COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING - MAY 15, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga Aryanna Holder
Cassandra Alvarez Naomi Hopkins

Johnny Arcenteles Michael Ien

Barbara Bieber Kenny Jean Baptiste

Greg Borruso
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Gardy Brazela
Andrenia Burgis
Eugene Burshtein

Aleah LaForce
Naomi Lehrer
Rob Mazzuchin
Doodley Plaisival
David Price

Terri Cadet-Donald
Jamaal Carryl
Donna Mae Crossfield
Paul Curiale
Marie Delus

Elaine Reid
Yolaine Ridore
Violine Roberty
Michelle Sealey
Akis Sinesi

Maria Garrett Sharene Williams
Joan Gilbert Nancy Walby
Denise Gordon Maria Willis

Denise Gourdine

Valerie Woodford Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Det. Felicia Richards
Det. Paul DiGiacomo
DEA Union President
Jin Chen
Ruan New Star Inc.
Tomi Marshall
Sandra Sanchez
FDNY
FDNY
FDNY

Paul Erocks FDNY Lisa FDNY

Patricia Heslop Oasis New York Event Space Sandra Gilmour 59th A.D. District Leader R

Dr. Jacky Cody Area Resident Peter Cipolla MMHCA

Captain Ronald Perez Commanding Officer, 63rd Precinct

P.O. Thomas Podd 63rd Precinct P.O. Samuel Maria 69th Precinct

Brit Byrd Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

Gerard Brewster Utica 2 Flatbush Andy Holloway Area Resident Marilyn Vazquez Mill Basin Civic Edwin Vazquez Mill Basin Civic Joseph Palermo Mill Basin Civic Lou Matteo Area Resident Ericka Moore-Bass Area Resident **Sharen Scott** Area Resident Rosamond Walker Area Resident Ronald Carter Area Resident Area Resident Tatyana Nurse Linda Steinmuller Canarsie Courier

Patrick Reyes Area Resident
Michael Martin Area Resident
Robert Gibbs Area Resident

Suzette Boddie Area Resident
Sara Hendrix Area Resident
Pastor Joseph Idouuu Area Resident
Dcrs Florence Idouuu Area Resident
Dcrs Labinjo Iyasode Area Resident
Pierre Brunache Chloe's NYC, LLC

Sabrina Dieujuste Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D.

Brandon Navas Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club (BKLA)

Chris Smith Rep. Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D.

Adele Bennett Area Resident

Freddy Figueroa Snipers Tavern d/b/a Bull's Eye Sports Pub

Keisha Sydney Sesame Flyers International Inc.

A Calise Area Resident **Andrew Montrose** Area Resident Faith Montrose Area Resident Joanna Montrose Area Resident Averil Fraser Area Resident Candy L. Assanah Area Resident Christina Armieri Mill Basin Library Michael Condon Flatlands Library Dave Lewin Area Resident Dolange Donacien Area Resident

Donald Cranston Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59th A.D.

Elba O. Mendez
Garry Garnett
Guerda Victor
Frederic Aurelien
Jacqueline Hamilton
Jennifer Bedeau
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
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Area Resident

Kiara Bijoux Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D.

Lesley Bruno Area Resident

Michael Lambert Representing Council Member

Rhonda Cambridge Phillip
Russell Pinsker
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Victoria Villanueva
Area Resident

Yolette Toussaint Representing Assembly Member Helene Weinstein, 41st A.D.

Catesha Ledee Area Resident Joanne Caton Area Resident

Harold Jones Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)

Margot Perron NYC Parks Department

Pietro Baio Area Resident A. Sinesi Mill Island Civic

Hon. Mercedes Narcisse Council Member, 46th C.D.

Rob Muzeuchin Marine Park Community Association

Paul Curiale Mill Basin Civic

7:07 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:08 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

A quorum was present to begin the meeting.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Board Meetings held on April 17, 2024. Board Member Valerie Woodford made a motion that the minutes be accepted. Board Member Greg Borruso seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>7:13 P.M.</u>

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced Captain Ronald Perez, the new Commanding Officer of the 63rd Precinct who greeted everyone and introduced himself. He invited the community to feel free to come to the precinct or reach out to the Community Affairs Unit - Officer Thomas Podd, Detective Ronette Benjamin or Detective Navarro. He thanked everyone and wished everyone a good evening.

7:16 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced Paul DeRocchis from the FDNY Bureau of Facilities Management who introduced Lisa for a brief presentation on the preliminary design to upgrade EMS Station 58 located at 420 East 83rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. He explained that the existing facility has been there for several years and meets the requirements for a multi component upgrade. He showed photos of the existing facility. highlighting the hazards and extensive repairs needed including the roof and front facade. They have contracted Camron Engineering for the redesign. During the construction, the operations will be relocated temporarily and will continue to serve the immediate area. The existing station has 112 staff members and houses an EMS Division with its own Commander and an additional 30 Staff members. The project design is expected to be completed by Fall of 2024, construction will begin Spring 2025 ending in the Fall of 2027. A few of the highlights of the new design include nursing mother's room, 100% ADA compliancy, additional means of egress and environmentally sensitive design aspects such as solar tubes for natural lighting. radiant floor heating and affordable tank panels. The building will feature new masonry walls, new windows, relocated exit door, bird friendly glass, security and security cameras, easy access storage for supplies and so much more. There are no sleeping facilities, but in case of a natural emergency, workers can be housed for extra emergency shifts. The Safety Committee recommends the redesign for approval by the Community Board. Chair Hopkins asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Board Members asked about lighting outside the building, parking, maintaining service during construction and if there will be a place to dispose of used needles from people in the community. Paul DeRocchis explained that there will be lighting all around the outside of the building, there should be no impact on parking since staff size will remain the same, there will be no needle disposal and that the ambulances are strategically placed throughout the area for quick response. During the construction, the division and the offices will be relocated within the borough. The response times will not be impacted by this relocation. There being no further questions or comments Chair Hopkins asked for a motion. Board Member Denise Gourdine made the motion. Board Member Jamaal Carryl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7:32 P.M.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced Council Member Mercedes Narcisse who greeted everyone and thanked Chair Hopkins for the amazing work that she's been doing and commended everyone for staying active in the community. People that are engaged can make an impact on the community. One of those people was former District Manager Dorothy Turano. They had an amazing relationship and although she has an amazing relationship with District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, Dottie mentored her from the time she was very young. Dottie served on the PTA of every school her children attended in Canarsie. She served as District Manager of this Community Board for over 36 years and was dedicated and committed to the betterment of this area. For these reasons and so many more, she deserves to have her memory honored by having the street corner outside of the Community Board named for her. Council Member Narcisse thanked everyone for their time and provided information on budget hearings, programs, and upcoming events. Chairperson Hopkins informed the board that the Haitian Flag Day event is tomorrow at the Brooklyn Children's Museum in collaboration with Council Members Mercedes Narcisse, Farah Louis, Rita Joseph, Chi Osse and the Brooklyn Borough President.

7:41 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Naomi Hopkins

Welcome to our newly appointed 2024 Board Members and thank you to the members who are transitioning off. We have a tradition of a thank you BBQ for our members including a farewell to those who are leaving the board. Board Member Frank Seddio is sponsoring the BBQ and Millenium Development will be providing the activities.

CB 18 will be distributing a survey this week regarding committee requests and assignments. Committees are more important than ever. Members appointed or reappointed on or after April 1, 2019, are limited to serving four consecutive two-year terms. Thus, we will have a constant influx of new people. We need members to step up and attend committee meetings. We will have a chair and co-chair of every committee consisting of a seasoned member and a newer member from varied parts of the district. This will help to ensure continuity. We also welcome community residents to committee meetings. Please complete the survey and if you would like to serve in a leadership capacity, there will be a place to indicate on the survey.

There will be additional ad-hoc committees, especially one for street co-naming's. Street naming requests should be discussed by the committee adhering to rules, regulations, and procedures. Once the committee has made their recommendation, the full Board will vote.

Lastly, I met with the Executive Board, we are discussing moving forward with the communications proposal and implementing policies and procedures for the remaining CB 18 funds. I will have a complete and clear update for the June 5th meeting. We've had some hiccups which often happen when there is new leadership and new positions, but we are pressing forward. In the interim, board staff has updated the current website.

7:55 P.M.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced District Manager Sue Ann Partnow who expressed to the board that she's known Dottie Turano for over 50 years. Dottie was the PTA President of PS 114, Bildarsee JHS, South Shore HS and the Parents Association President at the Medical School that her sons attended. Dottie owned a home in Canarsie and eventually moved to Mill Island, staying in Community Board 18. Appointed by New York City to be the Youth Coordinator of Community Board 18, she worked with children with Special Needs. She ultimately became the District Manager of Community Board 18. Her family would like to designate the area right outside of the Community Board office, the "Dorothy Turano Plaza." 1st Vice Chair Greg Borruso made the motion to approve the naming of the outside area "The Dorothy Turano Plaza." Board Member Paul Curiale seconded the motion. The motion passed with 32 Yes votes. Board Member Michael Ien expressed kind words about former District Manager Dorothy Turano.

Chairperson Hopkins stated that we also have the co-naming of the intersection at East 104th Street and Avenue K in memory of Christian Josiah Montrose. Treasurer David Price read Christian Josiah Montrose's biography. Although Christian was 19 years old at the time of his death, he had a major impact on the lives of everyone he encountered. He was a great person, loved by family, friends, teachers, and coworkers. Christian loved cars and was hoping to become a mechanic and one day build his own car. In pursuit of his lifelong dream, he applied to Lincoln Tech's automotive mechanic program. He also applied to the FDNY to become a firefighter because he wanted to do something meaningful for his community. Christian was also very religious and led a life that exemplified benevolence. Although people will know his name because of his death, people should know his name because of the life he lived. Chair Hopkins introduced Amanda Montrose, the mother of Christian, who gave heartwarming sentiments about her son who was tragically murdered in a senseless act of violence. There being no further discussion Chair Hopkins asked for a motion and a vote. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald made the motion. Board Member Rob Mazzuchin seconded the motion. The motion passed with 32 Yes votes recorded. Chair Hopkins stated that the deadline just passed for street co-naming's for the Summer of 2024, but the Council will vote again at the end of the year. We have the responsibility in addition to his family to remember why we had to name that street after Christian. Gun violence is everybody's problem.

Chairperson Hopkins informed the board that participatory budgeting forms are on the table outside. Participatory budgeting is an excellent way for our voices to be heard, find a program, vote for it and let's bring that money home to Community Board 18. Please take a moment to fill it out.

Chairperson Hopkins introduced 1st Vice Chair Greg Borruso who read a statement that was submitted by Joanne Joseph requesting the co-naming of the intersection at Ryder Street and Quentin Road in memory of her husband Det. First Grade Joseph Calabrese, who tragically took his life at 58 years of age. Joe was a highly respected and accomplished law enforcement officer, and a dedicated Homicide Detective who worked for the NYPD for 37 years. He was a father to our four children, a brother, a son, and an esteemed representative of the Detectives Endowment Association, Inc., labor union of 18,000 active and retired NYPD Detectives. We wish to honor his memory and draw attention to the importance of mental health awareness with a street co-naming in his honor. Joe was born and raised in Brooklyn and spent his entire NYPD career serving the borough of Brooklyn. We are hoping to co-name the corner of Ryder Street and Quentin Road "Det. First Grade Joseph Calabrese Way" in his honor, as this is where we lived for many years. 1st Vice Chair Greg Borruso expressed that he knew Joe, he was very community minded and an asset to the police force. Det. Paul DiGiacomo provided a brief statement on the life of Det. First Grade Joseph Calabrese. There being no further discussion Chair Hopkins asked for a motion and a vote. Board Member Greg Borruso made the motion. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with 32 Yes votes recorded. Chairperson Hopkins acknowledged Detective Felicia Richards and thanked her for coming. Board Member Paul Curiale stated that he knew Joe as a hockey coach at Bergen Beach and announced the family is having their annual fundraiser for Mental Health Awareness on Monday, June 17th at McGuire Park, at the JM Community Center between 10 am and 6 pm.

8:21 P.M.

<u>DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT</u> – Sue Ann Partnow

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

I WAS HAPPY TO JOIN OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

REPRESENTING CB18 AT THE FOLLOWING

Flossy Group Bayview Fair – thank you Jibreel Jalloh for bringing resources to the youth of CB18.

Asst. District Manager Dorothy Paul and I attended the Dunkin Donuts Ribbon Cutting on Rockaway Parkway – thank you Pres. Norine Medas Rockaway Parkway Merchants Association

69th Pct & 63rd Pct. Community Council, and Mill Island Civic – thank you Presidents Greg Borruso, Gardy Brazela and Ike Sinesi

Congressman Hakeem Jeffries-Service Academy featuring all branches of the military.

Community Memorial Service for Board Member Jim Buchanan commemorating his lifelong commitment to Veterans and CB18

Community Baby Shower – Thank Councilmembers Mercedes Narcisse and Farah Louis for bringing much needed baby supplies to young mothers in our community.

Cannabis Info Session – Thank you Floyd Jarvis for explaining the licensing process to our CB 18 Board Members

Assemblymember Jaime Williams – thank you for encouraging pet adoption through your love my pet day in the park.

BP Cabinet meeting – updates and information from NYC agencies

Honored to Install the Officers of the Bergen Beach Civic – Congratulation to all the officers and the new President Michael Trotta. Thank you outgoing President Sal Calise for your dedication to the Bergen Beach Civic.

COMMUNITY BOARD 18 MAY CABINET MEETING

<u>DDC</u> – The construction for the B82 Select Bus Service is continuing along Flatlands Ave. There will also be a curb extension on the North/West corner of Flatlands Ave. and Ralph Ave.

63rd Pct. - Towed 50 illegal cars. The 63rd Pct., 100th Pct and the Office of the Chief of Transportation,

ceased 16 unregistered and paper plate vehicles traveling the Marine Park Bridge. Crackdown on Dollar Vans in the works.

<u>69th Pct.</u> – Towed 7 vehicles. There was an apartment scam where the so-called Realtor showed a picture of an apartment for \$2,000, took the money and surprise, there was no apartment. Officers assigned to area playgrounds after shooting of 14-year-old. Large orange barriers filled with sand and water placed along Seaview Avenue to prevent parking on the medians. August 6th is National Night Out Against Crime in Canarsie Park.

<u>DOB</u> – Enforcement of the property at East 66th St. The permit is for construction fence only; no work of any kind should be taking place.

<u>Sanitation</u> – Addressing dumping along Avenue K from Remsen Avenue to East 86th Street and by PS 279 and JHS 211.

<u>Parks</u> – Marine Park construction continues, no completion date yet. June 18 is Kids Fest in Marine Park. Canarsie Park had Let's Green – wood chipping, and painting with elected officials and volunteers.

Sabrina Dieujuste representing Councilmember Farah Louis and **Donald Cranston** representing Assemblymember Jaime Williams gave updates on events and programs offered to the community.

IN & AROUND CB 18

Additional traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of Ave M & E. 53rd St. Ave. J & E. 103rd St., Ave. J & E. 103rd St., Ave. J & E. 105th St.

Demolition of the following premises- 1335 E. 65th St., 5913 Foster Ave., and 2143 Flatbush Ave. of the old PC Richards building.

Community Board 18 will once again be partnering with Millennium and the Brooklyn D.A.'s office for Older Americans Month. Help for those that were victims of Elder Abuse, or Scams and Fraud against older adults will be addressed by Brooklyn D.A. Eric Gonzalez and his staff on May 23rd at Mill Basin Older Adults Center 2075 E. 68th St. A light breakfast will be provided.

Spoke with DEP about a Town Hall Meeting here at the Community Board to address the issues of flooding and sink holes etc. throughout CB18. They suggested our office gather names, addresses, phone numbers, and any 311 reference numbers that were submitted. Please send this information to the CB18 office via bk18@cb.nyc.gov and DEP will contact you directly.

The American Red Cross is offering Free Home Safety information and Free Smoke Alarm installation, but they can't do it alone. They are asking for help from local community organizations to partner with them and install Free smoke alarms in homes within their communities. In CB18 alone, there were 5500 requests for smoke alarms. The Red Cross will supply training and materials. To get involved in this important program contact joe.spaccarelli@redcross.org. The flyers are on the table outside, we will put them in the chat, or you can call the CB18 office for the information.

GOOD & WELFARE

May is the month when we recognize the history, culture, achievements and contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

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Happy belated Mother's Day to all the moms, grandmas, aunts, and sisters

P.O. Samuel Maria, 69th Precinct, greeted everyone and sent greetings from Commanding Officer Dion Hinds. He provided precinct crime statistics, upcoming tow operations, NCO meeting info, and event updates. 2nd Vice Chair Maria Garrett informed the board that she is the Community Liaison for her NCO Sector and it's very important that everyone attends meetings in their sectors which are held 4 times a year. Find out what sector you are in, join the conversation and keep our neighborhoods in Community Board 18

safe.

P.O. Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct, greeted everyone and provided precinct crime statistics, tow operations, NCO meeting info, and event updates.

8:41 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>PARKS COMMITTEE</u> – Nancy Walby, Chairperson Here are some FREE activities in our parks to enjoy...

- 1. <u>Birding: Osprey Watch</u>, Sunday, May 19th, 11am 12noon. Join the Urban Park Rangers on a birding adventure around Marine Park to view ospreys. These majestic birds' mate for life and build their nests high up in tall trees and utility poles near waterways where they can find fish to eat. Meet at the Salt Marsh Nature Center (3301 Avenue U near East 33rd Street).
- 2. <u>Volunteer Cleanup and Hike.</u> Saturday, May 25th, 1:00 3:00pm. Marine Park is a part of the Jamaica Bay, an estuary that is home to hundreds of animals from muskrats to snowy owls. Join the Urban Park Rangers for a hike through this waterfront park. Meet up at the Salt marsh nature Center.
- 3. It's Horseshoe Crab Season in NYC! Each May and June, horseshoe crabs emerge from deep waters offshore and make their way up to our shorelines to mate and lay eggs. They can be observed at many beaches and parks in NYC, including some of the beaches in CB18. If you would like to learn more about horseshoe crabs you can join the Urban Park Rangers on Saturday, June 8, at 11:00am. Meet at the Salt Marsh Nature Center.

 You can also join the Parks Stewardship Program and help monitor and tag them, which helps to track their mating frequency, migration patterns, and lifespans. If you find a tagged crab you can report the tag number to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

 Unless you are working with the Parks Stewardship Program, please be respectful and observe them from a distance, so you don't disturb them while they're looking for mates and laying eggs.
- 4. Parks Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 23rd, 6:30 7:30pm, at the CB18 Office. Representatives from the NYC Parks Department will be sharing their proposal for the interior restoration of the Lott House, which is in Marine Park on East 36th Street between Avenues Fillmore & S. Residents of the community are also welcome to attend.

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/parks, and sign up for Parks Email Newsletters

YOUTH & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Terri Cadet-Donald, Chairperson

- SYEP has extended the deadline for business owners to sign up to get workers. SYEP has a
 lot of kids that applied. It's a perfect opportunity to get the kids working and they will be paid
 by the city. If you own a business or know someone that does, please consider hiring through
 SYEP. the deadline is this Friday.
- 2. Millenium Development has roller hockey, floor hockey, and roller-skating hockey on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 for children in grades 3 through 5. The information is on the table outside.
- **3.** Keep kids busy and off the streets by joining the NYPD Explorer Program, applications are on the table outside.
- **4.** We have kayaking for free at Canarsie Park and at Floys Bennett Field, the schedules are on the table outside. The Sebago Canoe Club located at Paerdegat 12th Street and Paerdegat Avenue North have free community open houses on July 13th, August 10th and September 8th.

SLA & CANNABIS COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Applications Received - Vote

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

• Lychee YY Sushi Inc., N/A, 2368 Flatbush Avenue, 11234

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

- Snipers Tavern, Bull's Eye Sports Pub, 2073 Flatbush Avenue, 11234
- Ruan New Star Inc., N/A, 2210 Flatbush Avenue, 11234
- Chloe's NYC, LLC, Chloe's, 9413 Avenue L, 11236

Chairperson Paul Curiale stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local elected officials, civic associations, the 63rd and 69th Precincts about the SLA New and Renewal Applications received from Lychee YY Sushi Inc., N/A, 2368 Flatbush Avenue 11234, Snipers Tavern, Bull's Eye Sports Pub, 2073 Flatbush Avenue 11234, Ruan New Star Inc., N/A, 2210 Flatbush Avenue 11234, Chloe's NYC, LLC, Chloe's, 9413 Avenue L, 11236. Chairperson Curiale made a motion that the Board approve the SLA New Application received from Lychee YY Sushi Inc., N/A. Board Member Greg Borruso seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 30 Yes votes recorded. Chairperson Curiale asked for a motion to approve the SLA Renewal Applications received from Snipers Tavern, Bull's Eye Sports Pub, Ruan New Star Inc., and Chloe's NYC, LLC. Board Member Violine Roberty made a motion to approve the applications. Board Member Jamaal Carryl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 30 Yes votes recorded.

8:42 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Treasurer David Price informed the board that at the last Board Meeting he misspoke when he said that the office staff did not provide details regarding the new contract with the exterminator for the CB18 building. He wanted to publicly apologize. He said he was presented with the proposed vendors and their statuses several months earlier but didn't recall receiving it.

Brit Byrd, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Sandra Gilmour, 59th A.D. Republican District Leader, Sabrina Dieujuste Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D., Chris Smith, Rep. Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D., Tatianna, Representing Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club (BKLA), and Keisha Sydney, Sesame Flyers greeted everyone and provided information, programs, and upcoming community events.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Violine Roberty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board 18. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

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