., 9:00am – 12:00pm
- b) Marine Park: Sundays, at Carmine Carro Community Center, Fillmore Ave. & Marine Parkway, 9:00 – 12:00pm

5. Update on Capital projects in CB18:

- a) Marine Park Oval construction is scheduled to begin this June

Remember to check the NYC Parks website on a regular basis to get updates on events, programs, job, and business opportunities citywide.

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

1. State Liquor Authority Application Received - Vote

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

- Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC, Pending, 1904 Utica Avenue, – 11234

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

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

Chairperson Tomas Hernandez Jr stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations and the 63rd Police Precinct about the SLA New and Renewal Applications received from Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC, Pending, 1904 Utica Avenue, 11234, and JP Canes Inc., Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N, 11234. No objections were received for the New & Renewal Applications from Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC, Pending, 1904 Utica Avenue, 11234, and JP Canes Inc., Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N, 11234.

Chairperson Hernandez asked if any applicants were present. David Thomas, Representing Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC and Matthew Colton the owner of Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC, were present. Chairperson Hernandez read a statement from Deputy Inspector Rachael Kosak, 63rd Precinct who spoke with District Manager Partnow regarding Bill's Bars and the summonses they were issued in January for underage drinking as well as a summons to the bartender There have not been any other reported crimes from the location since. They checked yesterday and it appeared that their license may have already been renewed in May. Deputy Inspector Kosak further had no issues or concerns with Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC. There being no further questions or comments Chairperson Hernandez asked for a motion to approve the SLA Application received from Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC, Pending, 1904 Utica Avenue, 11234. Board Member Maria Garrett made a motion and Board Member Sal Calise seconded the motion. The motion passed with 32 Yes, 2 Abstentions, 0 No Votes. Chairperson Hernandez asked for a motion to Deny the SLA Application received from JP Canes Inc., Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N, 11234. Board Member Sal Calise made a motion and Board Member Michelle

Sealey seconded the motion. The Motion passed with 32 Yes, 1 Abstentions, 2 No Votes. Board Member Bob Tracey expressed his disappointment in the Board's vote to deny Bill's Bar a liquor license. He feels the bar made a mistake, it was corrected, and they should not have been denied. Mill Basin Civic President and Board Member Paul Curiale is disappointed that the owner did not attend tonight's meeting. Board Member Marie Delus said if it was so important, she would think that the bar owner would be here or online. Board Members Terri Cadet-Donald, Paul Curiale and Bob Tracey stated they don't want to see anyone go out of business. However, he was asked to be here, and he did not show up. The question now is are we going to table this one more time or are we going to let the vote to deny stand. Board Member David Price said given that our Parliamentarian is not here he's going to step in and say that Board Member Bob Tracey made a motion to delay that motion and it must be voted on and seconded. Board Member Terri Cadet Donald seconded the motion. P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct stated that he did a public query of the actual bar with their licensing on the NYS Liquor Authority's website and it said that their license was approved and is set to expire in May of 2025. District Manager Partnow stated that she will check that out tomorrow with the NYS Liquor Authority and see what that's about but right now we're going to do a vote on that motion. Board Member Bob Tracey made a motion that the board table the SLA Application received from JP Canes Inc., Bill's Bar, 6326 Avenue N, 11234 till next month so that the owner can come even if they have already received their SLA license. The motion tied with 15 Yes, 4 Abstentions, 15 No Votes. Board Member David Price explained that our Planning and Zoning Committee has spoken about this and they're making a proposal to the full Board based on their recommendation. This is what we are voting for. We just had an opportunity to postpone the vote until next month and it didn't pass. Board Member Eugene Burshtein asked why we are voting on it if P.O. Thomas Podd just said that they have a license until May 2025. District Manager Partnow stated that we don't know and that she will contact New York State Liquor Authority tomorrow to clarify. Board Member Naomi Hopkins stated that if the owner thinks that he has a license, was invited to this meeting twice and has not come, he is being extremely disrespectful. The Community Board is strictly advisory, and he is disrespecting us and doesn't care what we are advising, why are we giving so much of our time to this issue. Board Member Jamaal Carryl responded and said this is already the second time that he's been invited to attend. Chairperson Michael Ien asked that we take a vote on it now. Board Member Stuart Heier stated that the owner had two chances to come here and we don't know why but the least he could've done tonight is to send someone in his place and apologize that he couldn't be here. So, why should we care more about his business if he doesn't. Rob Muzzuchin, Marine Park Community Association stated that he's here as a representative of Bill's Bar. The owner is not in attendance because he received his license in the mail and he held up a picture of it. The license came in the mail between this meeting and last month's meeting and expires April 30, 2025. As far as the incidents that took place at the bar there was only one incident, and he fired the bartender. The bar has new security and a bouncer at the door with the camera check proof. The owner has rectified the situation. District Manager Partnow suggested that since the gentleman got his SLA license without any consideration from this Community Board a motion be made to write a letter from the Community Board to the NYS Liquor Authority requesting an explanation as to why the Community Board Members were not given the opportunity to be heard before a license was issued. We don't want to deny our small businesses their right to thrive, but we also want to know why the NYS Liquor Authority would go ahead and send the license out without it coming before the Community Board for a vote. Board Member Stuart Heier said the lawyer must have known about the license when he spoke to Sue Ann. Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga said how many chances are we going to give in a situation like this, we must set a precedent. Board Member Valerie Woodford made a motion that a letter be sent out on behalf of the Community Board to the NYS Liquor Authority requesting an explanation as to why the Community Board Members were not given the opportunity to be heard before a license was issued. Board Member Paul Curiale seconded the

motion. The motion passed with 32 Yes Votes. Chairperson Hernandez thanked David Thomas, Representing Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC and Matthew Colton the owner of Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC for attending the meeting.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

Chairperson Terri Cadet-Donald welcomed the new Board Members and thanked all of the outgoing Board Members.

1. On Saturday, June 3rd from 12 PM to 3 PM is Hope Day and there will be fun and entertainment for the whole family.
2. On Saturday, June 3rd at PS 236 they're having a Community Carnival Raffle Bonanza and that's from 2 PM to 5 PM.
3. How many of you know that they're looking to put a high school at Floyd Bennett Field? So, they're going to be having a community meeting about it on Monday, June 5th at 6 PM at PS 207.
4. Youth Engagement Summer Stem at Sea, which is also called YESSS! It will take place at Kingsborough Community College and it's a four-day program (Mon-Thurs). FREE Summer at Sea Adventure. Young people aged 11-17 are invited to sign up.
5. The Police Department is hiring crossing guards. If you are interested in part time work with health benefits, flyers are available on the table.

She thanked everyone for the well wishes for her daughter.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Michelle Sealey, Chairperson Pro Tem

Chairperson Pro Tem Michelle Sealey greeted everyone, welcomed the new Board Members, and thanked the outgoing Board Members for their service. She informed the Board that Chair Frank Seddio was unable to attend tonight, and she will be giving the Bylaws Committee report. The recommendations received by the Committee were sent out to all of the Board Members, including those that were newly appointed. A Special Meeting to discuss the submissions and vote on any changes, will take place on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm. An official notice for that meeting will be sent out after Memorial Day.

Chairperson Ien announced that there will be a new member orientation for board members appointed in 2022 and 2023 on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 PM here at the Community Board Office. The orientation will be conducted by Parliamentarian Frank Seddio, Sue Ann & Myself. Board Members that were not recently appointed, are also welcomed to attend.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Board Member Jamaal Carryl stated that after tonight's discussion on the SLA licensing, the Board should allow only two opportunities to come before the Board. Chairperson Michael Ien agreed with his statement and believed that two chances are more than enough. Board Member David Price stated that the recommendation should be put on next month's meeting agenda for a vote. Board Member Sal Calise said let's make a motion that it's only two chances to appear before the Board or talk to Bylaws Chair Frank Seddio about adding it in the Bylaws.

Darren Hoyte requested assistance with a safety issue. He's an avid cyclist and the bike path that runs alongside the Belt Parkway from Flatbush Avenue to Howard Beach is being overrun with motorcycles and electrified vehicles. Council Member Mercedes Narcisse's Office reached out to the Parks Department, and they told her it was NYPD's responsibility. Sgt. Brian Maher, 69th

Precinct and Neighborhood Coordination Officer Sergeant introduced himself and stated that the Highway Patrol is aware of the problem. He will reach out to Highway District 3 and try and get a better answer.

P.O. Tricia Navarro-Caraballo, 63rd Precinct informed the board that they had a successful row tow operation with DSNY, and they towed at least 50 cars. They have another tow operation in July. She encouraged everyone to go on the Build a Block site, or you can go into the 63rd precinct page and type in your address. This will tell you who your NCO's are, their email addresses, and phone numbers. She also introduced P.O. Walsh, their new Crime Prevention Officer, who introduced himself and explained what his role is at the precinct. P.O. Tricia Navarro-Caraballo reminded everyone that NCO Sector B's meeting is next month on June 15th. Please visit the website for the exact date and time of the NCO meetings. P.O. Grant reminded everyone that NCO Build a Block Sector C's meeting will be held on June 22nd at 6 PM at 4021 Flatlands Avenue.

Bob Spieler, also known as "Pickle Ball Bob", and their 700 members thanked Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, Paul Curiale and Linda Steinmuller from the Canarsie Courier for the 8 new permanent Pickle Ball courts in Marine Park. Stay tuned for the ribbon cutting ceremony in July.

Chairperson Ien introduced Saye Joseph, Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th C.D. who greeted everyone and congratulated the new Board Members and thanked the outgoing Board Members. She also provided information on programs, and upcoming community events.

Brit Byrd, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, greeted everyone and welcomed the newly appointed Board Members. He announced that Reverend Kimberley Council officially joined the team at Borough Hall as the new Deputy Borough President. He also provided information on boroughwide plans, initiatives, and events.

Chairperson Ien introduced Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D., Donald Cranston, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59th A.D., Sabrina Dieujuste, Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D., Vivienne Bent, Representing Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D. Judith Destin, Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's Office, Jacob Gold, Representing Public Advocate Jumaane Williams who greeted everyone and provided information on programs, and upcoming community events.

Keisha Sydney, Representing Sesame Flyers, provided information on SYEP and upcoming programs and community events.

Christina Armieri, Representing Mill Basin Library, provided updates, and information on budget cuts and library programs.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member David Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Barbara Bieber seconded the motion. The motion passed with 31 Yes votes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

End....