

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga
Sallie Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Ernest Borno
Sharon Borno
Greg Borruso
Gardy Brazela
James Buchanan
Terri Cadet-Donald
Salvatore Calise
Donald Cranston
Paul Curiale

Gil Cygler
Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Ian Gaynor
Joan Gilbert
Denise Gourdine
Stuart Heier
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Sharon Nedd
Judy Newton

Mitchell Partnow
Anne Richards
Viole Roberty
Marcia Schiff
Raphael Treitel
Nancy Walby
Bishop Nathan Williams
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

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Sergey Chuprik
Sue Ann Partnow
Linda Steinmuller
Anne Richards
Capt. Elissa Carlies
P.O. Samuel Maria
Norine Medas
Tameil Dauphin
Essam Elbassiony
Keisha Sydney
Reeves Eisen
Jae Yu
Jeff Abraham
Venessa Harry
Elba Melendez
Shevon Grant
Christina Armieri
Joan Gilbert
Hattie Hightower
Martine Jean-Charles
Dolange Donacien
Margot Perron
Jamaal Carryl
Gabriel Torres
La Shawn Paul
Kamine Williams
Alvin Chiu
Marie Francois
Catesha Ledee
Elizabeth Dovell
Zachary Tierney
Alana Harrack

Representing NYC Comptrollers Scott M. Stringer
District Leader, 59th A.D.
Canarsie Courier
Representing Assembly Woman Jaime Williams
Executive Officer, 69th Precinct
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Area Resident
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Sesame Flyers
Representing Senator Andrew Gounardes
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
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Flatlands Civic Association
Glenwood Residents Association
Area Resident
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NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
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Harold Jones	Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)
Nytavia Jones	Area Resident
Tara Greenidge	BSMT.BK LLC
Roxanne Persaud	Member, NYS Senate
Michael Benjamin	Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud
Yvette D. Clarke	Member, 9 th C.D.
Gabriel Torres	Area Resident
Kate Richard	NYC Department of City Planning
Jesse Hirakawa	NYC Department of City Planning
Thomas Podd	63 rd Precinct
May Smith	Area Resident
Patrick Jayson Reyes	Area Resident
Ian Girshek	Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams
Anne Richards	Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams
Roopesh Ramjit	Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Roy McKenzie	Area Resident
Harriet Wieber	Area Resident
Glenda Elie	Area Resident
Jenika McCrayer	Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams
Dimple Willabus	Area Resident
Denise Gordon	Area Resident
Hon. Farah Louis	Council Member
Ezra Pean	Representing Council Member Farah Louis
Pat Geelan	NY Sandy Help
David Phillip	Area Resident
Argilio Rodriguez	Area Resident
Michelson Sion	Area Resident

7:07 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Public Hearing portion of the Community Board #18 Meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning who provided a brief presentation on N 210382 ZRY - Health and Fitness Citywide Text Amendment a Proposal to amend the Zoning Resolution to modify regulations related to gyms, spas, licensed massage therapy, and other health and fitness facilities defined as “Physical Culture or Health Establishments.” The proposed text amendment will remove the requirement for such facilities to receive a special permit by the Board of Standards and Appeals (ZR 73-36). Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning thanked everyone for being at the meeting. She informed the board that she is here with her coworker Jesse Hirakawa of the Brooklyn Office at the NYC Department of City Planning and are here to give everyone an update on a couple of citywide text amendments. She knows that they were here last month and now they’re back with a couple more amendments to go over. So, she will go ahead and just jump into the first one which is the Health and Fitness Citywide Text Amendment. She informed the board that this is a proposal to the existing Board of Standards and Appeals or BSA Special Permit that is required for physical cultural establishments. This is a Zoning Text Amendment that would

affect the entire city. Health and Fitness facilities include a really wide range of activities and businesses, and things like larger commercial gyms such as Blink or Planet Fitness, smaller studios like martial arts, dance, or yoga and also a range of other larger commercial gyms like bigger chains, some smaller studios and then a range of wellness and therapeutic businesses like spas and license massage therapists and as everyone probably already knows the Board of Standards and Appeals special permit is required to open these businesses almost everywhere in the city. This special permit was established over 40 years ago and things have changed a lot in the time since then in addition to a lot of growth in the health and fitness industry and the desire for neighborhoods to have access to these businesses the regulations around massage therapy have changed. So today massage therapists are licensed health professionals in the New York State Education Department. They're required to go through a lot of different courses such as training and things like anatomy and physiology, hands on practical experience, a board licensing exam and then a registry of all these licensed massage therapists available online. But these businesses continue to have this unique regulation through the zoning and place a significant burden on small businesses. On average it takes more than six months to get that special permit and it can cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000 in fees for architects and lawyers to go through that process. In addition, this special permit isn't available in most C1 districts. So that means that gyms, spas and health and fitness facilities aren't allowed in commercial corridors where we would allow other retail uses like restaurants, laundromats, and grocery stores. Finally, at a time when vacancy rates are high in some of their retail areas, they want to make sure that so many regulations don't put additional burdens on businesses and make it easier for them to occupy these spaces. So, the Department of City Planning is proposing to remove the BSA special permit for all gyms, spas, and licensed massage therapy. The businesses that are referred to now in the zoning as physical, cultural or health establishments. Gyms and spas would be considered commercial uses and would be allowed as of right, smaller gyms, and spas less than 10,000 square feet would be allowed in all commercial and manufacturing districts, including in C1 districts where gyms are not currently permitted. Gyms and spas without a size restriction, so over 10,000 square feet would be more limited and where they could be, and so they would be allowed in the highest C1 districts as well as C2 and higher districts and in manufacturing districts. That distinction between less than 10,000 square feet and greater than 10,000 square feet is how they categorize a lot of different commercial uses within zoning like clothing stores and furniture stores. So, that's a size breakdown that they use for many different types of businesses and uses. Licensed massage therapy in this proposal would be treated the same way as other outpatient medical uses in zoning. So, it would be categorized as either ambulatory health care or healthcare offices and so this would allow licensed massage therapists as community facilities in most residential districts. They would also be permitted in commercial and manufacturing districts. Massage therapy is illegal to practice without a license, and it will continue to not be allowed as a use anywhere in New York City under the proposed zoning. So, right now when the BSA reviews applications for gyms, they occasionally impose some conditions to address concerns about noise and vibration that can result from fitness activities, like dropping weights or using a lot of exercise equipment in unison. So, to make sure that they continue to address these concerns, the proposal also has some additional performance standards for noise and vibration. Higher impact gyms that they'll need to meet an additional more stringent standard and so and acoustical engineer will need to certify with the Department of Buildings that they meet these performance standards in order to even get a certificate of occupancy. Higher impact gyms and fitness facilities will have to meet an additional performance standard on noise and vibration. Any of these businesses to get a certificate of occupancy they need to have an acoustical engineer certify that they meet those standards. They need to file that with the Department of Buildings. For lower impact health facilities like yoga studios or spas they won't need to meet these more stringent noise and vibration standards, but they are all still subject

to the New York City noise code. So, this was referred out to for public review on May 19th to all 59 Community Boards, Borough Presidents and the borough boards and the review period goes until late July.

Chairperson Michael Ien asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the presentation.

Board Member Sal Calise stated that the Department of City Planning mentioned commercial M zones and in this community board we have a lot of areas where half the block is commercial, and the other half is residential. Does this proposal take into consideration that type of a block and the effects it will have on parking and the residents on that block? Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated yes and one of the parts of this proposal is seeing health facilities and fitness facilities as like a regular neighborhood amenity and something that you would find just on your busier retail streets in any given neighborhood. The parking requirements for these types of facilities won't be changed. So yes, you would just see them as neighborhood business the way you would see like a grocery store or other retail uses. Board Member Sal Calise stated that but, in a grocery store you have one or two people maybe ten if you have a gym at any given time you're going to have 25-30 people and if out of that let's say half of them came in their own car you're now taking up fifteen residential parking spaces. Not to mention that the other fifteen people come with Uber and everything else and so you now have double parking and wreaking havoc in an area that's half residential and commercial. Board Member Calise stated that on East 92nd Street and Avenue L the corner of the block is commercial, and the rest of the block is all residential and you're telling him that he could put a gym in one of these storefronts and can have 20-25 people in that gym and at any given time and half the residents will now have lost their parking. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that she thinks that they would still be required to provide parking spaces like specifically for these businesses but she knows that as part of the development for this proposal they did look at traffic and this issue. She doesn't have that information in front of her right now, but she can look into it and share that with the board if we'd like. Board Member Calise stated that we would need to know the parking requirement. We have some blocks that are manufacturing on one end of the block and residences on the other half of the block with a gym on that block and it's a disaster and they have parking.

Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that she's a little upset over this because once again the City of New York has decided to do what they want to do with no regard whatsoever for the neighborhoods. So, therefore you're going to change this no matter what we do but we're going to fight it to the nail and people are still going to double park and then the noise is going to happen and as the officer said at last month's meeting that there is a curfew and they still have to abide by things but if you can't enter the premises and you have no legal right then to me that means that it can go till 11PM, 12AM, 1AM or whatever and we're all screwed as people in the City of New York. She asked who's really on the panel that makes these decisions. She'd love to know where they live and how they get home and how they are allowed to even come up with this without calling certain people from planning boards to be in a meeting when they're developing this new modification. She also stated that if you want planning boards to vote on this and to say we approve and not always have a negative response. We've always been burned in the past. She thinks it would be advisable for them to start inviting maybe the Chairperson of the boards to these meetings when they're developing something new. She believes that if they had firsthand input and then bring it back to the boards, we would help them modify or make it more acceptable and then it's easier passed. But as it stands now at the last five meetings it's always been the city does what they want to do when they

want to do it and it doesn't matter and they don't care about the homeowners and music is music they could care less. She thinks moving forward whatever comes out of this she thinks that they should take that advice and start incorporating planning boards into their decision making.

Board Member Violine Roberty stated that in the presentation it states that license massage therapy studios would now be allowed in residential areas just as other health care practices that are licensed by the state. Since license massage therapy places were not in residential areas before and by now allowing them to be in residential areas does that mean that people can now open a license massage therapy place in their homes and does that leave it open for other things as well? Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that was a good question and that they would be able to be open the same way like sometimes you see a medical office or a dentist or something on the 1st floor of a building and then the apartments above it but there are rules in this zoning. You can't use your whole home as a business like this. So, it's about putting them in a residential district but not right in the same physical space as a home or as in an apartment. Board Member Roberty asked so there will still be rules and regulations that governs them. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that's right.

Board Member Sal Calise asked with these conditions can these gyms be open 24 hours like some gyms are now? Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that this proposal doesn't have any regulations about hours of operation. Board Member Calise responded and said that you're telling him that on a block with residents he can have a storefront and make it a gym and have it open 24 hours a day and drive the neighbors crazy.

Board Member Valerie Woodford stated that she has a neighbor on her block that uses their home as a massage therapy place and asked if they are not allowed to? She also stated that they have a big screen on the outside of their house, and they advertise massage therapy. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that so the zoning states that you're not allowed to have more than 25% of the home allocated to a home business. She doesn't know about this particular instance and what that is. Board Member Woodford stated that so they can actually use a room. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that she's not sure and it would be hard for her to say without knowing the specifics. Board Member Woodford stated that she's going to take a picture of it and send it to the Community Board 18 office. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning responded great and that she could find out more information about this exactly. She also stated that they hear everyone's concerns and they're really taking everything back to City Planning and really appreciate all the feedback and input.

Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning provided another brief presentation on N 210380 ZRY - Fresh Foods Store Update – The Department of City Planning is proposing to update and expand the FRESH food stores program, which supports convenient, accessible grocery stores in underserved neighborhoods of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. The update would bring the FRESH program to more communities across the city, among other changes to ensure FRESH stores are evenly distributed and financially viable. A citywide text amendment to expand the FRESH program to other underserved neighborhoods. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that this 2nd text amendment is about the food retail expansion to support health. So, this is an existing program that was established in 2009 and it's meant to incentivize the construction of supermarkets and areas that are underserved in different parts of New York City. So, the program

is sort of an update to the program based on what we've seen over the last 10 years. So, Fresh has a portion of the program where it's run by City Planning and there are zoning incentives offered for people who would like to participate and apply to be in the Fresh program and that everyone can see in green on the map. Those are where zoning incentives are available, and there are other parts of the city where tax incentives are available, and that part of the program is run by the New York City Economic Development Corporation. So, in CB 18 the zoning incentives are not available but the tax incentives are so this text amendment wouldn't have an impact in CB 18 because it doesn't affect the tax incentives portion of the program that applies in this district but just wanted to give a very quick overview. Even though the text amendment doesn't impact the program in CB 18 they of course are still happy to have any comments or feedback from the board. So specifically, this Text Amendment is changing some of the neighborhoods that the fresh program zoning incentives are available in. There would be a new provision to help prevent the oversaturation of fresh supermarkets in concentrated locations. Rules about glazing and windows so it's possible for an existing building with an existing storefront to convert to be part of the fresh program and then it's really hard to meet some of these window requirements. It's very expensive. So, for conversions that requirement is changed. Some modifications to the parking requirement and some minor zoning text clean up things like how many square feet of the store need to be on the same story of a building. There is a rule that if one of the zoning incentives that's available is that you can get additional residential floor area for the fresh food store area that you have and for stores that take advantage of that there is a restrictive declaration on the property that there needs to be a supermarket there in perpetuity. So, one of these text cleanups is if the store is not using that extra floor area they don't need to adhere to that restrictive declaration and then this shows again in green where the zoning incentives are available and in gray where the tax incentives are available, and the red dots show where there are fresh stores in Brooklyn. Just to quickly go over what the text tax incentives are there are real estate tax reductions so a land tax abatement for 25 years equal to \$500 dollars multiplied by each full time employee or part time equivalent employee at the time that the store applies. There is stabilization of building taxes based on the pre-improvement value of the building for 25 years. There is a sales tax exemption on the materials to construct, renovate or equip the facilities and then there is a mortgage recording tax deferral so you can defer mortgage tax recording related to the projects financing equal to this. This is technical so unfortunately; she doesn't have the tax know how but it's equal to 2.05% for mortgages of \$500K or less for 2.8% from which is over \$500K. Since the program started in 2009, they've seen in the city 28 stores use these zoning incentives and twenty-two use the tax incentives and that is the Fresh Program update. She opened the floor for any questions.

Board Member Denise Gourdine stated that she is all for places that don't have it but there was something that she noticed in the write up where it said it gives the property owners the right to construct a slightly larger building in mixed residential and commercial districts if they include a fresh market. That's a little shaky because now we're dealing with taller and larger buildings and it's giving them an extra incentive to include a fresh market. But is there going to be a free for all in having all these extra buildings taller than what they should've been. That's just her concern. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that is a very good point. In order to participate in a fresh food program, you are able to get for each square foot of fresh program up to a certain cap. They're able to get additional square footage of residential floor area. So, they're able to get additional space like you're saying. Only three fresh stores have taken advantage of the additional height that's available as one of the zoning incentives. So, three out of the 28 stores in ten years they haven't seen that as a very common thing for participants of the program as its not commonly used. These particular incentives are not part of the fresh program in CB 18 it's just the tax incentives in this district.

Board Member Violine Roberty stated that so the zoning incentives would not be in Community District 18. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that's right. Board Member Roberty asked if there are rules and regulations in place for these developers to follow after they receive the contracts to build these things like after five years because they've gotten all these tax incentives the next thing you know the supermarket is gone. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated yes so, and stores that are in the zoning portion that take advantage of that extra square footage must remain a supermarket. A supermarket must be in that space for the entire future of the building. There are some rules about what percentage of fresh foods needs to be sold. So, one of the major goals of this program is so that there's fresh meat and produce and making sure that store operators are actually selling these things and don't use the program incentives and then not sell these types of foods.

Board Member Barbara Bieber asked will they be allowed to open in the middle of a residential block or will they have to be within commercial zoned blocks. So, could you all of a sudden open it up in the middle of a residential block. Does the zoning allow that to change so in the middle of a block a building becomes available where there are predominantly houses could they build them? Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that she believes it's just in commercial overlays and in some other districts but thinks Jesse Hiramawa, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning can confirm if she has it right or not. Jesse Hiramawa, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that's a good question. He stated that he thinks this proposal doesn't change the zoning for grocery stores. Grocery stores are going to continue to be allowed to be built wherever commercials grocery stores are always allowed. So, wherever the commercial districts are currently in the city they could build a grocery store there. So, it's not changing any of that. So, just to have a slight clarification the Fresh Program has two programs. One is the zoning incentive and he believes Board Member Denise Gourdine was worried about having taller buildings and that's only in the zoning portion and Community District 18 is not participating in that zoning part and so you don't have to worry about a building getting taller and it has to be in your community district. Board Member Gourdine stated that she brought that up because she has the honor of being on the board of another community district with a building being built with the idea that it has to be a certain height and if this is included in that community district it will impact. So, that's the only way it's very close to home. So that's why she brought it up. Jesse Hiramawa, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that for sure and with the caveat that if a community district that she's referring to but if that is included in the fresh zoning incentive program then yes they are getting additional square footage. For every grocery store they're going to be able to build a little bit more residential square footage. However, whatever the zoning is like and if the zoning says you can only go up 7 floors than that's as tall as they're going to get no matter how much extra floor area they get. If they get extra floor area, but they hit the seven floors they must stop there because the zoning says you can't go taller than 7 floors. So, to clarify that even if maybe the building for example was going to be 6 floors and they build the Fresh store they still have an extra floor that they can go up because the zoning allows for 7 floors. This is just an example for wherever they are.

Board Member Violine Roberty asked if there are any incentives for older existing projects or using the existing infrastructure to do something like this? So, as something similar at least the tax incentives. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that in the zoning incentive part of the program you can convert an existing space to be part of the fresh program but for the tax incentives she's not sure off the top of her head but can find out. Board

Member Roberty stated that because a lot of supermarkets are closing and if there are incentives to use the existing infrastructure would make more sense. Instead of giving incentives to developers that are probably making a lot of money off this tax incentive meanwhile there are supermarkets closing. Especially, in low income neighborhoods where they can use this Fresh Food Program. So, she thinks there should be a program for existing supermarkets and existing building infrastructure to make sure that the supermarkets in those neighborhoods can remain instead of just giving new developers opportunities to make more money. Katherine Richards, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning stated that's the type of feedback that even though the zoning portion of the program isn't in Community District 18 and the text amendment isn't changing in Community District 18's current fresh program so if you were still interested in submitting a recommendation that's the type of comment that is really helpful for them to hear and would appreciate.

Jesse Hirakawa, Representing the NYC Department of City Planning asked if he could add on to what both Board Member Barbara Bieber and Denise Gourdine comments and concerns about your feedback and kind of contributing to kind of shaping these text amendments. This is going into the public review process where its not finalized yet and its just come out of City Planning and now its going through the public review process where its coming to you the community board so that the community boards can formally input their feedback and their comments and put it on and recommend it. So, and then it moves on to the borough presidents and then on to the City Council. So if you feel very strongly about certain things he would definitely recommend submitting some form of recommendation on the online application portal which some of you may be very familiar with and also advocating to your council members too so that they the elected officials can also weigh in on this too if you want them to continue on that.

7:42 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Regular Meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader, 59th A.D who greeted everyone and thanked everyone for selecting her as the New District Manager of Community Board 18. She stated that she looks forward to working with everyone and strengthening the board. She also congratulated Dorothy Paul on her appointment in her new position as the Assistant District Manager. She's sure that they'll make a great team and looks forward to working with and seeing everyone in person come September. She stated that hopefully, we'll all be back together again, and we'll be right in the middle of the office where we'll all be able to see each other face to face without masks. She wished everyone a great summer.

Chairperson Ien introduced Roxanne Persaud, Member, NYS Senate who greeted everyone and congratulated both Dorothy Paul and Sue Ann Partnow on their new positions and she looks forward to working with both of them as we continue doing great work at CB 18. She thanked everyone on the board who voted for these fine young ladies to the positions that they will now hold. She quickly went over some of the upcoming activities across the district and hopes that everyone received their latest newsletter, as well as the one that was mailed. She also hopes that they're receiving their weekly e-newsletter with the information that they're sending out. She informed the board that they have been doing free electronic recycling over the past two months or more and it has been a tremendous success, so they are extending it through the end of June. They have it on Friday from 2 PM to 5 PM at her district office located at 1222 East 96th Street. Anyone who has

electronic waste to dispose of please do bring it by. The Department came and collected today and each week they have averaged about 100 pieces of e-waste collected. You would be surprised that the televisions that people have in their homes that they've had in their basement for a while waiting to dispose of them. So, instead of dumping on our streets we encourage you to bring your e-waste to our district office and again its this Friday from 2 PM to 5 PM. She also informed the board that tomorrow they have a food distribution at 1223 East 96th Street. They have been doing the food distributions with the Campaign Against Hunger for the past 14 months or more and that begins at 11 AM. So, if you could share the information with anyone who wants to come by and it's while supplies last. And then on Saturday they are hosting a shredding event in partnership with Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries, Assembly Members Jaime Williams and Nick Perry, and Council Member Alan Maisel and its sponsored by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and that's from 11 AM to 2 PM. You can bring all your papers to be shredded. Remember, if you have a business you cannot bring your boxes of papers with documents to be shredded as this is only for households. On June 24th they are hosting with New York State Homes and Community Renewal, the Governor's Office of Faith and Community Development and the State of New York Mortgage Agency to host what is called New pathways to home ownership and that's on Thursday, June 24th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. That information is on their social media pages and the senate page. Registration is required and so the link is there if you know anyone who's looking to become a new homeowner. Please share the information with them and have them register to participate. Again, the State of New York's Mortgage Agency will be facilitating that conversation. So, those are the things that they are hosting, and she knows Assembly Member Jaime Williams will tell everyone some of the other things that she's also spearheading. They look forward to everyone participating in as much as possible in what they're hosting across the district. Yesterday they hosted a very interesting webinar and it was geared toward young women in junior high and high school but any person could have participated and they had a good number of people participate primarily from the schools and the superintendents and its highlighting something that we don't talk about especially women because it's something that's seen as taboo in our communities and that is something that's called carry of poverty, menstrual inequality you know and its highlighting a situation that is ingoing in these United States. It's something that people do not believe happens here, but it is where young menstruating women do not have access to products that they need and on average girls are missing school 4 days per month because they cannot leave their homes or people are missing work because they cannot leave their homes because they do not have access to menstrual products and its something that they're highlighting. There's still about 30 states in the United States that still tax menstrual products and it boggled the mind when you hear because it's not something that's seen as essential and they're trying to highlight that so if anyone of you want to see the conversation that they're having and legislation tat they're pushing across the country and on the federal level also where feminine hygiene products should not be taxed and it should also be easily accessible to women or anyone who's menstruating across all avenues. So. Whether you go into a government building, school or wherever you are going you must have access to these products and so they had a very good conversation about that yesterday. They are in the legislative session on the state level and has ended well while ended as far as they're not there this week. They will be going back once they call them because there are some things that need to be taken care of. Namely appointments the boards and such so on and so forth. So, they are not sure when they will be going back but they will be going back soon to take care of some unfinished business. She stated that she hopes everyone is following everything that they're doing. If you could either follow them by going to their senate webpage at persaud.nysenate.gov or go to the general senate webpage at nysenate.gov or just follow them on social media whether its Twitter or Facebook to see all of the great things that they are doing across our community. They also encourage everyone to contact their offices so that they can offer whatever assistance that they can offer to you. She asked

if anyone had any questions. There being no further questions she wished everyone a great summer. Chairperson Michael Ien thanked Roxanne Persaud, Member, NYS Senate for what she's doing at her office because he was there last month dropping off stuff, so it works.

Ian Girshek, Representing Assembly Woman Jaime Williams greeted everyone and informed the board that Assembly Woman Jaime Williams could not be on the meeting tonight and that he just wanted to wish everyone well and to say that he's very happy to be a part of this. Unfortunately, we're not in person but as we get closer hopefully as the fall approaches we will be able to be in person and he wanted to share just one event that's coming up which is on Saturday, June 26th and it's the Caribbean Heritage Month and it's hosted by the Assembly Member Jaime Williams, Senator Roxanne Persaud, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Assembly Member Nick Perry and of course Council Member Farah Louis and Alan Maisel. He asked if possible if he could share a photo of the flyer with everyone so that they can have it and that it's going to be held at South Shore Educational Campus between 2 PM and 5 PM. He wished everyone a very happy and most importantly a healthy summer and also congratulated Sue Ann Partnow on her appointment.

Ezra Pean, Representing Council Member Farah Louis greeted everyone and stated that she sees that the Council Member is on but she's also at a community meeting so she will speak briefly until the Council Member Louis steps in. She stated that right now, they are working with DSNY on some quality of life issues around the district, and so she is at one of those meetings today. She just wanted to come stop by and wish everyone a happy summer. They are still doing their weekly clean up initiative. She stated that Sabrina Dieujuste from their office is the person in charge of that initiative. They want to thank all the organizations and constituents who have been coming out to help them the past few Saturdays in regard to these community cleanups. If anyone has any areas of concern in the district that they'd like to see cleaned up or that can potentially be a cleanup area she's going to leave their information in the chat box so that they can send them an email in regards to those areas. The Council Member has also met with all the cure violence groups that reside over their district to talk about their summer public safety plan. Last week they held a "Guns Do Not Belong in their District" presser that unfortunately got cancelled but because they wanted to make sure that they're spreading the word and introducing the groups to the communities. They were outside on the junction in the rain and making sure that everybody was aware of who the new violence groups in our area were. They did have a victory with the Vector Pest Control site as some of them may be aware of and about the call. They just wanted to make sure that everybody knows that there is no application or lease as of right now for 1427 Ralph Avenue. There was an application for the Vector Pest Control site before. They do not know if the deal that DOHMH or any other agency is going to come back with to the Community Board or their office with for 1427 Ralph Avenue, but the Council Member is actually working on trying to get some support for the business industrial zone in that particular area. To make sure that anything coming in would be beneficial to the community. On Tuesdays with Elite Learners they host a food pantry on Avenue D and on Wednesday's at Nostrand Playground at 4 PM and on Fridays on the junction at 3 PM for anyone who is looking for food. Their office is still working with Target in regard to a job fair that they are trying to hold for the kids in the community. So, hopefully they can get one by the holiday peak hours. She stated that she will leave their information in the chat below and if anyone has any questions or concerns to please feel free to reach out to their office.

Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct greeted everyone and reported on the crime statistics, comps of the week that ended before June 13, 2021. She stated that the overall went down in crime 26% from 285 in 2020 to 211 in 2021. In the 20-day period they're even 41 versus 41. Unfortunately, their shooting incidents were up from last year. Last year there were 5

incidents this year it's 10 with 13 victims. Nevertheless, they took 47 guns. 47 guns were recovered year to date. The last shooting, they took was on May 3, 2021 in Bayview Houses. However, they took a shooting today in the Breuklen Houses on East 105th Street and Farragut Road. Year to date they're also down in traffic 46% which she thinks is a great number because last year there weren't a lot of cars out but this year more cars are out but nevertheless they're still down and targeting their main corridors which are Flatlands Avenue, Rockaway Parkway and any complaints that they have and or receive. They are also making sure that they are addressing that and the initiatives, outreaches, and any notifications to the Department of Transportation. She stated that's all she had to report on and asked if anyone had any questions. Chairperson Michael Ien asked if Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct could stick around a little while longer because he needs her help and advice on certain items that will be coming up in a little while. Board Member Barbara Bieber informed Capt. Elissa Carlies that that double parking is horrendous on Rockaway Parkway as far down to the Belt Parkway back and it's happening especially by Canarsie High School. They're playing football in the field or whatever they're doing there. The double parking in this neighborhood is horrendous. They're parking in the handicapped areas and she sees the police officer go by and no one stops them and asks them to move. Capt. Elissa Carlies stated that she would put out a notification to their traffic team and have them see if they could come out and help them as far as the double parking. Board Member Bieber stated yes please especially on the Avenues where it's the worse because don't forget they have those new concrete barriers and then you have the buses that have to pull out and so what happens is if they're parking so close to the barriers that cars in both directions are ending up in the center yellow area and it's creating a hazard. Capt. Elissa Carlies stated that she would also have her NCO's jump on it as well and go over there and write a few parking summonses. Kamine Williams, Area Resident informed Capt. Elissa Carlies that she lives in the Seaview Estates on the dead end of Seaview Avenue and East 108th Street across from Jamaica Bay and there's a field there and every Sunday and some Saturday's cars are triple parked. So, she'd like to raise Board Member Barbara Bieber one on the double parking because they're triple parked and they can't even get their vehicles out. She's called the 69th Police Precinct and she has to say and give credit where it's due because they've been responsive but last weekend two officers came and they literally looked at her and said what double parking. She stated that she looked away because she didn't want to engage in that as she was already frustrated and then the officer said well you know I don't know what you want me to do. She then informed the officer that here's the thing if she goes to the park that's a confrontation then her husband is going to come out and that's going to be a bigger issue. Right? So, she thought by calling for help they would be able to get the cars to move. She also stated that she's been living here almost 14 years, and this is not new, but it's getting worse. That's the issue and she knows that they're going to touch on the storm recovery project but it also kind of ties in because parking is now blocked off until July 2022 on that side of Seaview Avenue. So, she doesn't know what that's going to mean come the weekends for them. So, if the officers can come around that would be helpful. It's dangerous and she's at her withs end and she has the Community Affairs Officers' number in her phone and he's fantastic. She used to talk to Police Officer Woods all the time, but she knows he's no longer with them, but they need help. They're a dead-end street and they get neglected all the time when it comes to these traffic infringements. Capt. Elissa Carlies asked Kamine Williams if she's filing these complaints through the 311 system. Kamine Williams replied yes. Capt. Elissa Carlies stated that she will look into it. Board Member Maria Garrett stated that we should also look into the Parks Department because if they're issuing these people permits to utilize the field then they have to be more cooperative as far as the parking. So, they need to get in contact with the Parks Department to see if they have permits to use utilize that park on Saturdays and Sundays. Capt. Elissa Carlies stated that she noticed anytime there is an event in the park they also confirm with the Parks Department and most of the time they don't give permits but as long as the

park closes at 10 PM if not then they go in and enforce it. They don't enforce the permits as Parks Department does that but if they don't meet the curfew they will go in and say that the park is closed, and they must leave. Board Member Garrett stated that we're going to have to reach out to the Parks Department because we have the Fresh Creek Coastal Protection coming up and like the last young lady mentioned we're going to have some issues with that. Board Member Bieber stated that we need to get in contact with the Parks Department so that we have a contact number so that when these people of Canarsie see what's going on they can text or call in and say there's an event going on can you send someone down to check it out. It's now becoming a quality of life issue for our neighborhood and we should never ever accept that. Board Member Garret stated yes because most of those people don't live in the community. Capt. Elissa Carlies stated that she agrees.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Farah Louis, Council Member who greeted everyone and congratulated Sue Ann Partnow on her appointment as District Manager of Community Board 18. She shared that Ezra Pean is a representation of her and the office and that they have a plethora of cases and issues that always come to them and is sorry that they took so long this time around to share this information but they don't have other opportunities but just please know that everyone's concerns are their top priorities and their job is just to share the information, victories, and the concerns that are coming to their office and how they're addressing these particular things but since Ezra Pean of her office covered it all already and did a good job she just wanted to share with everyone that she hopes everyone has a great Father's Day and Juneteenth. She informed the board that she looks forward to the event that she's partnering on with Assembly Member Jaime Williams on June 26th at South Shore High School. She thanked Chairman Michael Ien and wished everyone a safe and blessed summer.

Chairperson Michael Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Community Board's Special Meeting for the Nomination to Fill the District Manager Position held on June 14, 2021. Board Member Maria Garrett asked for a correction of her name that was misspelled in the minutes. Board Member Violine Roberty asked is it normal to not include the questions and comments raised by the Board Members during the meeting in the minutes because her comments and questions from the Special Meeting were not included in the minutes and was inquiring as to why. However, if that's normal then her vote is a yes. She needed to know as she just can't agree to vote on things if she doesn't know what she's agreeing on. Chairperson Ien stated that he understood, and it wasn't a problem. There being no additions or corrections, Chairperson Ien made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 19 Yes Votes. Chairperson Michael Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Community Board Meeting held on May 19, 2021. There being none, Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Sal Calise seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 25 Yes Votes.

8:29 P.M.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery who provided a presentation on The Fresh Creek Coastal Protection Project schedule. Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery stated that this is an update and that he was here either February or March to sort of go over what this project is and so he won't go through too much detail again. He just wanted to provide an update about construction

starting that's happening in a couple of months and some of the parking and traffic impacts that you're going to see through the summer and into the winter of next year. So, for those that were not at the last meeting just to kind of briefly go over the scope. There are two primary components of this scope. One is the outflow reconstruction at Avenue M, and you'll see for those that are familiar with the area at the end of Avenue M and East 108th Street the outflow pipe that goes out into Fresh Creek is deteriorated and falling apart and they will be fixing and replacing that and extending it out a little bit further and dredging along in some of the area to help with erosion control of the shoreline over there. So, that's the outfall going out into the creek and shouldn't be too much in terms of day to day disturbance for folks and other than there will be cruise out on site later in the year but they'll get to the schedule in a little bit. The second component of the scope of work that they have there are construction of tide gate chambers. So, these tide gate chambers are going in the culverts under the ground and under the road. That will be there to during high tide events to stop Tidewater from coming back up into the sewer system. This is essentially a flood control measure. That's where a lot of the flooding along the East side of Canarsie over there along Fresh Creek occurs both in terms of just daily nuisance flooding that you get from high tide and rain events and storm surge events like Hurricane Sandy and again just to really quickly some up just the benefits here they're improving water quality, stabilizing the coastline, stopping the flow of sea water from coming up into the system. That's where the project is so here's where they are and again, they were here he believes it was March and they had just about awarded a contract. They have signed a contract with the construction vendor, and they are within budget moving forward. Right now, the contractor is out on site installing the or setting up the construction management trailer which he will get to that in a little bit too. Where they are in the process right now from June until October November. He's working on a dewatering permits and requirements from DEP which is the City and the DEC from the state. The contractors completed their testing for the dewatering that they need to do essentially pulling the groundwater up out so that they can dig up the road and under where the pipes are running so that they can install the tide chambers, Right now they're going back and forth with DEP and DEC to make sure that the contractor is doing everything they need to do to get that dewatering permit and then starting the tide gate installation in November. If that permit comes any more quickly which they're trying to do they may be starting a little bit earlier than November but right now assuming everything stays on track and they don't get any earlier they'll be starting tide installation in November. The project in total were both the outfall reconstruction and the tide gate installations will run until July of next year. So, this is something they had sent over to the community board either last week or the week before they will be out on site installing the trailer for the construction management team this week if they're not already out there you should see them out there by the end of the week. This will obviously have some parking impacts for this corner of this dead-end cul-de-sac here. This will be where the blocking of the parking for the lifetime of the project. So, as they go from now until July of next year. He knows that he has heard from folks before this is a highly utilized area for folks at the park, but it's out of the way of day to day traffic. So, that's why the contractor decided to stage over there. He provided the schedule as it stands. Right now, again if they get that permit in hand any earlier or any later than anticipated the schedule is subject to change. Again, it is dependent on DEP and DEC for them to get their permits in hand for them to start. But as they sort of go through the process from November into July of next year essentially one by one installing these tide gate chamber where you're going to see the pedestrian walkway and the sideway sort of moved over into the street and some of the roads becoming one way traffic lanes along where these tide gate chambers are installed. What they're going to do to follow up with this conversation is they're going to have the contractor amend some of the overheard maps that they had given them as they are not quite accurate when they submitted them earlier this week so you'll have overhead so you can see

exactly where the one lane of traffic is going to go and the tie it to a specific date based in the best information they have now. So, again the majority of what you're going to see out on site mostly along those tide gates on Avenue M, Flatlands 4th, Avenue N, Avenue K and Seaview Avenue. Changes in the traffic moving the sidewalks over the reason they're doing this and the contractor has to sort of block off parts of the street is that's where the pipes that are located under the street for them to be able to get in there and install the tide gates. So, they need to block the road to dig up the road. The one primary difference in terms of the scope that they're going to see is this construction staging and tide gate installation alone Avenue N. He knows this is going to be blocking driveways along Avenue N and he knows there have been some concerns about that and asked them to look at alternatives to move away which they did and part of moving the construction trailer and construction management trailer over to where they did as part of this but they have brought down the time that they'll be needing to block driveways from five to six months to two to three months. The reason that there is no way for them to bring down that timeline or not block driveways for this time is it has less to do with staging of equipment at this point and more to do with where the pipes are located. They're in the street and they need to dig up the street and install the tide gates. So, the blocking of the driveways on Avenue N is its just necessary for construction installation of the tide gates along on the street. So, once they have a permit close to a permit in hand and they have a more solidified start date again they're anticipating November but it may be a little bit earlier or a little bit later they'll be sending notice out to these individual homeowners and residents in these homes to let them know about their driveway impacts and they'll make sure to give them at least two months' notice but they're still just waiting for a little but more clarity on the timeline. Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery stated that he will stop there and asked of there were any questions. Kamine Williams a resident of Seaview Estates stated that one of the locations that he quickly went over on the dead-end street he voiced concerns with the park but she's a resident and has been for 15 years and it is a dead-end and they have a half of a city block to park on with alternate side parking for two days out of the week as it stands. Now since the construction began on Monday of this week only three cars can be moved to what they call the island or the median on that end. So, with all that being said all the residents who live on the Seaview Avenue side of Seaview Estates only three cars can fit there, and this is going to be until July 2022. So what considerations are being made for them. She heard him mention that there were some considerations for the folks on Avenue N. She bets that they might still be a little pressed about that but at least there were some considerations made. Is it just for management set up that the whole length of the block is going to be used and not necessarily for the construction? It sounds like just the trailer for the management. Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery stated that there will be construction along Seaview Avenue and East 108th Street. Again, the consideration that was made in terms of staging the trailer was to limit the amount of rerouting of traffic because that's an unfortunate sort of consequence of the installation of these tide gate chambers is that traffic is going to have to be rerouted. This is the closest area that the construction management team could identify that would not be rerouting traffic flowing through the community. So, he knows that it is an inconvenience and is hopeful that folks are understanding that the tide gate chambers is to stop the flooding from high tides in rain once they're installed this outweighs the benefits of that inconvenience of the parking for this time. Kamine Williams stated that let her be clear as she said she's a resident and lived through Hurricane Sandy, so she completely understands the necessity for this project. She's not disputing the importance or the necessity of this project. She is talking about their quality of life while they continue to live there for the duration of this project. Is it possible perhaps that instead of two days of alternate side parking they could have one or some type of consideration? Parking

here is already an inconvenience because of that field that is there and now for this onslaught of this time period she doesn't know what they're going to do. Has that been factored in like some type of alternate side suspension? Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery asked so you're looking for a little bit more flexibility and parking alternating days on that and he thought that it was a fair question. Kamine Williams stated instead of two days maybe one day and thought that would be extremely helpful. She knows that they are at that end and sometimes get overlooked over there because they're a dead-end street. Over 100 residents live on just that side of Seaview Avenue and the water side and people park over there. She stated that she has already spoken to about 30 residents over there and told them that she was going to be hoping to speak with him tonight about this. She asked will someone contact the NYC Department of Transportation. Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery stated sure and he'll pose some of these questions to the construction management team about what and if any flexibility there is to maybe ease some of the concerns about the parking that they're blocking. He doesn't know the answers to those questions, but they can definitely set up a call between her, the construction manager and himself to go through sort of in more detail. So, that they would have off hand sort of what they're thinking is and what this is going to look like through the rest of the year and what flexibility if any they can work on and what that may mean for cost for them and they can have that conversation separately with the team. He stated that he would leave his email in the chat and she can send him an email with her phone number, and they'll have that conversation with them on Thursday or Friday and they'll set something up for next week to talk. He also asked if that could work. Kamine Williams replied yes it does and thanked him. Board Member Maria Garrett asked if they would receive updates from the contractor and the Management Company about what's going on, on a weekly basis. Because as far as the parking is concern if you're not going to have to take away some of the parking on certain days this way the residents would know if they would be to be allowed to park on those off parking days. . Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery stated that they're probably going to send over through the next 2 to 3 months either a monthly update because there won't be any additional changes other than that trailer installation because there won't be any parking or traffic changes over the next couple of months but once they start construction and or they're gearing up to start construction in October or November then you'll start getting weekly updates about what's going to be happening with the traffic. So, yes for now there's not too much other than that there. They may be going out and doing some more testing but they're not going to be any parking or traffic impacts for a couple of months. Board Member Maria Garrett thanked him. Board Member Gil Cygler suggested that Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery contact Keith Bray the Brooklyn Borough Commissioner for the NYC Department of Transportation and ask him to suspend the alternate side street parking on that block and they'll notify the police precinct about not enforcing because the construction management team won't be able to do it and that he's going to have to do it. Zachary Tierney, Director of Communications and External Affairs at the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery stated that they'll have the conversation with Kamine Williams and the residents and get a sense of what exactly they are talking about and talk with this construction manager about what they think works for them and what they can and cant do and then whatever conversations that they need to have with the NYC DOT to make that work for sure.

Chairperson Ien introduced Congress Member Yvette Clarke who provided an update on activities, programs, and events. Chairperson Ien stated that he remembered the days when she was a Council member at the City Council, and they worked together at 250 Broadway and asked if

she remembered those days and that it was nice to see her. He also stated that it's not too often where we have someone of your stature come here and a Member of the House of Representative. He's been a member of this board for over 25 years and can't remember a time a Member of Congress would come here. Its been a long time and happy that she came and hopes that she comes again. Congress Member Yvette Clarke replied that she did remember and will plan to come again. She stated that what happens oftentimes the board meetings require them to physical be there. She's currently in Washington, DC right now and so because we have the virtual meeting, she was able to be with everyone and would love to come back again to keep everyone abreast of what is taking place in Washington, DC. It's a very dynamic time here in Washington and its also a very dangerous and contentious time and we all witnessed the insurrection on January 6th and the sentiment and the environment still holds some of that tension and anxiety as they go to work each and every day. But she's from Brooklyn and she's made of tough stuff and she's here to do the work of the people that she loves so dearly. She thanked the board as they are on the ground each and everyday doing everything that they can do to make a difference in the lives of the people that we collectively we represent and so she's grateful to them all for the work that they do to make a difference in the lives of the people of Community Board 18. Board Member Tomas Hernandez Jr stated that he's lived in the community for many years and wanted to say in behalf of all his fellow community board members he wishes to thank her, Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries and Nydia Velasquez for the many bills and fights that they've fought for us in Washington, DC and that we look forward to continuing to support the three of them and as they've done very well in and looking out for our interest. So, he would like to say thank you. Congress Member Yvette Clarke thanked him and stated that she would let fellow Congress Members Jeffries and Velasquez know as they are also there in Washington with her fighting together every day. Congress Member Yvette Clarke answered some questions and concerns raised by Area Resident Jamaal Carryl, Board Member Sal Calise and Judy Newton. Congress Member Yvette Clarke thanked everyone on the call and wished all the Fathers on the call a happy Father's Day.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Michael Ien

Chairperson Michael Ien welcomed Board Member Raphael Treitel to the board. Board Member Raphael Treitel thanked him and stated that it is a pleasure to be serving.

Chairperson Michael Ien explained the reason for the Co-naming of a section of Flatbush Avenue, in memory of John A. Cortese. Chairperson Ien explained that John A. Cortese was a fixture in the Marine Park neighborhood for over 80 years. His business, "The Golden Gate Market" opened in 1939 and continuously operated until March 2020. John resided on Flatbush Avenue, followed by East 45th Street. He raised his family and lived on Hendrickson Street for 60 years, until his death on April 19, 2020. His life exemplified service to his beloved Brooklyn community. Chairperson Ien asked if anyone had any comments. Board Member Paul Curiale stated that throughout the years they had a group of young people from PS 207 Fillmore Academy that use to visit this gentleman and he was always the gentleman, scholar and he would always show the pictures in his business on Flatbush Avenue and they even honored him for Veteran's Day. He recently believes Council Member Alan Maisel also honored him recently. He was also an icon in our community and not just in the Marine Park area, but he was also a very big help to all our Mill Basin residents as well. This is a big honor and he looks forward to this street naming as well. Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes Office stated that the Senator honored him posthumously with a veteran's award and he truly was a local fixture and a wonderful man and who not only served his country but also his community. Chairperson Ien made a Motion

to Co-name of a section of Flatbush Avenue, in memory of John A. Cortese. Board Member Paul Curiale seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 21 Yes Votes. Chairperson Ien stated that Council Member Alan Maisel will be informed of the Board's decision for his final submission at the City Council.

Chairperson Michael Ien informed the board that the Search Committee to nominate the New District Manager for Community Board 18 reported their findings to the Full Board on Monday, June 14, 2021. At that meeting the Full Board voted to appoint Sue Ann Partnow as the New District Manager and Dorothy Paul as the Assistant District Manager of Community Board 18.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Nancy Walby greeted everyone and informed the board that some information has been brought to her attention that there has been unsafe (possibly dangerous) activities taking place in Marine Park, such as unauthorized cars and other motorized vehicles being driven through the park during the day when it's occupied by pedestrians, picnickers, and organized groups of children, etc. So, everyone should stay alert, be aware of their surroundings, and call 911 immediately if they feel they are in danger while on Park property. This, of course, applies to all Parks, not just Marine Park. She stated that she has already spoken to P.O. Thomas Podd, of the 63rd Precinct and he stated that he hasn't seen or heard of any 911 calls. She knows that Capt. Elissa Carlies, and P.O. Samuel Maria who are on here tonight and doesn't know if they've gotten any reports but it's really important that if you're in the park and you see this activity going on to call 911. It's not just little kids but Margot Perron the Parks Manager of Marine Park informed her that there was an adult who brought his two toddlers into the park with this little toy motorized vehicles and while he was jogging around these kids in these motorized vehicles they were too young to drive but yet it's a motorized toy and frankly was going faster than some of the park vehicles. So, there are no motorized vehicles allowed in the park and she made them leave immediately. So please stay alert and call 911 if you see anything and it applies to all the parks. Board Member Nancy Walby informed both Board Member Maria Garrett and Kamine Williams that she heard them earlier about the permitting and groups being in Monroe Cohen Park without permits and that it is a topic of conversation all over and she's going to keep reminding the Parks Manager about that. The parks Department is having their own budget problems but there are plenty of groups in the parks without permits.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Sal Calise, Chairperson

Chairperson Sal Calise congratulated Sue Ann Partnow and Dorothy Paul on their appointments and stated that it's well deserved.

1. N 210382 ZRY - Health and Fitness Citywide Text Amendment – Vote

Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends Denial of the Non-ULURP application for N 210270 ZRY - Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA). Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 24 No Votes.

2. N 210380 ZRY - Fresh Foods Store Update – Vote

Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends Denial of the Non-ULURP application for N 210406 ZRY - Citywide Hotels Text Amendment. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 24 No Votes.

3. State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

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

- Tara K. Greenidge BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street – 11236
- Quality Food Best Quality Good Hands, TBA, 2301 Flatbush Avenue – 11234
- Mack Daddy’s Corp, Mack Daddy’s Corp, 5511 Avenue N – 11234

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

- Nora’s Park Bench Café, LTD, Nora’s Park Bench Cafe, 3019 Quentin Road – 11234
- Bennet’s Best Ltd, Il Posto, 7409 Avenue U – 11234
- Richard’s Hall & Lounge Inc., Richard’s Hall & Lounge, 9404 Avenue L – 11236

Chairperson Sal Calise stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63rd and the 69th Police Precinct about the SLA Applications received. Objections were received for the New Application received for Tara K. Greenidge BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street, 11236. The 69th Police Precinct objects to this application because there are two rental halls on this block already, and a history of multiple 311 calls, noise, and double-parked vehicles. They also stated that they have not been able to verify the owner of the building as it comes back to a basement with a location in Manhattan. Also, the 69th Police Precinct is still reviewing the Renewal Application received from Richard’s Hall & Lounge Inc., Richard’s Hall & Lounge, 9404 Avenue L, 11236. They stated that there was a shooting that took place at that location last year along with other things involving that shooting. Therefore, they are still reviewing this application and would get back to us on their position this evening. Chairperson Calise asked if the P.O. Samuel Maria from the 69th Police Precinct was present. P.O. Samuel Maria informed the board that they have no objections to Richard’s Hall & Lounge Inc., Richard’s Hall & Lounge, 9404 Avenue L, 11236 and that they spoke with the applicant today and informed them of their concerns and she stated that she along with her partner will work together with the 69th Police Precinct. Tara K. Greenidge of BSMT.bk LLC, 1010 East 92nd Street, 11236 was present for the application and stated that at the May meeting she was asked to come back with the hours of operation with the types of events that will be held there, however, she is unsure if the board is still interested in that information. Chairperson Calise asked her to provide the board with that information. She stated that it is an intimate event space although she is aware that there are two other event spaces within close proximity. She will try and get in contact with the 69th Police Precinct to see what suggestions or recommendations could be made with her also having an event space there as well. She doesn’t know why the 69th Police Precinct is having an issue verifying the owner of the building and as to why it comes back to a basement with a location in Manhattan because she just acquired the building in January. Chairperson Calise stated that the other objection is having three event halls on one block is going to be an issue and the civic association even had something to say about it. It’s also an issue with parking if all three of those halls are having a party at the same time on the same weekend. So, it is a concern and unfortunately there has already been multiple complaints for double parked vehicles, noise after hours and multiple 311 calls. So, he doesn’t see how this is going to be such a great idea for her. Tara K. Greenidge asked if it was possible if she could withdraw her application and do more research rather than having her application denied or

disapproved. So, that she can communicate with the 69th Police Precinct. She stated that she is going to admit that she didn't get to personally go down to the precinct due to time constraints but the number that they have she was unable to reach anyone. However, she did leave numerous messages, unfortunately no one called her back. She was able to get in contact with the Community Liaison for the 67th Precinct and he was able to provide her with some information on running an event space where she's able to work with the community because she is aware that when you have an event space that you have to take into consideration the residents. So, she is unsure if she can withdraw her application where it doesn't affect her negatively in case if she decides to go forward at a later date. P.O. Samuel Maria stated that to also reinforce where the precinct stands. They have multiple shots spotter activations in the vicinity of that location and especially that block. They've also had confirmed shots fired on that block itself stemming from the other two rental spaces. Board Member Maria Garrett stated that she knows that there is a church right next door to that event space, therefore, isn't it too close to have an event space with a liquor license near a church. P.O. Samuel Maria stated that is correct. Tara Greenidge stated that if you visit the NYS Liquor Authority webpage there is a mapping system that allows you to put in the location it doesn't come up as exclusively a church because its also a residence. Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant for Community Board 18 informed the board that the 200-foot rule only applies if the building is being used exclusively for a school, church, or synagogue. The location in question has apartments upstairs so the entire building is not exclusively used as a church. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that but there are homes across the street and slightly up the block there is a Jehovah Witness Church. P.O. Samuel Maria stated that just up the block before you hit Foster Avenue there is a Kingdom Hall there. Tara Greenidge stated that it doesn't fall within the 200-foot rule. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked if she understands that there are three event halls on the same block with people who live across the street and people who live upstairs from them. Further discussion took place and Tara Greenidge agreed to withdraw her application. Chairperson Michael Ien asked P.O. Thomas Podd if the 63rd Police Precinct had any objections to the application received from Mack Daddy's Corp, Mack Daddy's Corp, 5511 Avenue N, 11234. P.O. Thomas Podd stated that they researched the location and there haven't been any 311 complaints or any other complaints. There are also no other bars on that street. There's a bakery and a dance studio. There are residences on East 56th Street which is around the corner but again there's nothing for them to say that is negative towards it. Chairperson Sal Calise asked wasn't this establishment renamed. P.O. Thomas Podd stated that it's been under construction for a while and believes it use to be called Tommy Max and before that it was called Frank's Tavern.

There being no further comments or questions concerning the applications Chairperson Sal Calise made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the New and Renewal Applications received from Quality Food Best Quality Good Hands, TBA, 2301 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Mack Daddy's Corp, Mack Daddy's Corp, 5511 Avenue N, 11234, Nora's Park Bench Café, LTD, Nora's Park Bench Cafe, 3019 Quentin Road, 11234, Bennet's Best Ltd, Il Posto, 7409 Avenue U, 11234, Richard's Hall & Lounge Inc., Richard's Hall & Lounge, 9404 Avenue L, 11236. Board Member Grace Zwillenberg seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 21 Yes Votes.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA WEBEX . . .

Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes' greeted everyone and provided an update on things that she spoke about last month. There Yoga in the Park started this past Monday and they had a good turnout. They're hoping as word it gets out there that more people will show. The weather was perfect and there will be five more sessions. Last month she spoke about cleanups and they're continuing. Concerts on the park will be taking place this summer

and very soon their lineup will be announced. As far as legislation goes the “Sleep Bill” which she mentioned last month was probably going to pass imminently did pass both houses and this provides greater enforcement mechanisms for loud mufflers and souped engines which are already illegal but are terrorizing the neighborhoods and she’s sure most of you have heard what they’re doing. In the interest of keeping it short she will end with good wishes for Happy Father’s Day for all the dads and father figures out there and Senator Gounardes’ extends his wishes for an enjoyable and safe summer to all and thanked everyone.

Board Member Barbara Bieber stated to the board that she apologizes for getting her panties in a tizzy before but as board members and she’s been coming for 27 years to this board and we have always fought for what is right for our neighborhood and if you condone this and allow a third hall on that block when another building decides to shut down and then we get another one to come in is anyone going to step forward and say okay we’ll help you figure it out or we’ll approve it. Or when it happens on your block and you come to the board and you want everyone to back you up and stand behind you then we have that problem. As a board our obligation is not just because its not on your block but because it happened in Bergen Beach or Marine Park if someone doesn’t like something that’s happening in Bergen Beach or Marine Park or whatever she will vote no because that person has an issue within that neighborhood. It’s a quality of life issue. To say that she’s there and we’ve got three halls coming on what happens to the next one and how many times are we going to have sympathy for something that we abur dramatically in this neighborhood or any of the neighborhoods. The \$5 dollar parties, restaurants opening and putting music outside till about 10-12oclock at night and then you all come to the board and have a problem with it. But because it’s not directly next to you and you feel sympathy. It has nothing to do with trying to be a nice person. It’s a quality of life issue for our neighborhood when you allow this to continuously happen, she guarantees you in 10 years your neighborhood will no longer be what you bought into. It will have changed so drastically you all will want to move and that’s what happens. It happens inch by inch. I apologize for losing her cool with the applicant before, but she has to say she has never in all her years seen this where we’re going to be sympathetic to three halls on a block across the street from homes and she just has to say that as a board member. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald stated that she doesn’t believe that they were being sympathetic. First the applicant wanted to withdraw her application and she doesn’t think that how it went about was the right way and feels that she went at her very rough. Also, we as a board have our own minds and opinions and we all must be able to make our decisions as such. She stated not to get her wrong and she loves her and everyone on this board, but we shouldn’t come at people in that way. That was wrong. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that she just personally didn’t believe that was her opinion. Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald stated that we have 50 people on this board, and we will not always all agree. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that they both made good points and that he agrees with both of them.

Keisha Sydney, Representing Sesame Flyers provided an update on activities, programs, and events.

Martine Jean-Charles an Area Resident stated that she lives on East 59th Street between Flatlands Avenue and Avenue J and there’s been a lot of improvement with regards to the mechanical work that was being done on her block. It has stopped but the only concern they have now is the homeless person living in the van on her block. There are people in the neighborhood who are saying that they are afraid to walk down that block because the person who lives in the van sometimes exposes himself. She stated that this homeless van has been there for years and they have called 311 several times and every time they put a sign to tow it, but it doesn’t get towed. Also,

another issue is the graffiti on the walls. She also stated that she has spoken with the Community Affairs officer at the 63rd Police Precinct about removing the graffiti and getting the wall painted because it all happened during the Covid lockdown. As homeowners they paid a lot of money for their homes and the investment that they worked very hard for and they would like the block to look like a livable area even though they're behind the Flatlands Shopping Center. She's reached out to the owner of the Shopping Center to speak to the person who's responsible for removing the graffiti and nothing has been done. Also, with a lot of the event places popping up in the area it is a concern along with cars driving fast with the loud mufflers and having people who don't live in the community coming in the community with behavior that's unacceptable and that's a problem. She knows that there is a lot of frustration but as homeowners we have to keep in mind that we have young kids and we just don't want to hear the bullets going around and the cars speeding down the blocks because it has gotten ridiculous with what's going on right now. She also stated that she lives in the area and wants to feel safe and comfortable in her own community. Joan Gilbert, Representing the Flatlands Civic stated that she is very familiar with what she's talking about on East 59th Street between Flatlands Avenue and Avenue J. The NCO Officers know all about this. She stated that herself and Dorothy Paul the Community Assistant at Community Board 18 have spoken about this some time ago and not sure if she remembers but Ms. Jean-Charles is right there is some improvement. The Flatlands Civic has been involved heavily with what is happening with the double parked cars on either end and it's not just double parked cars but broken down vans and they're doing mechanical work on the street and they're discarded oil cans and it's just a mess. It's a security and health issue there but thankfully as Ms. Jean-Charles mentioned that they've done some improvement. She stated that she will provide the board office with their email address and would like to have Ms. Jean-Charles contact information so that they can talk. She stated that the Flatlands Civics' next meeting is going to be held next Thursday virtually via Zoom and she's hoping to have the NCO Officers from the 63rd Police Precinct attend and then they can talk some more about this. P.O. Thomas Podd stated that he wants to try and help them out as much as possible with this. He asked Joan Gilbert to send him her contact information and he'll be in touch as well with the NCO's and they'll try to solve their issues. He stated that they just did a graffiti clean up on Flatbush Avenue these last two weeks. He doesn't know if anyone noticed but if you have more graffiti let them know and they'll go out. Their Executive Office is big into graffiti and they did it again. They did a couple graffiti cleanups these two weeks and they'll definitely hit it up that location for sure. He also stated that he sent his email in the group chat so for them to please take it down and send him their contact information and he'll make sure to be in contact with them as well as the NCO's and they'll definitely get this done. Board Member Paul Curiale stated that East 59th Street between Flatlands Avenue and Avenue J is in the Mill Basin Civic. He stated that they held their meeting last night at Mary Queen of Heaven. So, he definitely wants Ms. Jean-Charles to attend the Flatlands Civic Meeting next week but he wrote the information down in his notes the moment she mentioned this and actually they'll work with P.O. Thomas Podd on the beautification because they actually started up their beautification program again thanks to Council Member Alan Maisel.

Board Member Maria Garret extended Father's Day wishes to the fathers and wished everyone a happy summer. She also congratulated Sue Ann Partnow and Dorothy Paul on their appointments to District Manager and Assistant District Manager.

Dorothy Paul Community Assistant at Community Board 18 thanked the Search Committee and the Full Board for promoting her to Assistant District Manager. She stated that she is delighted and will continue to work hard for the board and the Community Board 18 community and looks forward to the additional responsibilities as Assistant District Manager. So, she wanted to thank them all again.

Sue Ann Partnow thanked everyone for an exhilarating meeting and to keep their passion about the community.

Chairperson Michael Ien wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day, Juneteenth and wished everyone a happy summer. There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Michael Ien thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight. Board Member Ien asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18 and Board Member Terri Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 21 Yes Votes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 P.M.

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