

ATTENDANCE

Sallie Viola Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Gardy Brazela
James Buchanan
Terri Cadet-Donald
Salvatore Calise
Lucina Clarke
Paul Curiale
Amar Dyal
Reeves Eisen

Maria Garrett
Ian Gaynor
Joan Gilbert
Denise Gourdine
Stuart Heier
Fayth Henderson
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Jean Joseph
Judy Newton

Mitchell Partnow
Anne Richards
Yolaine Ridore
Viole Roberty
Jeff Rodus
Marcia Schiff
Nancy Walby
Sylvia Whiteside
Bishop Nathan Williams
Valerie Woodford

GUESTS:

Audrey Julien
Arlene Perkins
Anne Richards
Denise Gordon
Diana Soriano
Eric Watts
Hon. Farah Louis
Frieda Menos
Gerard Brewster
Capt. Genevieve Isom
Hattie Hightower
Richard Harper
Harriet Wieber
Hon. Helene E. Weinstein
Hon. Jaime Williams
Jenika McCrayer
Jennifer Bedeau
Joan Gilbert
Jacques Hyppolite
Jodieann Nelson
Johnny Arcenteles
Jack Plushnick
Tim Kepler
Keisha Sydney
Linda Steinmuller
Margot Perron
Michael Benjamin
Elba Melendez
Orlando Ross
Rachel Tucker
Reeves Eisen
Rhonda Watson
Capt. Robert Conwell
Hon. Roxanne Persaud

New Amersfort Assoc.
Area Resident
Representing Assembly Woman Williams
Area Resident
NYC Department of Transportation
Area Resident
Council Member
Representing Congressman Jeffries
Utica 2 Flatbush
Commanding Officer, 63rd Precinct
Glenwood Houses Resident
Area Resident
Holy Trinity
Assembly Member
Assembly Member
Representing Brooklyn Borough President Adams
East 59th Street Block Association
Flatlands Civic Association
Area Resident
Area Resident
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Area Resident
Canarsie Courier
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
Senator Roxanne Persaud
Area Resident
Representing Congress Woman Clarke
Area Resident
Representing Senator Gounardes
Area Resident
Commanding Officer, 69th Precinct
Member, NYS Senate

Venessa Harry
Viv Parham
Sue Ann Partnow

Area Resident
Area Resident
District Leader, 59th A.D.

7:11 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Gardy Brazela opened the Virtual Board Meeting of Community Board #18 at 7:11 P.M. Board Member James Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Brazela advised the board that there will be a one rule standing, and any questions or concerns will be accepted if placed in the chat box. Also the board will allow the elected officials to speak first and then we will continue with the agenda.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced 59th Assembly District Leader Sue Ann Partnow who greeted everyone. She stated that it's a little strange, not seeing Dottie at the helm and that she's known District Manager Dorothy Turano a long time and after 37 years of dedication she deserves many, many years of good health and relaxation. District Leader Sue Ann Partnow spoke about early voting and stated that thousands of people participated in early voting this year and that we were lucky enough to have two early voting sites in our district, one in Canarsie and one in Old Mill Basin. They were busy and the lines were long but everything worked out and everyone was very pleased. She mentioned that they are always looking for poll workers, and people looking to work at the poll sites during Early Voting, Primary Day and Election Day. If anyone is interested and is a registered Democrat and would like to work through their Democratic Club they can get in touch with her by sending her an email in March at wontrap@aol.com. Our next primary and early voting is in June and if you're interested in working, you can make \$250 dollars for the day. There are bonuses and you also get paid for training. They'd love to have you if you're interested so if you know anyone who is please give them her email address. Lastly, she and her Co-leader Frank Seddio would like everyone to enjoy and have a happy, healthy and a very safe Thanksgiving.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Capt. Robert Conwell, Commanding Officer, 69th Police Precinct; who greeted everyone and briefly provided an update on general crime stats in the 69th Precinct. Capt. Conwell informed the board that within the 28 day period which is the most recent period they've seen an increase in assaults, felony assaults, rape, robbery and burglary; and are down in grand larceny, and grand larceny auto. The year to date numbers in the precinct are pretty much the same, except they are down in robberies in the year to date but up in the recent period. Traffic wise they're down 33% in collisions for the year. That's a very big number and obviously part of that is the time we have spent on lock down in the spring as a result of Covid; so we saw a lot less cars on the street. We are up one fatality from this time last year verses five during the year. He informed the board that there have been nine gun arrests in the past month for loaded firearms. Two of those involved juveniles and sadly to say as of right now all nine defendants are out of jail. They either made bail or they were released by the judge on their own recognizance. That follows suit of some of the uses we've been seeing citywide the entire year. There has been a drop in shootings in Canarsie since what we saw in the summer. Currently in the current period, we have three shooting incidents verses two last year. Tomorrow night's NCO Sector D Build the Block meeting that was scheduled to be in person at St. Jude Church is being moved to Friday night at 7 PM, and it will now be a zoom meeting as they must comply with the latest Covid regulations. The easiest way to get the information for the zoom meeting if your interested is to contact NCO Officers Ioana Matiuta or Yuri Enorme and the best way to get their emails is to visit www.nyc.gov and navigate the site. The officers will provide you with the information for the zoom, rather than just

putting the zoom information on an email. As of tomorrow, he's sure most people have already heard that New York City schools are going to be closed due to the rise in Covid cases. If anyone is wondering why he's wearing a mask during a zoom meeting it is because at the 69th Precinct, unfortunately they are experiencing just what the entire city is right now, and do have some Covid cases with officers who work from this building. So they're trying to combat that and limit the exposure. Next Thursday is Thanksgiving and he asked everyone to please keep the Covid governance rules in mind when having family over. The NYPD will not be policing your homes. In all seriousness, we do know now that the second wave that everyone has been talking about for months on end is here so we do have to be diligent and smart about things. He wished everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. The 69th Precinct will hit the ground running the next day which is Black Friday. He doesn't know what to expect, so they'll be prepared for extra traffic, shopping and policing shopping districts, in case they do see increased foot and vehicular traffic. He asked if anyone has any questions or concerns. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that she's witnessed an increase of Out of State cars parked on the streets and wants to know what is being done about it. Capt. Robert Conwell stated that they started noticing an increase of Out of State plates and a lot of Temporary plates. They are finding that some of these plates are forged or fake and officers are going out and making arrests for that. They are also doing some checkpoints and looking for this as well. While some of them are fake and forged, some of them also might be a byproduct of DMV's in New York and New Jersey being a little backlogged to being shut down. However, they are addressing it through arrests and summonses when appropriate. As far as an Out of State plate being parked on the street, it is not illegal, but they do a lot of tow operations for cars that are apparently abandoned on streets for long periods of time, regardless of whether it's an Out of State or a New York State Plate.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Capt. Genevieve Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Police Precinct who greeted everyone and briefly provided an update on general crime stats in the 63rd Precinct. Capt. Isom informed the board that within the 28 day period they're actually down in crime, and year to date they're even so things are looking good at the moment. However, for the period, they did take a homicide on Halloween that involved gun violence over on Avenue H. There are no arrests as of right now but the detective squad is working on that. There have been other instances of shootings and shots being fired as well. Unfortunately, they are seeing an uptick in Firearm violence and similar issues as last time as far as the property crime, that's not going away. She stated that about 50% of their property crimes that involved car break-ins the people have left property in their vehicles. They are also seeing tires and rims being stolen off of cars. Typically Honda's and it would be best if people got the wheel locks for those tires so that it doesn't continue to happen. Similarly, the GLA's the auto theft of a vehicle is continuing and is on the rise in the 63rd Precinct year to date, and they're up 100%. During the holiday season she understands that it can get cold, but don't leave the car running unattended, as that's where they're seeing the biggest problem, especially with holiday shopping. She expects to continue to see a trend so they are putting stuff on social media to make the public aware, however; they still see it. In regards to the holiday upcoming season they are putting a detail at the mall for Black Friday. If you're not planning to partake in any shopping, please avoid the area. We all know that Flatbush Avenue gets very congested this time of year. So just be careful.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Assembly Woman Helene E. Weinstein who greeted everyone and expressed that District Manager Dorothy Turano served our community well throughout the time that she herself has been in office. She wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. For those who have asked about the popular MetroCard Van that has been coming to her office monthly, they are getting them to return. They come the first Tuesday of the month from

10 AM to 12 PM, but they ask that everyone call and make an appointment so that they can make sure that everyone is spread out. Unfortunately, right now they're not handling cash or credit cards so you can't add money to your card. If anyone is having problems with their cards now that people are taking buses and trains a little bit more, you can come down and they will transfer the money to a new card or you can apply for a new card. She informed everyone that she has been speaking with the MTA about letting people add funds to their MetroCard because it seems ridiculous for users to have to take the bus to the subway station in order to add money to a MetroCard. She mentioned that they had some successful flu shot programs in the district and also reminded everyone that her office along with Assembly Woman Jaime Williams' office has hand sanitizers, and masks available, particularly for an organization. They have gallon bottles and they've been giving them out to local organizations. They've also had some massive drives where they come for a couple of hours, set up, and give them out along with recyclable sanitation bags. If anyone is in her district and interested in doing events with the Flatlands Flatbush Civic Association please get in touch with her office. Her office is able to handle most constituent issues online or on the phone, however they are open by appointment if it's needed for you to come in. Most importantly she wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced Assembly Woman Jaime Williams who greeted everyone and informed the board that next week is Thanksgiving and tomorrow they are doing their Food and Turkey Distribution next door to her office in the Glenn Terrace parking lot which is located at 5318 Avenue N, and it's first come first serve this year with the pandemic and everything that's happening. Their Turkey Distribution is a little bit different this year because they no longer have Fairway Supermarket donating who was one of their biggest sponsors. This year since they've downsized in turkeys they're opening it up to the districts. It's on a first come first serve basis. The Turkey Distribution is at 3 PM tomorrow, so share the information and come down because there will be lots to give away. The distribution is in partnership with the other elected officials, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, District Leaders Sue Ann Partnow and Frank Seddio, Council Member Alan Maisel and a lot of other sponsors within our community, which they are very thankful for their support. She and Senator Roxanne Persaud also have a joint distribution in Canarsie happening tomorrow as well and on Friday there's another one in partnership with Chairman Gardy Brazela, so please share the information. They will be practicing social distancing and everyone is required to wear face masks. At the distribution tomorrow they will be giving out face masks and sanitizers as well so please feel free to come on down. She expressed that she hopes to see everyone there and wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairperson Gardy Brazela introduced State Senator Roxanne Persaud who greeted and thanked everyone who participated in the process called voting, and that they have been reelected to their offices. She stated that as Assembly Woman Jaime Williams said before they are having a food distribution tomorrow at her office located at 1222 East 96th Street right here in Canarsie at 2 PM and they will be practicing social distancing and everything else. So please if you're coming it's first come first serve and you cannot hold a space for anyone so the person must be present because they're moving the lines forward. They will also be doing the face mask and sanitizer distribution, and have some other partners who will be there giving out information. The Carpenters Union who is also supplying some of the turkeys that they're distributing will also be there volunteering and handing out turkeys. As everyone knows during this pandemic they do not have as many organizations donating turkeys like they usually would have, so please bear with them. Also do not take it out on them if you do not receive a turkey when you come to any one of the distribution sites. She thanked everyone again for everything and getting them back into office. She acknowledged

Michael Benjamin who is on the call and who usually represents her at the meetings. She encouraged everyone to sign up for her weekly emails newsletter, which they will be going back to sending out. You can visit their web page at www.persaud.nysenate.gov to sign up for a weekly email newsletter. She wished everyone a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Brazela asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Community Board Meeting held on October 21, 2020. There being none, Board Member Michael len made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Mitchell Partnow seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 32 Yes – 0 No – 0 Abstention Votes.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Gardy Brazela

Chairperson Gardy Brazela informed the board that effective December 31st, 2020 he will be resigning from Community Board 18 because he will be running for NYC Council next year. He explained that the Community Board’s By-Laws provide that a Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) board members be appointed in November. He informed the board that he has appointed a Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers for 2021 and Board Member Ian Gaynor as the Chairperson. He asked if Board Member Ian Gaynor was present. Board Member Ian Gaynor being present explained that he reached out to the members of the Nominating Committee this week to announce the formation of the committee and that the slate of officers will be presented to the Board at the December 16, 2020 Community Board Meeting. Board Member Ian Gaynor explained that since Chairperson Brazela will be stepping down from the Community Board they will have to replace him as Chair and will be taking nominations at the December 16, 2020 Community Board Meeting, however the committee will be discussing possible candidates. Board Member Maria Garrett asked what the qualifications are for nominating a board member for the Chairperson slate or if there’s a criteria such as how long they have been on the board, and attendance. Board Member Ian Gaynor explained that as far as he is aware there isn’t any. Chairperson Brazela also explained that from his understanding the Board Member must be on the board for a certain amount of time and in good standing in terms of attendance. Board Member Sal Calise asked what the By-Laws say for that. Denise Gordon asked where this information is published and available so that community residents can view it and become aware of what is actually occurring and have equal opportunity to be nominated. Chairperson Brazela explained that the Chairperson’s position including the positions of the Executive Committee is voted on every calendar year. He also informed the board that he would have Community Assistant Dorothy Paul send the board members a copy of the By-Laws via email if they don’t already have them. Denise Gordon asked if it will be sent to the entire distribution list. Chairperson Brazela informed the board that the copy of the By-Laws will be sent to the board members tomorrow. Denise Gordon asked if community residents do not have any role in this process, or have an opportunity to find out how the process works. Chairperson Gardy Brazela stated that if they visit Community Board 18’s website they can view a copy of the By-Laws.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Nancy Walby greeted everyone and informed the board that The Parks Department held a meeting last night called Destinations Greenways Brooklyn. The Parks

Department is not only having meetings in Brooklyn but in Queens as well to upgrade some of the greenways. The particular greenway that they discussed last night was the greenway along the Belt Parkway from Leif Ericson Park following Shore Parkway down to Coney Island Avenue. The bike path and walkway along the Belt Parkway is in complete disrepair and is in need of repair. The Parks Department has received a grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust. There are currently no projects being funded. Last night was an opportunity to just speak about what the community wants. There were over 50 members of the community and possibly one hundred people in total on that virtual meeting. She wasn't sure how many people were from The Parks Department, The New York City Department of Transportation or just members of the community but it was a pretty good discussion. She looks forward to Spring of 2021 for The Parks Department to come out and give the public an opportunity to speak on this topic. So for those of you who haven't heard of this before, you should put it on your agenda. Also, to give everyone a heads up, all of the issues that we have discussed as a board about our parks came up during this meeting. So everyone is concerned about the same issues. So if you're interested, you can participate. The second issue is Marine Park. Community Board 18 wrote a letter to Parks Department Commissioner Martin Mahr requesting new signage at Marine Park, as recently they received signage which indicated that the park is open till 1 AM, and we would like to see that changed. So Community Board 18 wrote a letter to the Commissioner asking for new signage indicating that the park closes at 10 PM, primarily for safety issues in and outside of the park.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA WEBEX . . .

Jodieann Nelson raised a question about the recent spikes in crime that has been going on all over New York City. She stated that she knows a lot of that has to do with what's going on in the economy which we don't have any control over. Ms. Nelson asked what is the police doing to address this matter. She voiced that two people were robbed at gunpoint between yesterday and the day before that, and another robbery at gun point all within a one mile radius, so she is very concerned. She expressed that while she has been working from home, she doesn't feel comfortable taking a job working in the office, because of how this has really affected her quality of life. She would like to know what can we do as a community and just get some feedback from the police. Capt. Genevieve Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Police Precinct explained that sometimes it's just about them being in the area, and when suspects see their cars with their lights on, it serves as a deterrent. Capt. Genevieve Isom also stated that it's unfortunate that we are seeing an uptick in the robberies, but they are trying to fight this problem and it's her number one goal to combat that violence. She stated that it's a number one priority for both herself and Captain Conwell, Commanding Officer, 69th Police Precinct. They're doing the best that they can to arrest the offenders and doing what they can to work with the District Attorney's Office to prosecute these offenders as well. The robberies and felonies are there number one priority and a big focus in 2020.

Board Member Joan Gilbert stated that for the past couple of months they have been reporting to the NCO Officers a bunch of wrecked minivans parked on East 59th Street and Flatlands Avenue. The vehicles are wrecked and individuals are doing mechanical work on them on both sides of the street. It's not just a security issue but also a health issue because of the oil spilling from the mechanical work that they do. It has been a constant thing and they have complained for several months and it continues to look the same way. So they would like for this to be addressed. Capt. Genevieve Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Police Precinct stated that she will look into the matter. Unfortunately she was not aware of the issue, but individuals' working on wrecked vehicles on the street obviously is no good for the city. But it's something she'll take a look

at.

Rhonda Watson stated that she lives on East 56th Street between Glenwood Road and Farragut Road across from the Glenwood Houses. She asked Capt. Genevieve Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Police Precinct if they will be increasing police presence in our community since recently there has been ongoing shootings in the neighborhood, especially during the day when the elderly are walking around. So they're very much concerned about the elderly in our community being caught in the middle of the gang violence that's going on. Capt. Genevieve Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Police Precinct responded and said that the precinct works hand in hand with the housing base right there that covers the Glenwood Houses to make sure that they have adequate resources in the area. She also stated that the precinct typically has a car to give them special attention, just to the exterior of the housing development. In addition to that, she tries to supplement those resources because of what they've been seeing and obviously they have a problem right there along Glenwood Road and Avenue H. They've seen shots fired, and three shootings for the year in the Glenwood Houses. So it is a number one priority for her but like she said before the violence that we're seeing has been a number one priority and she's trying her best to address it. So, when she can, she stamps it to the max and then when they offer her overtime, she is able to create zones and that is her number one zone that she fills. That area specifically she has two areas called Glenwood North and Glenwood South because they have a shared border along Glenwood Road. She has three asset resources in that area so she understands the concern. Both she and the Captain from Housing are trying to work with the community with what they can do out there to prevent further violence. It's definitely a concern for her and unfortunate that we keep seeing the same kind of acts being committed over there. She was able to get a camera installed as well, so she is trying to do and think of anything she can to help the community, not see so many violent acts. She wanted everyone to know that they are staffing that area with officers and this isn't always activity driven it's sometimes just deterrence driven. Sometimes you'll see a police car parked there and that's what she tells them to do to prevent the crimes. Hopefully police presence alone will prevent the act from happening. So it is as a priority area specifically for the 63rd Police Precinct. Rhonda Watson thanked Capt. Genevieve Isom in advance for all her help with our community and if there's anything that they can do, to please let them know because she is very concerned about the elderly in the community because during that time of the day they're out there walking around and we want to make sure that they're safe as well as the children when they're coming home from school and those residents who are working.

Council Woman Farah Louis greeted everyone and thanked Millennium Development for hosting their Annual Veteran's Day Virtual Ceremony that she got to join with her colleagues in the Community Board 18 area earlier this month. It was a very patriotic way to celebrate our service members for their hard work and their sacrifice. She informed the board that her office has been working with the LIRR to remediate and paint over some of the train trestles in the district, particularly by Glenwood Road and Schenectady Avenue, and working through each part of the district to ensure, they mediate some of those train trestle areas. She also thanked her colleague's Senator Parker, Senator Persaud, Assembly Member Williams and Assembly Member Perry for joining her and working to get a letter to the Mayor's Office so that they could stop the men's shelter that is trying to construct on Foster Avenue and Eastern 59th Street that she is completely against being built. She feels this is not the best area for them to construct this particular project and they're going to continue to work hard and fight back the Mayor's Office's goal to build a shelter in that part of the district. She informed everyone that her office is located at 1430 Flatbush Avenue. Although they are closed they are open virtually and by phone for constituents that need assistance. They can be reached by email at district45@council.nyc.gov or by phone at 718-629-2900 if you would

like to schedule a virtual appointment. She introduced her community liaison Ezra Pean who was on the call to the board and to feel free to reach out to her office if you need anything or have any questions concerns. She wished everyone a happy, and a safe Thanksgiving.

Orlando Ross representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke's Office greeted everyone and briefly discussed what's been going on from the congressional standpoint. As of October 1st the house has just passed a version of the Heroes Act to address the critical needs of mental health. As you know, mental health is a serious issue that's going on in our community as pertaining to the Covid virus. He wanted to let everyone know that October 1st there was some improvements made for that. He stated that there was a compromise made with the Republicans pertaining to the Heroes Act where 2.2 trillion dollars will be poured into it for relief, and they're currently working on that bill as we speak. The Heroes Act is going to bring 436 billion dollars in much needed support for state and local government, as you all know, New York City, and New York State is in a deficit as pertaining to funding from federal government. The Heroes Act is essential in getting this bill passed and generate the 2nd round of \$1200 dollars direct relief payments for families and individuals, restore weekly federal 600 unemployment payments, \$600 dollars in unemployment payments through next January, commit another 75 billion dollars for testing and tracing treatment for Covid19 and support small businesses by strengthening their payroll protection program. He stated that if anyone has any questions or concerns they can feel free to reach out to him. His information will be posted in the chat box and he will be here until the duration of this meeting. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Reeves Eisen representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes Office greeted everyone and announced that as of late this afternoon State Senator Andrew Gounardes has been reelected to his seat; it came down to the paper ballot and the Senator won by a significant number. More details to be released, but she was asked to let everyone know that it will be his honor to represent this part of Community Board 18 and the Marine Park area for the next two (2) years and he thanks everyone for their support. She informed the board that their office is open Monday to Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM by appointment only. They're also trying to help everyone by phone and online but if you do need an appointment to come in, please call the office to schedule. Of course, everything is socially distanced and masks are required. She extended greetings for a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving on behalf of the Senator.

Frieda Menos representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Office greeted everyone and announced that the Congressmen won reelection today as House Democratic Congress Chair. So he's so much looking forward to continuing to work on unifying the country and to also bring forth many of the issues that are coming out of the 8th Congressional District, but in the city, and the state, and the nation so that we can get back to business of governing. She also thanked everyone who circulated, tuned in, or listened to the Facebook live information session that the Congressman hosted in conjunction with a neighboring Congressional Member this past weekend on the US Service Academy Automation Program. For those that are not aware Members of Congress are able to nominate really amazing young people who are interested in serving in their country. Whether it's the West Point US Naval Academy, US Air Force, Merchant Marine, or if they need a recommendation for the West Coast Guard. They were particularly excited to be able to showcase young people who've been nominated in the past and are currently in the schools from the 8th Congressional District and one of the two students we featured this year was from Canarsie and so Community Board 18 was well represented for this event. She encouraged everyone to visit their Facebook page and take a look at it and share with parents, students and educators who may have

some students who are interested in serving. The last thing they want is for them to find out after they already started college, and when they're trying to pursue, or wanting to become a military officer and not realizing that they can go straight into these academies to get an amazing education. Lastly she mentioned that Dara and one other person had reached out to their office and she also physically saw it as well, but at some point, possibly anytime between Labor Day or in October, suddenly there were a bunch of flags, furniture and couches that were situated with a white tent adjacent to the Canarsie Pier. They think there might have been either homeless people, or people who were trying to do some sort of encampment situation. She informed the board that they were notified today after they reached out to MPS that between MPS and the MPS police they were able to have maintenance, come out and remove all of the items that were put there, and apparently there were two individuals who were openly smoking pot, and we know that the Parks Police and the 69th Police Precinct is on the job, and they are going to be monitoring this location. So she just wanted to flag that for anyone who may have been monitoring this as well. So, if you're getting on the Belt Parkway at Canarsie Pier going eastbound you're not going to see those items that were there. She stated that she would provide the link for the Facebook and information about the US Service Academy Automation Program in the chat box. Board Member Maria Garrett thanked Frieda Menos for helping out with the items that were there because Dara reached out to her originally and wanted to know who could she reach out to, she in turn had advised her that it was federal and she should reach out to the Congressmen's Office. Frieda Menos responded and said that they are still working to find out because apparently there's some sort of boundary issue over there, and not everything is federal property. So there is a 2nd part to this, and they're working with Land Management and City Planning to determine exactly where the borders are so that every agency knows who's responsible for what. She's thankful that MPS took it over, because they didn't want to have that next to their property. Board Member Barbara Bieber mentioned that she thought it was really very nice to see the flags that were put up along the Pier on both sides of the highway because they had flags from all the countries represented. She asked who was doing it and how come it hasn't been kept up because it really was a nice touch for Canarsie as it represented our community. Board Member Garrett informed Board Member Bieber that Frieda Menos previously addressed the issue of the flags. Frieda Menos explained that they did a walk-through of the site and the flags were part of some random person who wanted to do a Labor Day event and they left the items there. They did not have permission to put the flags on this property. She also stated that you wouldn't necessarily see what's behind the flags when you're on the highway on one side but when you're on the walkway, there were actual couches, furniture and a table all around and lots of stuff going on there. Board Member Bieber responded and said that's not good but she thought the flags were a nice touch for Canarsie.

Gerard Brewster asked where he could find a copy of the By-Laws on the website because he has been checking the website and could not seem to find it. He was informed by Chairperson Gardy Brazela that the By-Laws should be on the website and if they aren't they will be in a few days as it has been given to DOITT to be added. Board Member Terry Cadet-Donald asked if it's possible to have a copy of the By-Laws emailed to the board members who cannot access the website right now. Chairperson Brazela responded and said yes. Gerard Brewster also asked if members of the community have access to the By-Laws and he was informed by Chairperson Brazela that the community does have access to the By-Laws and they will be available on the website.

Board Member Nancy Walby briefly informed the board that as a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), along with quite a number of our board members who are also team members she just wants to remind everyone that we are still in heavy storm season.

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2020

We've got some crazy weather and for everyone to check your emergency supplies, update them if necessary and make sure you've switched your go bag or have changed it from your summer clothes to your cold weather go bag. If anyone is interested in joining the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) they're always happy to welcome new members. You can Google Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) or even New York City Emergency Management and get information if you're interested. She wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business or discussion, Board Member Violette Roberty asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18 and Board Member Terry Cadet-Donald seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 32 Yes Votes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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