

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga
Sallie Viola Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Gardy Brazela
Melba Brown
James Buchanan
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Amar Dyal
Reeves Eisen

Maria Garrett
Ian Gaynor
Denise Gourdine
Stuart Heier
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Jean Joseph
Sharon Need
Judy Newton
Mitchell Partnow

Violine Roberty
Jeff Rodus
Marcia Schiff
Robert Tracey
Nancy Walby
Sylvia Whiteside
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Aaron Pierce
Jason Hussey
La Shawn Paul
Mike Ghaly
A. Myles
Chris Bygrave
Carmen Craig-Lawrence
Chidi Duke
Cheryl Hall
Dr. Jackie Cody
David Phillip
Dolange Donacien
Denise Mason
Denise Gordon
Arlene Perkins
Don Roberts
Diana Soriano
Diana Abrams
Archie Soodhoo
Loretta Chin
Hon. Farah Louis
Ezra Pean
Guerda Victor
Frieda Menos
Roy McKenzie
Gerard Brewster
Glenda Elie
Harold Jones
Ilan Kinsberg
Tiffany Pryor
Inga Oneale
Jennifer Bedeau
Jenika McCrayer
Johnny Arcenteles

Pierce & Kwok LLP, Representing Peppa's Restaurant
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Area Resident
Grab N Go Bus Stop Corp Deli
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East Flatbush Village
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Cody Cares
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Phillip Howard
NYC DOT
Area Resident
Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc.
Area Resident
Council Member
Representing Council Member Farah Louis
Area Resident
Representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries
Area Resident
Utica 2 Flatbush Initiatives
Area Resident
Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
East 59th Street Block Association
Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams
Area Resident

Juan Parra	Community Power
Hon. Andrew Gounardes	Member, NYS Senate
Reeves Eisen	Representing Senator Andrew Gounardes
Keisha Sydney	Sesame Flyers
Linda Steigmuller	Canarsie Courier
Margot Perron	NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
Marie Francois	Area Resident
Maureen English	Area Resident
Marsha Goodluck	Area Resident
Martine Jean-Charles	Area Resident
Michael Benjamin	Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud
Monique Waterman	NYC Health and Hospitals Test and Trace Corps
Nadine Sylvester	Area Resident
Naomi Hopkins	Area Resident
Nadine Letts	Area Resident
Nancy Montgomery	Area Resident
Medas Norine	Area Resident
Alvin Chiu	Area Resident
Elba Melendez	Area Resident
Orlando Ross	Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke
Patrick Jayson-Reyes	Area Resident
Paula Dunbar	Area Resident
Lillian Newkirk	Area Resident
Rhonda Watson	Area Resident
Robert Nadel	Area Resident
Roxanne Need-Ervin	Area Resident
Dimple Willabus	Area Resident
Stephen Beasley	NY-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital
Simone Sylvester	Area Resident
Susan Stein	Area Resident
Tricia Forrest	Area Resident
F. Chris Salomon	Area Resident
Venessa Harry	Area Resident
Sue Ann Partnow	District Leader, 59 th A.D.
Yong-Le Yau	Brooklyn Public Library
Capt. Elissa Carlies	Executive Officer, 69 th Precinct
P.O. Samuel Maria	69 th Precinct
P.O. Ronette Benjamin	63 rd Precinct

7:15 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Michael Ien led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the Regular Meeting at 7:16 P.M. Chairperson Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 17, 2021. There being none, Board Member Barbara Bieber made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Mitchell Partnow seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 30 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Ien introduced NYS Senator Andrew Gounardes, who greeted everyone and

provided an update. He stated that he hopes everyone is staying healthy and well. We're all trying to make the best of it and we're almost at the end of the tunnel which is really encouraging. He mentioned that he and his wife received their second vaccine today and they're almost home free and feeling good. He heard someone mention that they felt like a weight was lifted off their shoulders after they received their second shot so yes, he agrees. It's a great feeling. They went to Maimonides Medical Center and they took great care of them so that's fantastic. It's been a busy couple of months, and he will provide a quick update on what happened in Albany and the completion of the State budget. It was a pretty historic budget and was a couple of days late but believes it was worth it because for the first time in a generation if not more fully funding the State's obligation to the New York City Public School system. For those of you that are familiar with the school system and funding issues, you know for a long time Albany has short changed New York City schools and in his Senate district from Marine Park to Bay Ridge. Within the next three years, that funding will be fully committed by the state as a result of this budget that they passed this year. So, it's exciting and transformative. They also passed a 1 Billion dollars in small business assistance for those businesses that were shut out of the PPP and idol programs and didn't qualify or weren't able to access funding. So, this will really help those people kind of bounce back and get into goodness which he's also really excited about. He knows a big issue of concern has been housing, for both renters and homeowners. 2.4 Billion dollars in rental assistance that was federal money and that they are putting towards rental assistance to help people who were not able to pay their rent because of the pandemic, lost their job, or weren't getting enough benefits et cetera. They have also created for the first time ever which he's really excited about because this is a proposal that he made last year which is a property tax circuit breaker. So, basically anyone who earns up to \$250,000 dollars and pays 6% or more of their income in property taxes, which is a good chunk of people in New York City will be eligible for a state income tax credit up to \$350.00 dollars. He wishes it were a little bit more generous but for the first time they've been able to get this done and so we'll take wins wherever we can. They estimate that this will help 1.3 Million households across the state and there are 4.5 Million households or properties in New York State. So literally about a quarter of all households will be eligible for this benefit, which is great. The last thing he'll kind of highlight for those that care a lot about CUNY like he is, he's committed to increasing operational budget, and they're closing the TAP gap in three years. They rejected all the governors proposed cuts and are moving CUNY towards a path of greater support so lots of exciting things happening in the budget. It's been a tough couple of months, and as everyone knows things happened in Albany. The Governor has not made things much easier. Additionally, for those of you that don't know he had a little bit of a change in his life three months ago, they had their first newborn son. Baby said hello, and he's three and a half months old. He was born on January 6th and they were oblivious to what was happening in the capital that day when he and his wife were in the hospital but he is a blessing to them and they're so excited and happy and it's a great reminder about why we all do what we do for our communities in different ways and so he's very excited to have him. Mommy is doing great and he is taking up all his free time. So, with that, he will say great to see everyone. He thanked the board for having him and he knows that Reeves Eisen from his office has done a great job of speaking and representing him when he can't be here. He wished everyone continued success.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader, 59th A.D. who greeted everyone. She stated that it's great to see everyone even though its only on Zoom, but fingers crossed that everybody is going to be together again real soon. She knows everything is opening up but again word of caution just do it with the upmost caution, because we want everyone to be well. She'd love everyone to get out there and enjoy the parks and everything that Brooklyn and New York have to offer but still be careful. Again, if you need a vaccine and she agrees 100% with Board

Member Barbara Bieber, when she got her second vaccine it was like the world opened and you just felt great. She is working with Brookdale Hospital and they're offering the Pfizer vaccine. Everyone that she has sent there including herself has been in and out, it's very quick and they do a great job and if you need any help with securing an appointment she's going to put her email in the chat so feel free to call her. She gave a shout out to herself as she became a grandmother a second time. They had a little girl and now they have a little boy. NYS Senator Andrew Gounardes is so right and this is why we're all here, this is what we all do, this is why we're part of the community and why we work hard for our community because we have children and grandchildren and we want them to enjoy it too. She thanked everyone and stated that she wouldn't keep everyone any longer because she knows that the board has an agenda and again, she will leave her email in the chat for anyone who needs an appointment so please by all means get in touch with her.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Michael Ien

Chairperson Michael Ien informed the board that at our Community Board Meeting held on October 21, 2020 former Chairman Gardy Brazela informed the board that as a result of District Manager Dorothy Turano's retirement a Search Committee has been formed to select the candidate for the open District Manager position. Board Member Saul Needle as the Chairman, and the following members Yolaine Ridore, Ian Gaynor, Nancy Walby, and Sharon Borno were the five people selected and himself as the Lead Advisor. As a result, Brooklyn Community Board #18 advertised the open position of District Manager in all the local papers, The Chief Leader, the local city agencies along with a job announcement to the members of the board and the board's email distribution list in March and April with a closing date of April 16th which was last week. The Search Committee has received 15 applications for the open position of District Manager and will be meeting between now and the month of May to bring back a recommendation to the board at our June Special Meeting being held on June 16th, 2021. July 1st is the beginning of our New Fiscal Year and when we will be able to hire someone for the District Manager position.

Chairperson Michael Ien stated that this is one of the best things about being on a Community Board when you get a chance to name a street after someone. He explained to the board that we will be voting this evening to Co-name Mill Avenue between Avenue U and Strickland Avenue in memory of Frank Scollo. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that his restaurant Pizza Damore has been a staple on this block for 14 years. Frank was also a member of the St. Bernard's Knights of Columbus in Bergen Beach, Brooklyn and was taken from this community way too soon at the age of 65. Chairperson Michael Ien asked if anyone had a few words to say about Frank Scollo. Board Member Reeves Eisen stated that Frank Scollo was a wonderful community minded man and he will be tremendously missed. Board Member Judy Newton stated that she wants to give her heartfelt thanks for all the community things that Frank Scollo did. His was a collaboration throughout the community, he was giving, and he cared. He also was as far as she understood a family man, and you know our community is all about family, and that was Frank. That was definitely in his DNA. She always loved patronizing his places and the food was always good. She always went there for the food and if he was at the one on Mill Avenue, he was always welcoming to everyone at that restaurant. She hopes that his soul will rest in peace as perpetual light continue to shine on him and his relatives will have the strength to carry on and that we all loved and cared for him. Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader, 59th A.D stated that she's known Frank Scollo for many years and that he was community minded, dedicated, concerned and thinks that this is a great tribute to him to have that street named after him right where his place of business was and he doesn't live very far from there in Mill Island. So, this would be a very nice tribute to him, and she

thinks that it's very nice that it's being considered. Board Member Paul Curiale stated to go along with what Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader had stated and if Frank Seddio, District Leader was here in the meeting tonight, he would say so much more about Frank Scollo who's another dear friend. Board Member Paul Curiale also stated that without a doubt he had the privilege of coaching Frank Scollo's daughter a few years ago with his wife and at the same time he did so much for the boy scouts. He knows that the Knights of Columbus are the ones who put him on but he thinks that we could probably find about another fifty organizations in the community that would support this endeavor, from the boys scouts to the girl scouts to the little leagues, to the senior centers and everywhere where Frank touched lives. He just did so much. He knows his wife and his children and again it's a small token and he knows that it's not going to bring him back clearly but to know that his life and legacy will live on as all the other members shared. Chairperson Michael Ien made a Motion to Co-name Mill Avenue between Avenue U and Strickland Avenue in memory of Frank Scollo. Board Member Mitchell Partnow seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 29 Yes Votes. Chairperson Michael 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 introduced Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct who was present in the absence of Capt. Robert Conwell, Commanding Officer, 69th Police Precinct who took the day off who she's sure misses attending this meeting this evening. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct greeted everyone and reported on the crime statistics involving the recent 28-day period. She informed the board that they are down in four of their crimes except for robberies. In the 28-day period they took five robberies verses two this time last year. Out of the five robberies two were domestic incidents and they were closed to arrests. The other three robberies were a product of a pattern of number 38 which they did make one arrest regarding this pattern. As of April 9th they haven't had any robberies since then. On April 17th they took a shooting incident with two young black males who were shot in front of 1651 Ralph Avenue and victim was not likely. In the 28-day period they had one-gun arrest at 611 East 76th Street. Now to talk about their collisions, in the 28-day period they're up in collisions verses this time last year during Covid where a lot of people weren't driving, but needless to say they didn't have a fatal collision this year so we're doing good. Their hazardous summonses are up, and they are so focused right now on speeding, red lights, and disobeying signs. They believe that this will solve a lot of those incidents. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct asked if anyone had any questions. Chairperson Michael Ien asked Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct to thank Capt. Robert Conwell, Commanding Officer, 69th Police Precinct because the officers have been on East 108th Street and the speeding has reduced, and the cars are not flying down as much. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she will tell him and that they did send their traffic team on East 108th Street to address the speeding, the disobeying of signs, and they will be constantly monitoring the 311 and 911 calls of all their speeding incidents. Also, if anyone has dealt with an officer, they have this card called the "How did we do card." So, make sure if you have had a good or a bad encounter with police officers to please visit the website and submit a comment where they as the Commanding Officers will look into it and try and resolve the issue. She stated that they look at the comments every day and that she will put the information in the chat as well. Board Member Greg Borruso asked how did the "How did we do card" come into play as he's never heard of it before. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that it came out a few months ago she believes and will let her Community Affairs Officer Samuel Maria talk about it further. P.O. Samuel Maria 69th Precinct stated that the "How did we do card" is a public feedback survey as part of their ongoing efforts to connect with the people they serve, and to help them to continue to provide excellent service to their communities. So, you would visit the website at www.nyc.gov/nypd and share with them what the problem was

and how was your interaction with the officers here at the precinct. As, Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated before that it's not only the 69th Police Precinct Commanding and Executive Officers that are monitoring the site but so is One Police Plaza. So, they will look to see if there are any kind of inconsistencies and how they can make things better. It's all about trying to continue to enhance the community and precinct relationships that they have here. He also stated that he will put that information in the chat which explains how and where everyone can go to visit the website. It only takes about a couple of minutes just to fill out the survey and submit it. An Area Resident asked if there is anything that can be done about the abandoned vehicles that are parked on East 59th Street between Ralph Avenue and Flatlands Avenue. He also stated that there is an abandoned vehicle that has been parked on that block for years. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct responded and said that he can always make a 311 complaint however, the 63rd Police Precinct is here and will let them speak on it since the complaint is in their precinct. Chairperson Michael Ien explained to the Area Resident that the 69th Police Precinct is who's currently speaking, and his concern would be best addressed by the 63rd Police Precinct. The Area Resident stated that he is currently working with a Sergeant over there, but he has been calling so often. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that she believes that those vehicles can be towed if they're without plates, but the Officers must go over there and look at it. Every so often they tow vehicles and the NCO's will get rid of the car. The Area Resident stated that he was told that if the vehicle doesn't have a value that it's pretty hard to have it removed and the NYC Department of Sanitation has to tow it and they have been dragging their feet. Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct stated that things are backed up also because of Covid-19 but they will come remove the vehicle if they determine it's a derelict vehicle. Both the Area Resident and Chairperson Michael Ien thanked Capt. Elissa Carlies, Executive Officer, 69th Police Precinct.

Chairperson Michael Ien asked if there was anyone present for the 63rd Police Precinct. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct stated that she was present, and that Sgt. Taisha Skyers should be present and on the call but asked if the board had any questions or comments for her. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 stated that the Area Resident that spoke a few minutes ago raised a concern about abandoned vehicles parked on East 59th Street between Ralph Avenue and Flatlands Avenue. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct responded and said that this is more for an NCO Sergeant. She also stated that they recently did a big row tow operation in that area with the NCO's and as of now they towed a lot of cars but the tow company that they do have no longer has space. So, they must give them time to get rid of the vehicles that they currently have on their lot before they can come back out and do it again. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct stated that as the Area Resident stated earlier, he has been speaking with the Sergeant so she's sure she's aware of what's going on. The Area Resident asked if he could clarify something because Sgt. Taisha Skyers has been very helpful to him and doesn't want to throw her under the bus. It's just that he's a little bit frustrated about two particular vehicles that have been parked on this block for years. Sgt. Taisha Skyers has been very helpful and provided him with her phone number and corresponds with him all the time. So again, he wants to be clear and doesn't want to throw her under the bus as she's been very helpful. It's just at times you get frustrated with these vehicles and they lower the value of the properties and they paid a lot of money for their homes but he's willing to be patient and appreciates P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct for taking the question. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct stated that she's sure Sgt. Taisha Skyers knows the location of these vehicles so when the next tow company has available space in their lot, she'll be on it or send her NCO Officers to tow those vehicles. The Area Resident thanked P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct and that he appreciates that information very much. Board Member Denise Gourdine thanked P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct and Capt. Genevieve Isom because

recently at the Phillip Howard Buildings it's been quite busy the last two weeks with police cars coming there. She's going to ask what's going on but she's very happy to see that attention is being given to the building and hopefully they're things that they can get under control. She's assuming that it's negative and doesn't want to assume but does like the response and she thanks the 63rd Police Precinct for responding often. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct responded and said they appreciate her as well.

Roy Mckenzie, Representing the East 59th Street Block Association greeted everyone and stated that a month ago there was a shooting that took place on East 82nd Street and Glenwood Road which was fatal and his question is did they catch the perp and secondly he would like to know if there is anything that the community can do to assist because they know that the 69th Police Precinct is really working hard for us but how they could help so that they can cut back on these gangs and the shootings. He stated that he was trying to ask the question about the towers. Would the tower be something that the precinct would consider putting in the area and will it help to curb the situation? He would like to know what the community can do so that the CO's and policemen etc. can know the community and work closely with them so in turn they can help them to accomplish their goals. He's just throwing that out there and maybe they are doing that already but they're also willing to help. Chairperson Michael Ien informed Roy Mckenzie, Representing the East 59th Street Block Association that the 63rd and 69th Police Precinct holds Community Council meetings every month and he suggests that he attend their meetings where he can share his concerns and pretty sure that they can provide him with more answers. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct asked if Roy Mckenzie, Representing the East 59th Street Block Association referring to the 63rd or 69th Police Precinct because she's sure he lives in the 63rd Police Precinct.

Roy Mckenzie, Representing the East 59th Street Block Association responded and said yes that is true he does however, he has family that live in the 69th Police Precinct where this disaster happened. He stated that his daughter, grandchildren, family, and friends live right there so he's trying to see what they can do to help. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct asked Roy Mckenzie, Representing the East 59th Street Block Association what block in particular he is talking about. Roy Mckenzie, Representing the East 59th Street Block Association responded and said East 82nd Street. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct stated that she was confused but knows the incident that he is talking about. She asked was that the gentleman that was shot in the Popeyes? Roy Mckenzie, Representing the East 59th Street Block Association responded no and that he believes that the incident happened in front of 313 East 82nd Street and Glenwood Road. The person was shot and died and that's what he's concerned about in that area and asking the questions to see what they can do to help. He understands that the 63rd and 69th Police Precinct Community Council holds meetings and is trying to make himself available but, in the meantime, time is ticking and that's why he's throwing it out there. An Area Resident stated that someone mentioned earlier that the 63rd Police Precinct holds Community Council Meetings and asked if they can provide the information for those meetings. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct stated that their Community Council meetings typically take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM if she's not mistaken at the John Malone Center located at 2335 Bergen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. P.O. Samuel Maria 69th Precinct apologized as they were disconnected and knows that a couple of questions that were brought up for the 69th Police Precinct regarding the shooting that took place on East 82nd Street near Farragut Road. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Brooklyn Community Board 18 stated that Roy McKenzie, Representing the East 59th Street Block Association had asked earlier if the perpetrator for that shooting was caught. P.O. Samuel Maria 69th Precinct responded yes and that an arrest has been made in that case. He also stated that that area is very known to them as one of their high-volume crime incidents. They do have a public safety team which is their team that goes out to enforce and look for these violent offenders and they are constantly out there.

As the Captain stated there was recently a contrast in the vicinity of Ralph Avenue to East 76th Street. So, the officers are there to provide police presence and they are only just as strong as the community that wants to continue doing community outreach and if people want to work with them or want to go door to door and let some of their neighbors know that they live in the area that requires everyone to help raise your children and if you know your neighbors kids are not doing the right thing to please reach out to them and they can get them in contact with their youth officers and maybe they can introduce them to some of their programs that they have for the youth at the precinct.

Loretta Chin stated in the chat that she would like to thank the 63rd Police Precinct for the excellent work that they are doing to clean up the graffiti in the neighborhood.

Ilan Kinsberg asked in the chat if anything is being done about the homeless encampments in the Marine Park Salt Marsh? P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct responded and said that this wasn't her steel. Board Member Reeves Eisen stated that she could speak on the homeless encampments if they'd like. She stated that State Senator Andrew Gounardes' Office has been working very closely with Margot Perron who is the Director of Marine Park and who is also in the meeting tonight. She stated that Margot Perron has a team that is comprised of Parks Enforcement, Department of Homeless Services, and NYPD and they have been visiting the people in the homeless encampments and offering them services. She can tell the board that they did a walk through about two weeks ago, those present were Margot Perron, herself, and several other people. One of the homeless people who received her services was back already and that was just over a week after they were out. It's a tough and long problem to tackle but they are working very actively on it. So, she hopes that information helps.

9:01 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS COMMITTEE – Nancy Walby, Chairperson

Chairperson Nancy Walby greeted everyone and informed the board that we received a flyer from Dany St. Laurent the Recreation Director at the Parks Department informing us that Shape Up NYC is launching new outdoor classes in Brooklyn. These groups will be led by a Shape Up NYC volunteer instructor, with the goal of creating opportunities for people to get some physical activity and connect with others in their community. Face coverings and social distancing is required. The flyer is for everything that they have in Brooklyn and if anyone would like a copy of the flyer, she's sure that Dorothy Paul from the Community Board Office can send you a copy. Everything is listed on their website as well at <https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/shape-up-nyc> if anyone is interested. She also stated that NYC Parks has a lot of activities in every park and if you visit the NYC Parks website and search around you will find more information on that, equipment. In the big and small parks, a lot of activities are taking place. She also stated that as a reminder which she believes Board Member Tom Hernandez may have mentioned earlier but he is hosting the Annual Major McCarthy Memorial Ceremony at Major McCarthy Triangle located at Avenue N, Kings Highway & East 31st Street, Brooklyn, NY will be held on Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 starting at 10:30 AM. In addition to what he said the young man was a DEA officer as well and he lived in the neighborhood. So, it's kind of expanded and is a memorial service to honor all our people serving our country and hoped to see you there.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem

1. State Liquor Authority Applications Received and Vote for the Following:

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

- Sanpeppas Jerk Chicken Express 11, Peppa's Restaurant, 8021 Flatlands Avenue, 11236

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

- Nashlin Stewart, Island Grill Café Inc., 5501 Glenwood Road, 11234

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

- Vincenza Camarda, Salvi Pizza Corp/Franks Pizza, 2134 Flatbush Avenue, 11234

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR BEER & CIDER:

- Sea Traveler's Marina Inc., Sea Traveler's Marina, 2835-2875 Flatbush Avenue on Jamaica Bay, 11234
- Grab N Go Bus Stop Corp, Grab N Go, 1403 Rockaway Parkway, 11236

Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem stated that the Community Board 18 notified the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63rd and 69th Police Precincts about the SLA Applications, and no objections were received. Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem asked if the applicants were present and asked for questions and comments.

Aaron Pierce counsel to Sanpeppas Jerk Chicken Express 11 located at 8021 Flatlands Avenue, 11236, stated that he and his client and the proprietor of the company Jason Hussey was also present for the application. Aaron Pierce stated that he's happy to have him talk as he is very enthusiastic about his space and it's been doing good business for quite some time and thinks that he would do himself a service more than he would be able to. Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem thanked the applicant and his attorney for attending the meeting as it means a lot to the board and the community to show that you do care about the community and of course your business. Jason Hussey stated that he is the principal owner of Peppa's Restaurant and that his restaurant sells Jamaican food. They are applying for a New Liquor License to change their business model because this pandemic has been rough on everyone but during this pandemic he was able to keep over one hundred of his staff members so this will allow him to hire more people from the community as well as serve the community better. Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem thanked him for clearly keeping his staff working and in doing that you're servicing our community with a valuable resource of a restaurant and the Canarsie community must appreciate that. He also thanked him for also having representation and again as he mentioned earlier there has been no objections from the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63rd and 69th Police Precincts. Board Member Amar Dyal asked Jason Hussey how he intends curtail or deal with the double parking in front of his restaurant and the congestion it creates on Flatlands Avenue. Jason Hussey stated that he and his staff have printed out posters to put up advising their customers that there is no double parking. He also stated that sometimes on weekends they have security as well to make sure business is running smoothly and everyone is social distancing. He knows that the double parking has been a problem, but he's been trying to make sure that all his customers know that there is no double parking and to try and look for parking across the street or on the side street so that the street can remain clear. Especially on Flatlands Avenue between East 80th Street and East 81st Street because it's such a busy street and that block for some reason is very busy now. He has advised his supervisor and managers to relay that to the customers to make sure that everyone is happy. Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem asked Jason Hussey if he has full delivery service besides Uber Eats and all the others. Jason Hussey replied yes. Board Member Amar Dyal asked if the 69th Police Precinct could get involved to make sure that the double parking in front of Peppas

Restaurant that creates the congestion and stopped traffic. Jason Hussey stated that the 69th Police Precinct comes by very often to clear the double parking on that block from what he has seen. Board Member Judy Newton stated that she shops on that block and in all fairness, there is no place to park and yes there are double parked vehicles daily but they're not all customers for the restaurant in question. Everyone double parks on that block and on the side street like East 81st Street because they patronize other stores as well. So, in all fairness it's just not to patronize one restaurant. She is glad that the owner was able to keep those employees on the payroll and able to function throughout Covid and he should be commended for it. Board Member Maria Garrett stated in the chat that it's not only his restaurant patrons that are double parking on Flatlands Avenue. Board Member Amar Dyal stated that he did raise the issue about congestion. However, Jason Hussey did address the congestion issues, to say that it is not only his restaurant and that there are other restaurants so that's fine and the fact that he clarified that is helpful. Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem stated that the board members raised good points and clearly there are other businesses there too so this gentleman shouldn't have to take on all of that himself. He does know that when people go to get food and things, they probably double park and it doesn't help as it is a very strong strip and we need to keep that clear and clearly the signs that they plan to post will help get him out of the clear. So, maybe he should post them clearly in his window just asking all your patrons to please be considerate but again you're not out there to move traffic and that's not your job and your just asking people to be courteous. He thanked Jason Hussey for attending and asked if anyone had any comments or questions.

Mike Ghaly, the business owner of Grab N Go Bus Stop Corp, Grab N Go, 1403 Rockaway Parkway, 11236 stated that he was present. He stated that he is the owner of the business which is also located next to the Canarsie Rockaway Parkway Train Station and has been there since 2014. During the pandemic they tried to keep the business open and keep their workers safe. As soon as they were eligible to get the vaccine he and his workers were vaccinated. They have been at this location for seven years and are very familiar with their neighbors. They are here today because they are renewing their Alcoholic Beverage License for Beer and Cider. He stated that he's happy to be here today as it is his first time appearing before the board and is enjoying the meeting and everything that has been covered here so far. It's really hard work and god bless everyone. Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem thanked him for attending the meeting and doesn't know if he heard earlier but this goes for all the business owners that are here but we have Community Council Meetings that a lot of these situations can be talked about and we encourage that everyone goes out to those meetings and a lot of these issues can be addressed with the police officers directly if it's regarding traffic or other issues. He thanked Mike Ghaly for coming and being in business for seven years.

There being no further comments or questions concerning the applications Chairperson Michael Ien asked for a Motion. Board Member Amar Dyal made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the applications received for Sanpeppas Jerk Chicken Express 11, Peppa's Restaurant, 8021 Flatlands Avenue, 11236, Nashlin Stewart, Island Grill Café Inc., 5501 Glenwood Road, 11234, Vincenza Camarda, Salvi Pizza Corp/Franks Pizza, 2134 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Sea Traveler's Marina Inc., Sea Traveler's Marina, 2835-2875 Flatbush Avenue on Jamaica Bay, 11234, Grab N Go Bus Stop Corp, Grab N Go, 1403 Rockaway Parkway, 11236. Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 30 Yes Votes.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Michael Ien, Chairperson Pro Tem

1. Taxi & Limousine Commission For-Hire Base Station License Application received and Vote for the following:

LOCATION CHANGE APPLICATION FOR TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION LICENSE FOR-HIRE BASE STATION:

- Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc., from 1518 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, New York 11213 is looking to relocate there For-Hire Base Station to 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234

Michael Ien, Chairperson Pro Tem stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63rd Police Precinct about the TLC Application received, and no objections were received for Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc, 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234. Michael Ien, Chairperson Pro Tem asked if the applicant was present and asked for questions and comments. Archie Soodhoo the owner of Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc. was present and stated that he has been in business for 47 years and they have about 45-50 drivers. They survived through Covid-19, but they were crushed this year as the work industry messed up their telephone, internet system and the landlord couldn't get it properly fixed. Because of the effects of Covid-19 they decided to work with Winthrop Car Service. Working with Winthrop Car Service at this location will probably help them survive throughout Covid-19. Michael Ien, Chairperson Pro Tem asked if this move is to facilitate their existence. Archie Soodhoo the owner of Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc. replied yes that's correct. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct asked if the location that they are relocating to 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234. Archie Soodhoo the owner of Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc. replied yes. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct stated that she just wanted the information that's all and thanked him. Board Member Denise Gourdine asked isn't that a previous Taxi and Limousine station already. Archie Soodhoo the owner of Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc. replied yes and as he said before they are working together with Winthrop Car Service and to tell you the truth it is a way to survive during Covid-19. There being no further comments or questions Michael Ien, Chairperson Pro Tem made a motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the Location Change Application for Taxi & Limousine Commission License For-Hire Base Station received from Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc., 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234. Board Member Grace Zwillenberg seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 30 Yes Votes

Frieda Menos, Representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Office greeted everyone and stated that she dropped a couple of things in the chat. She knows that State Senator Andrew Gounardes had mentioned portions of the state budget so she just wanted to flag that there was 4 Billion dollars that was allocated to New York for rental assistance programming, 2.3 Billion for Federal, and 100 Million was from the state and that they are waiting right now for OTADOT to release the information on when they will open up the emergency rental assistance program. She also dropped in the chat as well that there was also specifically for homeowners 600 Million in Federal funds that were included in the state budget, this was part of the federal funding that passed earlier this month from DC. It would create homeownership relief and a protection program which is a new program that will provide assistance with Mortgage, Utilities, Home and Energy Payments and Homeownership expenses. The second one that was in the 600 Million for federal funds there was 20 Million set aside to restore the homeowner protection program which is called HOP, and this is operated by the New York State Attorney General's Office. So, the Congressman is very pleased to have been able to make sure to advocate for this along with other members of the New York Congressional

delegation to bring monies back home to New York to help homeowners, renters, and people with mortgage issues as well. She also wanted to mention that although she mentioned it last month but last week the FEMA Funeral Assistance Program opened and just wants to urge all our community leaders, and faith leaders to talk to your neighbors. If you know someone or had someone pass away from Covid-19 to let them know that there is money available up to \$9000 dollars to cover their funeral expenses and if they had multiple funerals that they had to pay for up to \$35,500. The call center number which is the only way people can apply and get screened first is available in the chat and knows that Dorothy Paul from the Community Board Office will circulate that as well. She also wanted to share that Congressman Hakeem Jeffries partnering with Holy Family Church, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assembly Woman Jaime Williams, Assemblyman Nick Perry, and the good Councilman Alan Maisel will be hosting a free shredding or what the Congressman calls Spring Cleaning Free Shredding Event this coming Saturday, April 24th from 9 AM to 1 PM. The shredding truck will be there and will continue to help people get stuff shredded to help protect their identity until that truck is full and during that event they will also be having representatives from NYC Health and Hospitals Test and Trace Team to do Covid-19 Testing and also Grow Brooklyn to provide income tax preparation consultations during that time. She stated that she will drop her email contact in the chat box as well. Board Member Maria Garrett stated that she was checking out News 12 last week and came across a news story about US State Senator Kirsten Gillibrand trying to pass a bill to forgive the people who were affected by Super Storm Sandy in Long Island and had to take out SBA loans, and thought to herself that a lot of people in Brooklyn especially in Canarsie were affected and had to take out SBA loans as well. So, she would like to know if this bill is going to be brought forth is it possible that they can include the Brooklyn homeowners in that bill as well. Frieda Menos, Representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Office responded and said that she's not talking about the claw back and forgiveness of the actual loans? Board Member Maria Garrett mentioned that in the news story US State Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stated that she is trying to pass a bill to forgive those SBA loans because a lot of homeowners on Long Island were facing hardship due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Frieda Menos, Representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Office stated that she will circle back with her to find out who the sponsors are, but if she's sponsoring it, she's pretty sure that it's on the Democratic Caucus Chairs radar. But she will circle back with her hopefully before Saturday and let her know.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Council Woman Farah Louis who greeted everyone and thanked the board for the opportunity to bring remarks. She believes Ezra Pean her Community Outreach Liaison is joining us this evening and she also has a New Deputy Chief of Staff Mathew Pitt who should be on this evening as well and wanted to introduce to everyone. She stated that she was not sure if Ezra Pean her Community Outreach Liaison spoke already but wanted to share some key things that they have been working on, such as the road to operation strategy with the 63rd, 67th and 70th Police Precincts. She wanted to thank P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct, P.O. Thomas Podd 63rd Precinct, and everyone who's been supporting the strategy to help address the abandoned cars and vehicle situation that they're having throughout our district. She knows that it's all over and not just in Council District 45. She thanked everyone for joining this effort to move these abandoned cars in our district. She also shared the launch of her Council District 45 Clean Up where they are going into specific areas to provide additional assistance to ensure clean up in the areas that's having environmental issues. They worked with the Preston Court section of our district the first week of April and looks forward to this continued effort. So, if anyone wants to join feel free to reach out to Ezra Pean her Community Outreach Liaison and she will put all the information in the chat. In any event they are looking for ongoing vaccination hubs right now, their Brooklyn site is in our district is at the Flatbush YMCA they worked very hard and put a lot of pressure on the Governor and the Mayor to make this location as a vaccination site where they provide Pfizer

vaccines for the community. You can walk up, or you can contact her office for an appointment, and they can support in anyway that they can. So, feel free to reach out to them regarding that as well. They also launched a Housing Preservation Series where they are educating the community on the rent freeze moratorium SCRIE, DRE, Foreclosures, Short Sales, and what you need to do during the pandemic. They are on week three and asking folks to please join their efforts to educate yourselves on Housing Preservation here in NYC. Ezra Pean her Community Outreach Liaison can share more information with everyone shortly. Last but not least she wanted to quickly share about their opposition letter voicing their opinion against the Vector Pest Control facility that is looking to open up at 1427 Ralph Avenue. They sent in their opposition letter to the Brooklyn Borough President's Office and knows that he was seeking to provide some sort of an initiative with this particular site. They're opposed to it and don't know what will happen if this site opens and no one knows if these chemicals will affect anyone's health so they're completely in opposition to this site. She can share that letter with the Community Board if need be but just wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that they are opposed to the site. She wanted to thank Community Board 18 for their ongoing support, and they look forward to working more with the Community Board and wished everyone a good evening.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Orlando Ross, Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke's Office who greeted and thanked everyone for the opportunity to share with everyone on this call. He's going to be touching on a few items that their office has been busy working on and trying to communicate to our community. He already dropped information in the chat. The first thing he's going to brief everyone on is the American Rescue Plan, American Jobs Plan and the SBA deadlines for PPP, EIDL and Shuttered Venue loans. So, as everyone knows the American Rescue Plan that is now in play. The plan will make approximately 130 Billion for investments in K-12 schools, re-opening and making up for lost learning. They have approximately 8.9 Billion Dollars that is going to New York State for schools. That information has been posted in the chat. Congress Woman Yvette Clarke did a symposium on Facebook and doesn't know if anyone was able to see it, but they did an American Rescue Plan decoding. You can click on the Facebook link that he has in the chat and view all of what they talked about regarding the American Rescue Plan. He stated that he's not going to go too much into it because it was quite lengthy but is going to touch on a few things regarding the American Rescue Plan. He stated that 21.7 Billion dollars was enhanced for unemployment benefits raising benefits by an additional \$300 a week extending them on Labor Day which is another benefit of the American Rescue Plan. In total income they have less than 150,000 and first 10,200 of unemployment benefits will not be taxed. So, those are the different things that are going on. The American Rescue Plan also puts people back to work. The plan will provide crucial support for hardest hit small businesses especially those owned by entrepreneurs and racial ethnic groups that have experienced systemic discrimination with EIDL Grants and expanded PPP eligibility. He stated that he will get into the PPP loans shortly. 9 Billion in relief to K-12 which he mentioned before, the child tax credit that offers up to \$3000 per qualified dependent child 17 years of age or younger with a December 31, 2021 deadline. It increases to \$3600 if the child is under 6 years of age and December 21, 2021 is also the deadline. He went into the American Jobs Plan which he's pretty sure everyone is talking about it already which is the next big major economic stimulus package that's about to drop 2.3 Trillion dollars. So, this plan is supposed to modernize 200 Miles of highways, roads, and main streets, and it will fix ten most economically significant bridges in the country in need of reconstruction. In addition to that it preserves and retrofit more than 2 Million homes and commercial buildings for modernization of the nation's schools and childcare facilities and upgrade Veteran's Hospitals and Federal agencies. He stated that he put in the chat from the White House as it pertains to the American Rescue Plan as it is still under negotiation and where you will have the Bylaws and just basically the parameters of the actual plan.

Lastly, he would like to talk about is SBA and regarding PPP, EIDL and Shuttered Venue loans. He doesn't know if everyone knows this, but May 31, 2021 is the cut off for the PPP Grants. The PPP loan is a grant, but it is forgivable, but you must apply for it to take into effect. You can't just apply for the PPP Grant and not apply for it to be forgiven and that is what SBA was saying. Also, what SBA is doing is making it much easier for people access this funding because of all the discrimination that was going on previously or problems that people were jumping through just to get to the access to the capitol. So, what they're doing is they're partnering with Non-profits that have been certified by SBA to help you along the process of applying or accessing that funding. One of the organizations that they're highlighting is called newyorkscores.org and he will put that in the chat as well. Basically, you will contact this organization online fill out a form and they will put you in touch with a mentor that will walk you through the whole entire process. So that it will make it much easier for you to access the funding if you're having a problem. One thing that he recommends to people is to make sure that you understand the deadlines of these particular loans, make sure you put it in correctly, so when you do put it in there's no problems and it goes through and it gets approved. Another source that they wanted to highlight is the NYC Small Business Services that is at 1 Liberty Plaza. Everyone knows that SBS also has services for PPP loans and you could also get free assistance, one on one training on how to get access to these loans. City advised Community Development Financial Institutions are another source where you can apply for SBA loans in addition to your own lending institution. Another organization that they are highlighting is the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and they are also offering services to people to get access to the PPP loans. Chairperson Michael Ien asked Orlando Ross, Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke's Office if he could put all that information in the chat. Orlando Ross, Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke's Office stated that he did and that's about it. Chairperson Michael Ien thanked him and stated that he appreciates that.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud who greeted everyone and wished everyone a very good evening. He informed the board that the Senator had a series of electronic collection events. She had a whole day one about a week ago but both Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 5 PM you could bring electronics but not major appliances, but you could bring televisions, computers, monitors and things like that. Their office will welcome everyone and accept whatever items you want to get out of your garage or shed or your spring cleaning. He expressed his personal congratulations to Board Member Mitchell Partnow on becoming the father of his first son and of course Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader on the birth of her grandson and now she has a grandson and a granddaughter. He mentioned that again the Holy Family Shredding Event will take place Saturday, April 24th from 9 AM to 1 PM in conjunction with all the other electeds as was brought out by Frieda Menos, Representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Office earlier. It's another good opportunity to bring not commercial but your own personal items or anything with your social security number that you want to know is securely shredded. He thanked and wished everyone well regarding Covid19 and stated that we're not through with this yet and we all must remain vigilant and take care of each other.

Chairperson Michael Ien informed the board that there was an oversight on his part with both the Planning and Zoning and Transportation Committee Reports. He informed the board that there were motions made and someone seconded the motions. However, due to Paul Curiale, Chairperson Pro Tem's low bandwidth issue it was not clear therefore, he would like the board to repeat the motions for the Planning and Zoning and Transportation Committee Reports to make certain a proper vote has been taken. Chairperson Michael Ien made a Motion that Community Board #18 approves the applications received for Sanpeppas Jerk Chicken Express 11, Peppa's Restaurant, 8021 Flatlands Avenue, 11236, Nashlin Stewart, Island Grill Café Inc., 5501 Glenwood Road, 11234, Vincenza

Camarda, Salvi Pizza Corp/Franks Pizza, 2134 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Sea Traveler's Marina Inc., Sea Traveler's Marina, 2835-2875 Flatbush Avenue on Jamaica Bay, 11234, Grab N Go Bus Stop Corp, Grab N Go, 1403 Rockaway Parkway, 11236. Board Member Rosamond Alvaranga seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 36 Yes Votes. Michael Ien, Chairperson Pro Tem made a motion to recommend Approval of the Location Change Application for Taxi & Limousine Commission License For-Hire Base Station received from Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service, Inc., 5924 Glenwood Road, 11234. Board Member Gil Cygler seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 29 Yes Votes.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA WEBEX . . .

Yong-Le Yau, Representing the BPL Paerdegat Branch greeted everyone and provided an update on libraries programs and activities. She also informed the board that the Paerdegat Library will have a Plant Giveaway on May 3, 2021 from 1-3pm. She also stated that they have a gardening program and they encourage everyone to participate in addition to their library programs. The BPL's Whispering Libraries is curated playlists of music, poetry, oral history and spoken literature, played for the public after hours and at select times of day outside at ten of their neighborhood libraries. Beginning April 1st, you may also hear snippets of Whispering Libraries playlists as you travel around the borough this spring courtesy of a small group of volunteer cyclists who will be pedaling around the streets of Brooklyn with small speakers attached to their bicycles. If you are a Brooklyn/NYC bicyclist who loves the library and looking for a volunteer opportunity? They're looking for ordinary cyclists to ride through Brooklyn and play their Whispering Libraries playlists. They have the equipment; you bring the bicycle and your love of riding. To participate write to jwhitney@bklynlibrary.org. She also informed the board that they have 22 branches with outdoor reading groups. They're setting up furniture outdoors so that people can enjoy the outdoors and library services. They have 48 lobby services opened for quick transactions for picking up books, etc. along with many online programs. She also informed the board that the Paerdegat Library Branch had some beautiful landscaping done and they would like to plant more flowers and if anyone is interested in gardening to please let her know. She also stated that she would also put this information in the chat.

Stephen Antony Beasley, Community Outreach Coordinator for New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital greeted everyone shared updates on their services as well as virtual programming most notably about their Medical Group Offices throughout the borough but specifically they just opened a big one at 3417 Kings Highway that has a lot of specialties that everyone can take advantage of such as cardiology, colorectal, endocrinology, neurology, ob/gyn, and other primary care and internal medicine issues that you might need as well as orthopedics. They also have a brand-new facility called the Center for Community Health and it's a 400,000 square foot facility that sits beside their hospital in Park Slope should you need them. He informed the board that when you visit their events page you can find all the upcoming events that are happening virtually. So, they have virtual talks on dozens of important topics ranging from Covid-19, neurology, nutrition, and a bunch of other topics as well other support groups that have been going on virtually throughout the pandemic. He stressed the point that if the board wants to facilitate anymore conversations around the Covid-19 vaccine they have a speaker's bureau full of doctors from different backgrounds and ethnicities and populations that are willing to assist you with that and then also if you ever want to host a virtual health talk and perhaps in person as things go on and get better then they really are for everyone for that and take advantage of their Medical Group Offices as well.

Juan Parra, Representing Solar 1 greeted everyone and informed the board that he is here to share some exciting information that's happening in Community Board 18 which is a community solar project called Community Power. They're installing solar panels on the NYCHA Housing specifically Glenwood Houses. They're really excited about this project because it's a team behind it and a group of non-profits mostly such as Solar 1 which he's here representing but also Brooklyn Movement Center, Green City Forest an energy cooperative and so they just finished the installation at Glenwood Houses last week and it's not turned on yet and they're still waiting on Con Edison to give the final inspection before they do that. One part that's really exciting about this project is that they trained NYCHA residents in solar energy installation skills and a few of them were hired to work on this project. Hopefully, they can stay on the installers team and if not, they're helping to get them connected with other permanent job opportunities in the industry. So, that's just one part of the project which is the solar being installed in the community and then second kind of component is that the solar energy that's being generated cannot be used by the NYCHA housing because they don't pay Con Edison and pay a different utility and so that solar energy is being sold to the grid and they're looking for households to basically get a credit on their energy bill that's being generated by these solar panels. For this project they're specifically recruiting low- and moderate-income households from the local community and at the end of the day the net savings is going to be about \$10-\$15 a month on energy costs. It's not going to break the bank but over the course of the year it will definitely make a difference and they want to make this opportunity available because they think it's a really easy way for residents of really anywhere in NYC but they're targeting they outreach in Brooklyn to save money with solar energy without really having to install anything on their roofs. He's here to just let everyone know that this is happening and to also spread the word so if you or someone you know wants to sign up for this project please contact them and he will also put his contact information in the chat. He stated that his organization is called Community Power and you can visit their website at www.communitypower.nyc and also if you are affiliated with any type of group that works with a lot of lower moderate income housing perhaps you're a civic association, block association, a housing provider or manager they'd love to work with you to help get the word out about this program. They can supply you with flyers or copied from an email template or something like that to just continue getting the word out. They have spaces for about 400 households to become members of this project and get the solar energy savings and about a quarter of the way through that number so they are hoping to get the word out to make sure that people that want to participate can participate. So, if anyone has any questions please let him know but he's going to put all this information in the chat and he's going to also include an article that was just published about this project. He thanked everyone for their time.

Board Member Judy Newton greeted everyone and informed the board that The Newton Foundation which is a 501(c)(3) has partnered with the Gyro King an organization called Rethink to proudly serve over 400 well balanced nutritious meals to the community here in Community Board 18 every Monday from 4 PM to 7 PM. The Gyro King truck will sit on Flatlands Avenue and East 85th Street. So please help her get the word out and she will be doing this continuously every Monday from 4 PM to 7 PM. She stated that they will be serving rice with vegetables, salad, chicken, and lamb.

Keisha Sydney, Representing Sesame Flyers greeted everyone and shared some information on what Sesame Flyers is doing in the community. She informed the board that one of the things that they are doing is helping to facilitate the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) program and wanted to send out as a reminder that this coming Friday, April 23rd is the deadline for the kids to still submit their applications and that's from the age of 14 to 21. They're also accepting worksite applications as well. So, she will leave her information in the chat for anyone that would be interested in becoming a worksite, and the deadline for that is May 16th. They

also have an open house that's happening tomorrow afternoon and is encouraging the community to come on board to see what programs they offer. Also, just to let everyone know they were doing in person programs and had to pivot to virtual programs. They have a lot of virtual programs happening and she will put the link in the chat with where you can RSVP on Eventbrite so that you can get a virtual tour of those programs and keep in mind everything is free.

Diana Abrams asked what is being done about the homeless situation at the Flatbush Junction. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct replied that she was present but lost signal. Dorothy Paul, Community Assistant for Community Board 18 suggested that Diana Abrams attend the 63rd Police Precinct Council Meeting regarding her concern. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct returned and informed Diana Abrams that the Flatbush Junction is not their jurisdiction and is in the 70th Police Precinct.

Martine Jean-Charles stated that she lives on East 59th Street between Flatlands Avenue and Avenue J and commends P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct for helping with the towing of the vehicles in the area. However, they are having an issue with the mall owners because they are not sweeping around their properties every day and there's a lot of garbage that gets blown onto their properties and now the homeowners are receiving \$100 dollar summonses from The NYC Department of Sanitation for failure to clean in front of their properties. Another issue that they are having is with the dollar vans that are doing mechanical work on the block. She has called 311 and the 63rd Police Precinct on several occasions to file a complaint but also because it causes congestion. She doesn't know what can be done to stop them from doing mechanical work on the block but it's depreciating the value of their properties, and people that they don't know are now coming into the neighborhood. Thirdly, Graffiti on the walls is another issue that they are having on the block as well and if there's anything that can be done to get rid of that as well. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct asked which shopping center she is referring to. Martine Jean-Charles replied and said the Flatlands Shopping Center. She also stated that the shopping mall and property owners are responsible for cleaning sidewalks adjoining their properties and 18 inches from the curb into the street. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 informed Martine Jean-Charles that the cleaning and maintenance of the sidewalk is a NYC Department of Sanitation complaint and that she will give that complaint to the NYC Department of Sanitation tomorrow. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct stated that she will take a ride over there tomorrow and address whoever or whatever location she is referring to that is doing dollar vans on the street or if they're independent dollar vans fixing their vehicles on the street. Martine Jean-Charles replied and said that they are independent people and there is a mechanic there that tells people to come meet him there so he can fix their dollar vans. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct stated that they will visit the location and address that issue with the mechanic and if they're out there fixing their vans they will do what they need to do to correct that at that time. Martine Jean-Charles asked P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct what can be done about the graffiti on the walls. P.O. Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct responded and said that they just did a citywide graffiti clean up and if she has graffiti over there and in that area they'll have the graffiti coordinator go out and take pictures of the graffiti, because in order for them to clean up the graffiti they must first take pictures of it and after they do that they will start the cleanup. If it's on a residential or commercial property, they must first get permission before they can even cleanup the graffiti. They can't just go over there and cleanup something. So, tomorrow they will go over there and assess that location for graffiti and the mechanical work on the dollar vans.

Tiffany Pryor greeted everyone and thanked the 63rd and 69th Police Precinct for all the work that

they do but something that was mentioned before in regard to a lot of the young people dying in relation to the gang activity and things of that sort. She wanted to know if its possible for us to be able to have more community engagement with the police in regard to maybe once a month hosting some type of forum or some type of activity in the park, and something more frequent to get the young people to engage with the police so that they'll be able to understand and see that we're all human and we're all here to live and grow and prosper in this community. She feels that there is definitely a disconnect and she would like to be able to help as that gentleman said we were devastated on east 82nd Street which is where she lives. She walked outside of her door and saw the body of a young man that she knows. He was a student of hers when she was at Bildersee Junior High School. As the gentleman mentioned earlier their kids that live on this block. She walked out of her house at 10 AM in the morning to see a dead body in front of you and so we can't continue like this and he is not the only young man that has died from January to now, and as P.O Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct mentioned earlier right on Flatlands Avenue near the Popeye's and another one on East 93rd Street and Avenue L so for her she thinks it's getting out of hand and we're in a crisis. So, she does want to know if there's something more that can be done and as a member of the community if there's an effort that they can lead together to make this happen. She's worked with P.O Ronette Benjamin 63rd Precinct and a lot of the community affairs officers but want to know what we are doing and how are we preparing for the summer and wants us to take a proactive approach to what's going on.

Chidi Duke, Program Director of East Flatbush Village, Inc. greeted everyone and shared some upcoming events that they have coming up this week and next week. They recently had an Opioid Overdose Class that was today and as you know Opioid Overdose death rates has risen a lot since 2010 and its nearly doubled by 2020. So just imagine just how much Opioids have increased since the pandemic and other factors. Their course is virtual, and you will receive an overdose kit and a certificate, and you get a chance to save someone's life. The next class will be held May 18th from 2 PM to 3 PM. Next, they have an Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Workshop where they have people from the community recovery center doing a discussion to inform the community about Alcoholism and Drug Dependency and that will be held tomorrow April 22nd from 2:45 PM to 4 PM. Lastly, he shared their food pantry that they have every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 4 PM to 5 PM located at 4106 Farragut Road they do canned goods and much more, so they'd love to invite everyone in the community to each of these events. If anyone has any questions, he put his information in the chat if you all haven't seen it already and then you can sign up with the link that he provided with that. He thanked the board and wished everyone a goodnight.

Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush Initiatives greeted everyone and shared a new vaccine site with the board. He informed the board that the site is at Flatlands Reform Church Community Center located at 3931 Kings Highway. This is both a collaboration with the NYC Health and Hospitals Test and Trace and the Flatlands Community partnerships which includes Utica 2 Flatbush Initiatives, The Haitian American Community Council as well as of course the Flatlands Reform Church. They will be there from Thursday, May 6th to Saturday, May 8th from 8 AM to 6 PM and will put the link in the chat and they also have a flyer up on the Facebook page, and where you'll reach out to Maria Velasquez and she can make the arrangements to schedule you and their goal is set at 300 but if they go over 300 people on those three days they'll add additional days. So the goal is now that it's hey it's right here in the neighborhood and not much travelling to do so please come on down and get your shots and for those that are concerned about what type of shot it is it's the Moderna two dose vaccine which means four weeks after the initial dose you come back for the second dose.

Simone Sylvester greeted everyone and asked how she can go about organizing a cleanup for Jamaica Bay at Seaview Avenue and East 108th Street and along the fence of the field. She also asked where she could go for any donated materials possibly trash bags, gloves and who she can reach out to for those things. She mentioned that there's a locked field over there as well and it runs from East 108th Street to maybe the East 90th Streets she believes, and it's usually locked and wanted to know if there's any restrictions for that field at this time. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 stated that as far as organizing a cleanup she thought that she put her in touch with Board Member Maria Garrett earlier. Board Member Maria Garrett stated that she did speak with her and would speak on that and advised Simone Sylvester to get in contact with the NYC Department of Parks first for permission because where she wants to cleanup is considered wetlands and as far as tools and equipment she has a lot of rakes, shovels and things like that, that she can donate because of her organization so she does have those supplies. But like she mentioned before she must get the approval of the NYC Department of Parks first. So, she'll reach out to her Parks Department coordinator and try and set up a date for that and the park runs from East 108th Street the Cul-de-sac to East 102nd Street and it's called the Monroe Cohen Park. The NYC Department of Parks once approved will unlock it and they can do a clean up over there, once she gets in contact with the NYC Department of Parks, she will contact Simone Sylvester. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 stated that Danielle Goldfarb the NYC Park & Recreation Manager emailed the board earlier letting us know that she wouldn't be in attendance but to please feel free to forward her contact information to those that have any Parks questions or concerns.

Loretta Chin greeted everyone and stated that she sent an email this afternoon to Community Board 18 and something that she's been sending out to Assembly Woman Helene Weinstein's Office, Council Woman Farah Louis' Office and a few other places and would like to know if they can help homeowners in the Flatlands area and actually all of Community Board 18 to address local law 152 requiring a gas line inspection in buildings of 3 families or more. This is a new law that was started in 2015 or 2016 because of a gas explosion in the village and it wasn't implemented until last year because of Covid-19 and it's going through the Community Boards and its gone through a bunch last year and going through ours this year. Residents/homeowners are now receiving letters from the NYC Department of Buildings. The inspection has a lot of requirements that's very confusing for homeowners and must be done by a licensed master plumber who has certification of training to do this inspection or the homeowner will be made to pay a penalty of \$10,000. This is just out of the blue and homeowners are getting smacked with a letter that says this. The licensed master plumber will cost an average of \$600-\$1,000 to homeowners and are struggling right now of whom are unemployed or having difficulty making ends meet during this pandemic. She posted an article in the comments section of Bk Reader about the other community boards and what they had to say about this new law. Community Board 18 is due by the end of the year. The Flatlands area particularly feel because it's mainly residential and all homeowners and a high minority population, homeowners feel threatened that their houses will be taken away, and many feel that this is an added tax to homeowners and will affect minorities the hardest. So they don't know if anything can be done about this but would like to know it even came about and was the board informed of it and why wasn't residents warned about it and were their any public hearings about it so that they could have something to say. She wanted to thank the board for being a place where we can sound off on things like this and ask the board what they might have to say about this if they know anything about it. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 informed Loretta Chin that her email was forwarded to the NYC Department of Buildings for more of a detailed explanation of local law 152 and also Frieda Menos, Representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries' Office just put a message with more information in the chat

regarding local law 152. Loretta Chin stated that if you read the article in the newspaper of last year from the other Community Boards and what they had to say about it, this was a surprise to the homeowners and you know they're just left scrambling and they won't know what to do after that and not only that there's concerns about finding a licensed master plumbing and knowing that they're qualified to do the work or not. So, this can endanger homeowners as far as getting it done correctly too because the penalty is very high and \$10,000 dollars is kind of unreasonable. Dorothy Paul Community Assistant for Community Board 18 informed Loretta Chin that the Community Board will look into it further and get back to her. Loretta Chin stated that she would appreciate that.

There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Michael Ien thanked everyone for showing up and providing comment this evening, and also to stay safe. He also wished all the mothers out there a Happy Mother's Day because our next meeting is after Mother's Day and everyone a goodnight. He asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18 and Board Member Nancy Walby seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 30 Yes Votes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

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