



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 June 13, 2022

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, June 13, 2022 via Webex.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abe Treff	Ephraim Neirenberg	Karl-Henry Cesar	Nicole Lebenson
Alvin M. Berk	Eric Ost	Maria Rivan	Angulo
Barden Prisant	Florencia Chang-	Hazlewood	Nina Sabghir
Boris Noble	Agenda	Mechelle Brunson	Shahid Khan
Corazon Valiente	Gail L. Smith	Mehdi Heris	Sophia Francis
Dawn-Marie Walker	Glenn Wolin	Melissa Minnich	Steven D. Cohen
Duane Joseph	Greg Alvarez	Modechai Husarsky	Talisha Sainvil
Ed Powell	Hindy Bendel	Moshe Schonfeld	Walter McQueen
Edward Cen	Jo Ann Brown	Moussa Hassoun	Waqil Ahmed
Elizabeth Denys	Joel Siegel	Naomi Lipnick	Yvette Clairjeane

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Anya Hoyer, Community Coordinator
Patricia Olender, Community Associate

BOROUGH HALL

Eileen Mullaney-Newman, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Hassan Chaudhary, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

CITY COUNCIL

Joel DeSouve, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Tamara Bonet-Cardona, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Anastasia Yaskova, Community Affairs Unit, Office of Mayor Eric L. Adams

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu, Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

STATE ASSEMBLY

Assemblymember Brian Cunningham (43rd AD)
Assemblymember Robert Carroll (44th AD)
Lisa Derrick, Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn (42nd AD)

CONGRESS

Eli Slavin, Office of Representative Yvette Clarke (9th CD)

OTHER GUESTS / REPRESENTATIVES

Deputy Inspector Bruce Ceparano, Commanding Officer, 70th Precinct, NYPD
P.O. Michael Joseph, Community Affairs, 70th Precinct, NYPD
Kenneth Lazar, Community Affairs, Department of Buildings

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jo Ann Brown called the June meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Chair read the opening statement outlining the policies and procedures pertaining to Board meetings under the applicable statutes of New York State, the Charter of the City of New York, Executive Order 202.1, the Board's Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. The Board met virtually on Webex. Quorum was confirmed.

II. MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting were approved. Copies are on file at the CB14 District office and available on the CB14 website.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – *Shawn Campbell:*

The District Manager announced upcoming June committee meetings and a community conversation about Prospect Park's Lakeshore capital project. A District Service Cabinet meeting was held on June 1, 2022. DSNY appointed Robert McKenna to the superintendent position at BK14. The DM also reported on a meeting with the new DSNY Commissioner Jessica Tisch at Newkirk Plaza. The district office will be open all summer to service the community.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – *Jo Ann Brown:*

A) Chair Brown recognized elected officials, their representatives, and other guests in attendance.

Assemblymember Robert Carroll addressed the board and spoke about recently passed New York State budget and legislative initiatives.

NYPD 70th Precinct Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Ceparano also greeted the board and spoke about 70th Precinct summer safety initiatives.

B) The Chair announced a June 13, 2022 public hearing recommendation that the board continue to hold remote meetings and public hearings via Webex while the NYS Governor's State of Emergency remains in place.

On motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (37-0-0) to maintain remote meetings during the State of Emergency

- C) Chair Brown thanked departing board members, welcomed new members to the board and encouraged them to attend the new board member orientation which will be held during the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for June 21, 2022.
- D) The Borough Board met on June 7, 2022 and viewed a presentation from the Office of the NYS Attorney General regarding constituent services, presentation opportunities, and community programs related to public safety. The Prospect Park Alliance (PPA) also reported on a riding ring planned for Prospect Park. The Borough Board did not meet quorum and thus was unable to hold a vote on the PPA proposal.
- E) Committee of the Whole: The board's position with respect to meetings, as well as public hearing requirements on issues and/or actions which may require a vote during the summer months, is to hold these items over to September. The board will convene during the months of July and August only should there be an item that requires an immediate vote. Therefore, it is recommended that the board vote on a resolution empowering a Committee of the Whole to take action on behalf of the full board should such meetings become necessary. This enables the board to satisfy its quorum requirement during the summer months.

On motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (37-0-0) to empower the Committee of the Whole

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) **Community Safety Committee - Co-Chair Florencia Chang-Ageda** reported on a May 24, 2022 committee meeting which featured a presentation on the State of the Precinct from 70th Precinct Deputy Inspector Bruce Ceparano.
- B) **Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development Committee – Co-Chair Duane Joseph** announced that the committee met on May 16, 2022 to review a presentation from the Flatbush-Nostrand Junction BID on a recently completed Community Development Needs Assessment. The Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) also presented on the Cortelyou Road Merchants Association (CORMA), the Newkirk Plaza Merchants Association and their events, activities and plans for the future. FDC is exploring the formation of a BID that could encompass the merchants' associations.
- C) **Human Services Committee – Co-Chair Nina Sabghir** reported on the June 2, 2022 committee meeting which featured a presentation from the NYC Department of Social Services (DSS) on the Aged, Blind & Disabled program and the Health Insurance Access program. There was a presentation from IMPACCT Brooklyn about tenant & legal counseling services. A representative from NYC Health + Hospitals also spoke about Coney Island Hospital renovations and co-naming the campus Brooklyn South Health and the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Hospital.
- D) **Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Barden Prisant** reported on the committee's June 8, 2022 meeting which featured a presentation from NYC DOT on proposed school safety initiatives and traffic changes for East 12 Street and Avenue M. **Co-Chair Steven D. Cohen** provided information regarding a proposal to introduce electric Dollar Vans in Brooklyn which was presented at a June 9, 2022 Town Hall hosted by Councilmember Farah Louis.

- E) **Youth Services, Education and Libraries Committee – Co-Chair Karl-Henry Cesar** invited the community to join the committee for a meeting on June 16, 2022. **Co-Chair Nicole Lebson Angulo** announced that she will be leaving the board due to a move out of the city.
- F) **Housing and Land Use Committee – Co-Chair Gregory Alvarez** announced that the committee chairs will be meeting with the board chair and district manager over the summer to make plans for Fall 2022 committee meetings.
- G) **CB14 Flatbush African Burial Ground Task Force – Co-Chair Duane Joseph** reported that the Task Force met with Councilmember Rita Joseph to discuss how the board will contribute to community planning related to the burial ground and which city or state agency will oversee the future plans.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – 8:11 PM

- A) **Lisa Derrick, Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn**, updated the community about recently sponsored legislation, initiatives and district events.
- B) **Eli Slavin, Congressman Yvette Clarke’s Office**, announced recent Congressional hearings on gun control and encouraged the community to visit the district’s website.
- C) **Assemblymember Brian Cunningham** thanked the board for their hard work and wished everyone a great summer.
- D) **Nancy Lulu, Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office**, shared greetings on behalf of the DA and announced several upcoming events.
- E) **Joel DeSouve, Councilmember Rita Joseph’s Office**, shared information about two recently introduced bills and announced several upcoming events.
- F) **Tyrone McDonald, Neighborhood Housing Services**, shared program information for two NHS home repair grant opportunities.
- G) **Eileen Mullaney-Newman, Borough President Antonio Reynoso’s Office**, invited board members to attend one of two scheduled June swearing in ceremonies at Borough Hall.
- H) **Betsy Fuller, Community Resident**, spoke about the closure of the Bedford Avenue Sears store and asked questions about the redevelopment of the property.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:23 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.