

ATTENDANCE

Sallie Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Ernest Borno
Greg Borruso
Gardy Brazela
James Buchanan
Terri Cadet-Donald
Donald Cranston
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Malynda Jordan-Dandridge
Amar Dyal

Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Joan Gilbert
Stuart Heier
Tom Hernandez, Jr.
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Jean Joseph
Sharon Nedd
Saul Needle
Judy Newton
Yolaine Ridore

Violine Roberly
Marcia Schiff
Michelle Sealey
Robert Tracey
Raphael Treitel
Nancy Walby
Sylvia Whiteside
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Christopher Whyte
Johnny Arcentales
Capt. Khandakar Abdullah
Sgt. Brian Maher
P.O. Nicole Rostant
P.O. Iona Matiuta
Linda Steinmuller
Mike Wright
D.I. Genevieve Isom
P.O. Ronette Benjamin
Gerard Brewster
Peterson Bonaventure
Hon. Roxanne Persaud
Michael Benjamin
Troy Thompson
Jimmie Costello
Jamaal Carryl
Hon. Farah Louis
Norine Medas
Ali Ahmad
J. Hamilton
Reeves Eisen
Kada Clyne
Joyce Minault
Venessa Harry
Frieda Menos
Tiffany Tucker-Pryor
Arlene Perkins
Richard Day
Orlando Ross
Sergey Chuprik

Area Resident
TAAIBA
Commanding Officer, 69th Precinct
69th Precinct
69th Precinct
69th Precinct
Canarsie Courier
CERT/News Photog
Commanding Officer, 63rd Precinct
63rd Precinct
Utica 2 Flatbush
Area Resident
Member, NYS Senate, 19th
Michael Benjamin Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud
Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group
Lower East Side Ecology Center/Compost Project
Area Resident
Council Member, 45th
Rockaway Parkway Merchants Corridor Association
Area Resident
Area Resident
Representing Senator Andrew Gounardes
Area Resident
Area Resident
Area Resident
Representing Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries
Area Resident
Area Resident
NYC Department of Sanitation
Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke
Representing NYC Comptrollers Scott M. Stringer

Dolange Donacien	Area Resident
Harold Jones	Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI)
Verna Arthur	Area Resident
Denise Gordon	Area Resident
Roxanne Need-Ervin	Area Resident
Keisha Sydney	Sesame Flyers
Ben Brachfeld	Brooklyn Paper
Karen Wharton	Area Resident
Thara Duclosel	Area Resident
Elba Melendez	Area Resident
Dimple Willabus	Area Resident
Guerda Victor	Area Resident
Hon. Helene Weinstein	Assembly Member, 41 st A.D.
Mitchell Partnow	Area Resident
Marcia George	Area Resident
Timothy Compere	Area Resident
Nadine Sylvester	Area Resident
David Louis	NYC Mayor's Office
Tamara Marshall	Area Resident
Thomas Camoia	Area Resident
Calvin Sennon	Area Resident
Imani Stanley	Area Resident
Ernest Timmons	Area Resident
Carlene Asphall	Area Resident
Kwame Mack	Blueprint 265 Management, C'Zen
Roopesh Ramjit	Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Joan Gilbert	Flatlands Civic Association
Frieda Menos	Representing Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries
Hon. Jaime Williams	Assembly Member, 59 th A.D.
Kerry Brady	Community Options, Inc.

7:07 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Board Member Jim Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Michael Ien greeted everyone and opened the Public Hearing portion of the Community Board #18 Meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Kerry Brady, Senior Director of Community Options Inc, New York who provided a brief presentation on An Application by Community Options, Inc. 161 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226, under the auspices of the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) pursuant to Section 41.34 of the Mental Hygiene Law, to establish a community Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) home for four (4) individuals, with a primary diagnosis of intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD). Kerry Brady, Senior Director of Community Options Inc, New York whom was accompanied by some of her colleagues and the four (4) individuals that will be residing at the Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) home located at 1366 East 59th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. She informed the board that these four (4) individuals currently reside and have lived at 161 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn for many years. They purchased this home in the hope that it will be the permanent home for the gentlemen that everyone sees here. These gentlemen will occupy the existing one level, single family home which has three bedrooms

and two full bathrooms, living, dining and kitchen area. There is a fenced in backyard and large driveway at this location. Kerry Brady informed the CB 18 Board Members that Community Options, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that operates in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Upstate. What Community Options Inc. does falls under the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). They provide housing, employment and day services for people and have been in operation for over 30 years. Their corporate locations are in both New Jersey and New York. The four (4) individuals have been living in a room, in an apartment for many years and frankly they're not able to evacuate safely during a fire from their 2nd floor apartment. The building they presently live in has an elevator and as you can see some of them use wheelchairs so they have been looking for years for a permanent home for these gentlemen so that they can live out the rest of their lives.

Chairperson Michael Ien asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the presentation. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge asked what their staffing credentials are. Kerry Brady, Senior Director of Community Options Inc, stated that all employees that work with Community Options Inc. or any not-for-profit under the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) critical free employee must have a High School Diploma, must be 18 years of age or older, have a valid driver's license, Direct Care Experience, must complete client training prior to working in the home, and undergo drug testing. So, anyone that wants to work for them must be clear of all these pre-employment checks. Every home that they operate has Nursing or an RN. The term that OPWDD uses is what they call a Behavioral Support Specialist, and this is somebody who works under a licensed psychologist. They have speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy if needed. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge asked if they have all done training. Kerry Brady replied yes, everyone is required to do training prior to working with any of Community Options clients. Every employee coming on board are required to go through a weeklong training which is their new staff orientation on the first week, the second week you're required to take CPR and First Aid training, and the third week you are required to take the medication administration course. Community Options Inc., which is the company that herself and some of her colleague's work for is a private not-for-profit. They are under the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) which is a subsidiary of the Department of Health. First Vice Chair Sol Needle asked what the cross streets of the Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) home are. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow replied between Avenue M and N. Mill Basin Civic Association President and Board Member Paul Curiale asked if there are any neighbors represented at the meeting tonight. He also asked if the neighbors were notified, and how they were notified. He wanted to know if they were notified by mail or in person. Kerry Brady informed Community Board 18 members that Community Options met with its Social Services Committee. The Social Services Committee suggested that an introductory letter be placed in the mailboxes of all the neighbors on the block. A letter was hand placed in the neighbor's mailboxes. Board Member Paul Curiale stated that there are four other group homes in Mill Basin. One is not too far from you on East 59th Street, there is another one on East 65th and another on East 66th Street. There was a problem with the home on East 66th Street with some of the neighbors. He stated that he doesn't get involved with neighbors but there were some complaints that brought neighbors to the civic meeting. When the neighbors came to the civic association, they were asked to work out the issues with the home. Kerry Brady assured the Community Board that they will keep the property clean and will be good neighbors. Ms. Brady offered her cell phone number to the members of CB 18 so that they can call with any questions and concerns they might have. Cassandra Bernadotte the Executive Director of the Brooklyn Office who also visits regularly will provide her number as well. There will be a Program Manager available

on site so if there ever is a concern, they are responsible for addressing and stabilizing it. Kerry Brady assured the Board that she and Cassandra Bernadotte will be responsible to make sure that their employees will do their jobs. Group homes are held to a higher standard because they are audited a minimum of once a year by OPWDD and the Department of Health. She promised that the house will be well maintained and that all the residents will be well cared for. Meeting attendee, Johnny Arcenteles, inquired about means of transportation for the residents. Kerry Brady responded that there will be a van and driver assigned to the residents but there will be times that they will have to use public transportation, Uber, or Access-a-Ride. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge asked Kerry Brady if she was aware of the citation that was issued to one of the homes of Community Options Inc., possibly the 161 Woodruff Avenue address. She also inquired as to the findings, plan of action and whether the citation was resolved. Kerry Brady reiterated that they are audited yearly by OPWDD and Department of Health. They audit everything from the light in the ceiling to the residents' clinical records. If a citation is issued, it is in a formal full statement deficiency and a plan of action is required to be submitted. Ms. Brady said that she and Cassandra Bernadotte along with the QA Department, write the plan of action submit it to the State and ensure that it is being adhered to. She explained that a citation can be anything. The biggest citation was received during Covid due to clients missing doctor appointments because doctor's offices were closed. Board Member Barbara Bieber asked about the home's capacity and if people with other disabilities can be placed there. Kerry Brady responded that the maximum capacity is five people. Presently, four gentlemen are moving into the home, who are certified by OPWDD services, and they are not an agency under NYS Office of Mental Health. There being no further discussion, Chairperson Michael Ien closed the Public Hearing.

7:37 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Michael Ien opened the Regular Meeting at 7:37 P.M. Chairperson Ien asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Community Board's Meeting held on October 20, 2021. There being none, Board Member Sol Needle made a Motion that the Minutes be accepted as written. Board Member Amar Dyal seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 31 Yes Votes.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced Capt. Khandakar Abdullah, Commanding Officer, 69th Precinct who greeted everyone, provided a program and event update, precinct crime statistics and answered questions concerning those statistics? There being no further questions or comments Capt. Khandakar Abdullah, Commanding Officer, 69th Precinct extended best wishes and a Happy Holiday to everyone.

Assembly Member Jaime Williams greeted everyone. The Assembly Member acknowledged Gerard Brewster of the Utica 2 Flatbush Civic Association, Community Board Chair Michael Ien, her colleagues, and homeowners that joined her to protest the proposed pesticides plant on Ralph Avenue. She also said that the Mayor will be made aware that our community will not allow toxic facilities into our neighborhoods that can harm our children, seniors, and residents. The Assembly Member also told the Community Board that she joined Governor Kathy Hochul to witness the signing of Bill S784B. This bill will eliminate loud car exhausts. She went on to say that she is hopeful that there will be crackdowns and stiff penalties for the people and the body shops that modify these exhaust systems. The Assembly Member concluded with a list of programs and events offered by her office.

State Senator Roxanne Persaud and Assembly Member Helene Weinstein greeted everyone and provided a list of program and event updates.

Chairperson Michael Ien introduced D.I. Genevieve Isom, Commanding Officer 63rd Precinct. The D.I. provided a program and event update as well as precinct crime statistics. She informed CB 18 that the Pct. is gearing up for a busy Black Friday. They anticipate above average shopping this year compared to last year, so please try and avoid the area around Kings Plaza. Hopefully, extra resources will be assigned for assistance. She encouraged everyone to contact their NCO's, Community Affairs Officers, and her to report issues or concerns. Troy Thompson of the Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group stated that the 63rd Precinct previously held meetings with the WIN Shelter. He was concerned that there was a recent shooting at the center and the area residents knew nothing about it. There was no media coverage and there was no information released to the community. He felt that the lines of communication were cut off with the shelter. He implored D.I. Isom to reinstate the cabinet meetings. She responded by saying that she doesn't control the media and that she takes every shooting seriously. Moving forward the D.I. will meet with the Community Affairs Officers about opening the lines of communication. Johnny Arcenteles asked that D.I. Genevieve Isom forgive him for his statement. He knows that the NYPD is always reactive and less proactive. He went on to say that one of the issues being discussed today is liquor licenses for a couple of local establishments that are asking for all night permits. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow informed him that this was a question that would be addressed later during the Planning and Zoning Committee Report portion of the meeting. Board Member Judy Newton stated that she knows in fact that the NYPD is not just reactive but they're also proactive. There's a lot that the public probably doesn't see and know about. Judy Newton asked if D.I. Isom if she could explain GLA to everyone. D.I. Isom replied that GLA is grand larceny auto. That means a motorcycle or vehicle is stolen and it's removed from a person without permission or authority. The different types of GLA's occurring and some of the most predominant are people leaving their keys in their vehicles while the vehicle is unattended, vehicles parked overnight and cars that just get removed. Sometimes these perpetrators have these computer things to open cars. Gerard Brewster, Utica 2 Flatbush stated that his question goes back to the WIN shelter. He inquired about installing cameras and metal detectors in the shelter of 150 people with widespread wars between the Bloods and other gangs. He noted that he asked for this 8 or 9 years ago. He asked for the Police Departments help with that request and the police departments help getting a camera placed at the entrance when they come into 4612 Glenwood Road. D.I. Isom understood and reiterated that we need to follow up when something so critical happens. You want to have a debrief to see how we can do better and what happened. They do have security, staff, and cameras however, they don't have metal detectors. In her conversation with the manager of the location they are working on trying to get Department of Homeless Services (DHS) police to be in the building. One of the things that she can do is increase her directed and community visits to the location which she told the manager she would do. The manager discussed some concerns, and specific times of these concerns. The 63 is working with the facility to improve things over there, but she cannot control metal detectors and she cannot go in there and police the floors. That's just not the police departments job but they can be on scene as much as possible to help. Obviously, after there's a shooting, she doesn't want to see any other violence, especially in a sensitive location like that. Chairperson Michael Ien stated that they have made some valid concerns but correct him if he's wrong, shouldn't this be taken up at a 63rd Precinct Council Meeting. Troy Thompson replied no and that he is wrong and that is not where it's supposed to be brought up because this is a global issue that we are having here. D.I. Isom asked if they prefer to discuss it outside or set up another meeting on its own. Gerard Brewster replied I'm sorry, but his question needs to be put on the floor

because all the issues you're talking about as far as the metal detectors happen to be inside. He's speaking about the community what's going to protect us. When there is a shooting or unsafe condition in other places and in other communities, the city puts cameras up. They need a camera there. Chairperson Len stated that he understands that, and he agrees with him. Gerard Brewster replied, so let her answer the question. Chairperson Michael Len stated that the Captain has already answered the question. D.I. Isom informed Gerard Brewster that they can talk about this offline and they can have their own meeting and invite whomever they want. They can talk about this or cameras at a later date and time. She also mentioned that she has the statistics and there have been five major crimes reported for the year there, four felony assaults, one grand larceny and some 911 calls. So, don't get her wrong but that's the actual felony reports coming out of that building. So, it is a concern and as she said before they can set up a meeting and anyone from the surrounding community can come and voice their concerns regarding the shelter. We can do that with staff from the actual location itself and we can all voice our opinions and concerns. She doesn't think this is the perfect place to talk specifics. There being no further questions or comments D.I. Isom, Commanding Officer, 63rd Precinct thanked everyone.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Jimmie Costello from the Lower East Side Ecology Center/Compost Project provided a presentation on their community compost program that will soon be serving the Canarsie/Flatlands community at 1149 Rockaway Avenue. This lot will be transformed from a vacant lot into an educational compost site. Some of the programs that they'll be bringing to the community are as follows: Public Food Scrap Drop-Off Opportunities, Free Compost Giveaways, Neighborhood Beautification and Compost Education and Events. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge asked what the cross streets of the compost project site are. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow stated Avenue D. Board Member Barbara Bieber states that this is a compost site which means garbage and we know that this brings rodents. She noticed that they're directly next door to an ice cream place which is called Mr. Softy and that's an issue. There is also a diner right up the block from the proposed site. So how are we going to know that this is going to be well maintained and the compost will be kept indoors, and it will be monitored so that we don't have an excessive number of rodents running around. Malynda Jordan-Dandridge replied and said that it's impossible. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that one of her main concerns is that it is right next door to Mr. Softy. Jimmie Costello stated that he understands the problem and that he's sorry but did not pick the location for it. This lot was bought and established by DSNY and they are assigned as the first stewards and that's what they're here to do. He understands the concerns and as far as he knows it is not designed to be indoors. In his experience with composting, it's never been indoors. There are composting sites that are far larger than this entire neighborhood and they have no smell and no rodents. Please keep in mind that the compost area is about a 27 or 30 to 1 ratio from brown to green. This means that most of the site, is just leaves. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge asked that if they could come back with the plans because she's right there with Board Member Barbara Bieber and her concerns about rodents, possums, rats, and cats in the area. Jimmie Costello asked if she's talking about a plan that she has referenced previously or is she asking him to create one for her. Board Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge replied no, and does he have one as they're coming into our area to build. She supports the idea and would like to see the plans so that we can be sure that our neighborhood is not going to be infested with rodents. Jimmie Costello stated that the only thing that he can speak about is the other composting operations that have been open for 20 years. It is directly next to a highway and a park where there's a ton of green space and a lot of natural animals. They haven't had any other issues and have never needed to experiment with it. Board

Member Malynda Jordan-Dandridge stated that now you're in a residential neighborhood that's two blocks from you and it's all houses. Jimmie Costello stated that he would love to connect with her on what she thinks they can do to keep the pests out because they obviously have the same goal. He also stated that they have their previous sites set up and they already have the other one operating as of right now it's 24/7 drop offs. They have a 64-gallon total, and it locks so no one can get in and it is chained to the outside of the fence. So, anyone can access it at any point in time and you can drop off your food scraps. At the Canarsie drop off they process certain scraps steps there, but they have drop offs all throughout the city. They recently opened two new groups in South Brooklyn. Some of the food scraps are from other parts of the city and some of the scraps will be from Canarsie. Michael Benjamin stated that every morning he has coffee grinds after he makes coffee. What is the best way to save the environment and move his coffee grinds forward? Should he just throw them in the garden or what do you recommend short of being becoming a composter. He also stated that because this is a multifaceted approach to saving the environment, this Friday Senator Roxanne Persaud will be having an E-Recycling Program at her district office at 1222 East 96th Street from between 2-5 PM so that's a very important component as well. Jimmie Costello stated that if he has a very large garden, he can throw them directly in otherwise you should just compost them.

Council Member Farah Louis greeted everyone. She informed the board that she was listening to the conversation virtually regarding the Glenwood WIN Shelter and she agrees that they do need more light illuminated in that area. She'll do her due diligence to take this back to her speaker to see if they can allocate funding for lighting. That takes a long time to be honest, so we need alternatives. Most importantly the conversation today was to advocate for the need statement of the shelter. It's very important for the administration of the shelter to have conversations with the residents so that residents are aware of what's going on and most importantly we're aware of what's happening there. She looks forward to working with the 63rd Precinct as well as the community on this matter. So, she stressed that everyone needs to get on board, and she wants to make sure that we're all aware of that we have her as an advocate. She also informed the board that they held a rally last week on the proposed Vector Pest Control Site and wanted to thank Assembly Member Jaime Williams who just stepped out the door, Council Member Elect Mercedes Narcisse, Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group, and members of this Community Board who stood with them. They sent a resounding message that the Vector Pest Control site is not welcome in our community. We fought it last time and we'll fight it again. We hope to have the continued support of the Community Board. They need to find another place for it because it does not belong here. So, they keep trying even after receiving her letter and they keep reaching out. They reached out to her directly so they will deal with them accordingly. She also shared that all sex offenders have been moved from the hallway house that was in the Holiday Inn located at 5244 Kings Highway. The hallway house will be closed. Council Member Louis reached out to the Mayor this year and will continue to reach out to his office to make sure that it is closed. The sex offenders were removed as of September and they're working to make sure that the site is closed. Does that mean that the Holiday Inn will not be a shelter? She cannot guarantee that it because it is a private institution, they can do whatever they want. It's our responsibility to work together to fight back. So, she's hoping that the site is made into affordable housing. He could decide to do something else, but our job is to collectively fight back. Her office is hosting a tree lighting on December 6th at Amersfort Park and would like to have your support, or your participation or either way they would appreciate it. December 16th is the last day to enter into a payment agreement for the Lean Sale. The details are back, they were on hold but now they're officially back with the Department of Finance. So, if anyone needs assistance, please feel free to contact her office at 718-629-2900. The office staff is available Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. All appointments are still virtual because there's still an executive order. You can

speak to staff on the phone, via WebEx, Google, or Zoom but you cannot physically come into the office. Someone from the staff can physically come to you. She also shared that their goal is to continue to combat food insecurity. Flatlands Reform Church has a food pantry every Saturday and they also have a pantry on the physical Junction area every Friday at 3 PM and Saturday at 10 AM. She hopes that everyone takes advantage of it or share the information. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Michael Ien

Chairperson Needle proceeded to appoint a Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers for 2022. He explained that the Community Board’s By-laws provide that a Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members be appointed in November. Their slate will be presented to the Board at the December 15, 2021 Community Board Meeting. The Election takes place in January. He appointed Ian Gaynor, Chairperson – Members: Sallie Bennett - Henry Bolus – Greg Borruso – Paul Curiale – Marcia Schiff – Nancy Walby. He announced that the Current Officers are Michael Ien, Chairperson, Saul Needle, 1st Vice Chairperson, Jean Joseph, 2nd Vice Chairperson and Barbara Bieber, Secretary. Chairperson Ien extended Holiday greetings.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

District Manager Partnow provided the following information:

- 1.) On Sunday, October 31st, Community Board 18 along with Assembly Member Jaime Williams and State Senator Roxanne Persaud hosted the first annual Halloween Spooktacular in conjunction with our Local Elected Officials, Millennium Development Corp., Bergen Beach Civic Association, Mill Basin Civic Association, NYC Children, 63 & 69 Precinct, Community Councils, and our new Restaurant owner Tanisha Woolard of Prime 623. There was a DJ, pumpkins, candy, masks and sanitizer giveaways, a Halloween parade, a clown making balloon animals and costumed characters. Hundreds of parents and children attended and were thrilled that something safe and fun was being done here in the district. Thank you to Chairperson Michael Ien and Board Members Sally Bennett, Donald Cranston, Paul Curiale, Jean Joseph, Amar Dyal, Sal Calise, Judy Newton, and Valerie Woodford for attending, supporting, and lending a hand.
- 2.) On November 7th, Community Board 18 partnered with our local elected officials for a Salute to our Veterans.
- 3.) On November 13th, she represented Community Board 18 by attending a Diwali Celebration of Lights in Marine Park featuring entertainment and a fashion show.
- 4.) There are some wonderful events happening right here in Community Board 18, especially through the Holiday Season. She encourages everyone to join in and take part. Also, if you know of any special events in the area, please email the office the information and we will share it with the board members.
- 5.) There was a badly damaged and tilted utility pole on Avenue W between East 69 & East 70 Streets. She went over, took pictures, and notified Con Ed. Since then a new pole has been installed.
- 6.) At our last meeting Gerard Brewster, Representing Utica 2 Flatbush brought to our attention the ripped American and POW flags that had been flying in Sunners Playground on Avenue H & East 49 Street. Parks Department was notified and will be replacing those

two flags by the end of this week. They will also be replacing the flags at Fox Playground on Avenue H & East 53 Street and at the Marine Park Golf Course on Flatbush Avenue.

- 7.) Our office received a complaint from a resident who resides on Canarsie Road and Shore Parkway that “No Parking” signs were put up on this block taking away much needed parking spaces for the residents that live on the block. She visited the site with the 69th Precinct and they will be removing two of the signs to give back some of the parking area. It is also a dead-end street, so they are also looking into lighting to help increase safety.
- 8.) Speed bumps were recently installed on Bergen Avenue from Royce Place to Avenue T and from Avenue V to Avenue X. Once the staging area is removed and construction is completed on Bergen Avenue, additional speed bumps will be installed. Right now, the priority according to DOT is installing speed bumps and speed cameras around Public Schools. There is already a waiting list for those requests but if you know of any of our local schools that do not have speed bumps and or speed cameras, please let us know and we will send the request to the DOT for review. Requests for residential street speed bumps must be made through the DOT Website and can take up to three years for review.

She wished everyone a Happy and most of all a Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chair Pro-Tem

1. State Liquor Authority Application Received – Vote

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR AN ALL-NIGHT PERMIT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C’Zen, 4410 Avenue H – 11234
- 8920 Avenue D, Flava II Restaurant & Lounge, 8920 Avenue D – 11236

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

- Mikes Texas Smoked BBQ LLC, Main House Kosher Bar and Restaurant – 11234

Chair Pro-Tem Paul Curiale stated that the Community Board notified the Board Members, the local civic associations and the 63rd & 69th Police Precincts about the New and Renewal SLA Applications received from Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C’Zen, 4410 Avenue H, 11234, 8920 Avenue D, Flava II Restaurant & Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236, and Mikes Texas Smoked BBQ LLC, Main House Kosher Bar and Restaurant, 11234. Objections and concerns were received for the New Application for an All-Night Permit for Alcoholic Beverage License for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider from 8920 Avenue D, Flava II Restaurant & Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236.

Chair Pro-Tem Paul Curiale asked if any of the applicants were present. Kwame Mack was present for Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C’Zen, 4410 Avenue H – 11234. He then opened the floor for questions and comments concerning the applications. Troy Thompson, Representing the Flatlands Flatbush Civic Group asked how long they want to keep it open for New Year’s Eve to New Year’s Day. Kwame Mack, Representing Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C’Zen stated that they will be closing at 4 AM on New Year’s Eve. Troy Thompson, Representing the Flatlands

Flatbush Civic Group thanked him and stated that was all they wanted to know. Johnny Arcenteles, Representing TAAIBA Association on Troy Avenue state that he thought that the original license only allowed them to operate until 2 AM, and now they're looking to operate until 4 AM. If that's the case does the 63rd Precinct have adequate personnel for that night to take care of all their complaints. P.O. Ronette Benjamin, 63rd Precinct replied yes, they do. Johnny Arcenteles, Representing TAAIBA Association on Troy Avenue asked from what time and how many officers. P.O. Ronette Benjamin, 63rd Precinct replied with the times and the number of officers.

Sgt. Brian Maher, 69th Precinct greeted everyone and the informed the board that he hopes to see a lot more of everyone. He informed the board that Capt. Khandakar Abdullah, Commanding Officer, 69th Precinct apologizes for leaving early due to an emergency and left him to speak to the board. He informed the board that they have had several confirmed shots fired in relation to Flava II Restaurant & Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236. On September 30th, they had a confirmed shot fired and a video of two males fleeing the location. On Thursday, October 21st they have actual video of a male carrying a firearm and dropping a live round on the ground which they recovered. Moments after that incident there was a drive by shooting targeting patrons from the location and on October 30th, they had seven shell casings recovered from another confirmed shots fired. P.O. Iona Matiuta, 69th Precinct responded to that job last year on November 11th, 2020. They had a patron leaving the location that was shot in a shooting on East 87th Street. They have good information but obviously they can't share the details. This is a place for individuals they don't want out there congregating with guns. They have their concerns about giving them additional hours on a liquor permit. The 69th Pct. has been doing several inspections in the establishment and they have been working with the NYS Liquor Authority on this matter. We just wanted to make sure that the Community Board is aware of these conditions before taking a vote on extending any hours for this applicant. He asked if anyone had any questions. There being no further questions or comments, Chair Pro-Tem Paul Curiale made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the New and Renewal Applications received from Mikes Texas Smoked BBQ LLC, Main House Kosher Bar and Restaurant, 11234, and Blueprint 265 Management LLC, C'Zen, 4410 Avenue H – 11234. Board Member Saul Needle seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 29 Yes Votes. Chair Pro-Tem Paul Curiale made another Motion that Community Board #18 recommends DENIAL of the New Application received 8920 Avenue D, Flava II Restaurant & Lounge, 8920 Avenue D, 11236. Board Member Sallie Bennett seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with 29 Yes Votes.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Grace Zwillenberg, Chairperson

1. Application received from Community Options, Inc., to establish an Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) home at 1366 East 59 Street – Vote

District Manager Sue Ann Partnow informed the board that the Social Services Committee met on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 PM in the Community Board Meeting Room to discuss the Application by Community Options, Inc. 161 Woodruff Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226, under the auspices of the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) pursuant to Section 41.34 of the Mental Hygiene Law, to establish a community Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) home for four (4) individuals, with a primary diagnosis of intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD). They met with two of the Directors of the organization who informed us about their mission and what they are doing to improve the lives of these special need's individuals. They will be doing some construction as there are a few steps leading up to the porch so, they will have to put a ramp. They must also widen the doors on the side of the house and

update the kitchen. Other than that, there is no other construction that will be taking place on this home. There is a driveway for the van that is used by the four (4) individuals and where it will be parked overnight. The Social Services Committee felt that they were caring, empathetic and responded well to the needs of the individuals as well as the committee. The individuals that everyone heard earlier will be attending day programs from 9:00 AM until 5 PM and on weekends, they participate in social programs in and around the community. There will be people there 24 hours a day to take care of the gentlemen and they've been with these gentlemen for the last ten (10) years in the apartment that they're living in. We felt while listening to them that the individual families played a vital role on where their loved ones will be residing. Social Services Committee recommended that they visit their neighbors and introduce themselves and inform them of who they are. They also advised them to practice good neighbor policy which they were quite receptive to. Board Member Joan Gilbert asked where the home is located. District Manager Sue Ann Partnow replied 1366 East 59 Street between Avenue M & N.

There being no further questions or comments Board Member Sylvia Whiteside made a Motion that Community Board #18 recommends approval of the Application for the proposed home at 1366 East 59 Street. Board Member Paul Curiale seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously with 28. Yes Votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Day, Community Outreach Coordinator, for The NYC Department of Sanitation greeted everyone and made an announcement on Fall Leaf Collection. He knows a few people may have already mentioned it but they're asking people to set their leaves out after 4 PM on December the 18th so that they can collect it and turn it into compost which has been a popular topic tonight. This will be done at their composting facility on Staten Island. So, nothing's going to be processed in your neighborhood. They're asking people to set out their leaves in paper lawn and leaf bags which your community board can order. It sounded like some of your Electeds have also ordered some. They're trying to host events in the neighborhood as well so that you can get those leaf bags, or you can set your leaves out in unlined rigid containers or a trash pail that has no plastic bag in it. They're asking people not to use plastic bags so please stick to those paper lawn bags and leaf bags or those unlined rigid containers and you should not set out any material that's been produced by hired professionals. Landscapers must dispose of their waste separately. You can visit www.nyc.gov/leafcollection for more information. So, again set your leaves out after 4 PM on December 18th. He thanked everyone for their time this evening and wished everyone a good evening.

Norine Medas, Representing the Rockaway Parkway Merchants Corridor Association thanked Community board 18 for their support and announced that they're having their 1st Annual Small Business Saturday on November 27th, 2021 from 11 AM to 7 PM. They will be kicking it off on their pedestrian plaza in front of Capital One Bank located at Rockaway Parkway and Glenwood Road. There focus will be financial literacy starting at 11 AM and there will be some performances at 3 PM. One of the things she was speaking to Capt. Khandakar Abdullah, Commanding Officer, 69th Precinct about was a lit corridor. They've been encouraging their merchants to add lights. We all know that we're coming out of a very dark time so they would like to light up the corridor. They want to have a festival of lights, hot coco, and cookie event. They encourage the community to come out and shop local on Saturday, November 27th. Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud asked if they have an office over there. Norine Medas, Representing the Rockaway Parkway Merchants Corridor Association stated that their organizing efforts are coming

to completion. They don't have an office but will eventually need office space and thanked him for asking that. They have been able to accomplish quite a bit with a shoestring budget over the last 20 months. So, the merchants are excited, and they've been doing their part and will continue to share updates with the Community Board. Anything or any ideas that anyone may have that you can share with them they will be more than happy. She thanked everyone for their time.

OPEN DISCUSSION VIA IN-PERSON & WEBEX . . .

Michael Benjamin, Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Orlando Ross, Representing Congress Woman Yvette Clarke, and Frieda Menos, Representing Congress Member Hakeem Jeffries greeted everyone and provided a brief update and information on upcoming events. They all extended wishes to everyone for a Happy Holiday.

Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes greeted everyone and provided a brief update and information on events. She gave a shout out to the 63rd Precinct specifically in Sector B. There were several RV's with residents camping out in the vicinity of St. Columba Church. They have been towed and they have not come back to the immediate area. So, kudos and thanks to the 63rd Precinct. She thanked and wished everyone a Happy and a Healthy Thanksgiving and Hannukah which is coming up a few days later.

Roopesh Ramjit, Representing Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, and Sergey Chuprik, Representing NYC Comptrollers Scott M. Stringer were present.

Board Member Paul Curiale mentioned that we have a lot of homeless families living in those RV's and it was brought to his attention that they are kids that go to our schools. It's a sad situation and he was wondering if anyone knew of a group that we could link with these homeless families for help and not the shelter that was referred to earlier. He knows that Avenue U had people living in RV's over the years and still does. At Mary Queen of Heaven there was a gentleman that used to live there but he believes he moved out. Now his family is living in this RV near Sam Ash and asked if that is what Reeves Eisen, Representing State Senator Andrew Gounardes was referring to. Reeves Eisen replied no and that the one she was referring to was on the perimeter of St. Columba Church. Their being there was not an issue. It was the debris and human waste that was being left behind at the curb, that was the major issue, and it has been going on for a few years. The NCO's had tried to work with the residents to have them refrain from doing that and they did not. So, after about three years of negotiations back and forth the RV's were removed. Board Member Paul Curiale replied and said that he doesn't think that as residents any of us deny the fact that it's a messy ongoing issue and thinks that we're going to see it more. He knows that there's also one by Pepsi near Rockaway Parkway he believes that there are some over there and in the 66th Precinct too. Whenever you see an RV someone is probably living there and they're living there because they don't have a home. I just want to make it known that nobody should have to deal with an RV in front of their home, but it is an ongoing thing and unfortunately, it's growing around the city.

David Louis, NYC Mayor's Office greeted everyone and introduced himself in his new capacity. He informed the board that he could be reached by email at Dlouis2@cityhall.nyc.gov and that he is a resident in this district as well so if anyone has any concerns please feel free to reach out to him and he'll be more than happy to work with them to address any issues that they may have. He thanked and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business or discussion, Chairperson Ien wished everyone a Happy

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Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukah and made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Community Board #18. Board Member Paul Curiale seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 P.M. The Motion passed unanimously with 30 Yes Votes.

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