



## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 October 3, 2022**

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, October 3, 2022 via Webex.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Abe Treff	Ephraim Nierenberg	Joe Dweck	Naomi Lipnick
Barden Prisant	Eric Ost	Joel Siegel	Nina Sabghir
Boris Noble	Florencia Chang-	Karl-Henry Cesar	Shahid Khan
Dawn-Marie Walker	Ageda	Mechelle Brunson	Steven D. Cohen
Deborah Valentin	Gail L. Smith	Mehdi Heris	Talisha Sainvil
Donald Loggins	Greg Alvarez	Melissa Minnich	Tzvi Plotsker
Edward Cen	Hindy Bendel	Moshe Schonfeld	Waqil Ahmed
Elizabeth Denys	Jo Ann Brown	Moussa Hassoun	Yvette Clairjeane

### **DISTRICT OFFICE**

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

### **CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Farah Louis (45<sup>th</sup> CD)  
Joel DeSouve, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph (40<sup>th</sup> CD)  
Daniel Heredia, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45<sup>th</sup> CD)  
Troy Olson, Office of Councilmember Inna Vernikov (48<sup>th</sup> CD)

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Nancy Lulu, Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

### **STATE ASSEMBLY**

Anthony Beckford, Office of Assemblymember Brian Cunningham (43<sup>rd</sup> AD)

### **CONGRESS**

Eli Slavin, Office of Representative Yvette Clarke (9<sup>th</sup> CD)

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Jo Ann Brown called the October 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 September 12, 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 that borough budget consultations with 18 agencies over the month of September had concluded. She noted that district managers were updated on the status of many programs and services and learned about many new initiatives but shared concern about the low headcount in most city agencies, which she noted was affecting the district office.

Ms. Campbell attended a loss prevention meeting the NYPD's Brooklyn South, which was led by Chief Kemper. She thanked DI Bruce Ceparano for taking initiative in the 70<sup>th</sup> precinct by holding a similar local meeting.

It was announced that DSNY was beginning snowplow season and would be driving routes with the plows to test routes. She also announced that heat season started and that interior temperatures must be 68 during the daytime when it is 55 degrees or colder outside and 62 degrees at night regardless of the outside temperature. In addition, the district office is distributing leaf bags and she urged residents to call and request bags. She offered to loan the public zoning books and reminded new board members to pick one up for land use reference.

## IV. CHAIR REPORT – *Jo Ann Brown*:

- A) Chair Brown recognized elected officials, their representatives, and other guests in attendance. She invited Councilmember Farah Louis to address the assembly. The councilmember spoke about the state of the city and legislative and policy initiatives. She introduced her new staff member, Daniel.
- B) The Chair announced the recommendation from the October 3, 2022 public hearing held at the request of Councilmember Inna Vernikov's office to approve the co-naming of Avenue N and Ocean Avenue to Moshe Berkowitz Way.

**On motion, duly made, it was:**

**RESOLVED (23-6-1) to support the proposal to co-name Avenue N and Ocean Avenue, Moshe Berkowitz Way**

- C) The Chair announced the recommendation from the October 3, 2022 public hearing held at the request of Councilmember Inna Vernikov's office to approve the co-naming of Avenue N and East 15 Street to Benjamin W. Schaeffer Way

**On motion, duly made, it was:**

**RESOLVED (29-1-0) to support the proposal to co-name Avenue N and East 15 Street to Benjamin W. Schaeffer Way**

- D) The Chair announced the upcoming Borough Board meeting to take place later in the week on October 6 which she will report on at the November CB14 meeting.

#### **V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:**

- A) **Housing and Land Use Committee – Co-Chair Gregory Alvarez** reported on the September 19, 2022 committee meeting. David Weissglass from the Department of City Planning provided an overview of the “City of Yes” zoning text amendments. He noted that it is early in the process but urged the public to review the presentation and video on CB14’s website.
- B) **Human Services Committee – Co-Chair Nina Sabghir** announced that a meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 8 and encouraged all to participate. Co-Chair Joel Siegel urged everyone to keep an eye out for this year’s nonprofit roundtable date tbd.
- C) **Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Steven D. Cohen** welcomed new members and his new co-chair Ed Cen and spoke about the September 22 DOT meeting at PS 130 which was organized by Assemblymember Robert Carroll to discuss proposed BQE repairs and traffic detours through CB14. The committee will hold another meeting on November 2 (tbc) on this topic so that DOT can address specific issues in the district.
- D) **Youth Services, Education and Libraries Committee – Co-Chair Karl-Henry Cesar** announced that the committee would meet on October 25 to hear from local Brooklyn Public Library branch managers.
- E) **Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development Committee –** no report.
- F) **Community Safety Committee –** No report, but **Co-Chair Florencia Chang Ageda** encouraged everyone to attend the November committee meeting tentatively scheduled for November 22.

#### **VI. AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

- A) **CB14 Flatbush African Burial Ground Task Force – Co-Chair Talisha Sainvil** announced that the Task Force meeting was set for October 20, directly following the Budget Committee meeting and encouraged all to attend.

#### **VII. PUBLIC SESSION – 7:46 PM**

- A) **India Dansby, HHC** announced that Morris Height Health Center opened at 1095 Flatbush Avenue and was accepting new patients for health services and care.
- B) **Nancy Lulu, Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office**, reported on the DA’s including prosecutions and community events. She noted that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and provided several numbers of additional resources.
- C) **Raziq Seabrook from National Grid** spoke about National Grid’s current position on New York State’s goal to convert more energy to the electrical grid, which is supported but which

raises some questions and concerns. A more detailed outline will follow at an upcoming committee meeting and resources will be provided to the CB14 office to post.

- D) **Leniere Miley, WISE**, spoke about career and college readiness and announced a CB14 scholarship opportunity.
- E) **Lili Lopez, NY Connects** spoke about services provided to assist people with applications to many human service programs including Medicaid, housing, SNAP, DRIE, etc.
- F) **Anthony Beckford, Office of Assemblymember Brian Cunningham**, spoke about the office's recent open house as well as events, and policy and legislative efforts.
- G) **Daniel Heredia, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis**, announced events and policy and legislative efforts.
- H) **Alida Mahakam, Brooklyn Public Library – Kensington Branch**, provided library updates on services and events.
- I) **Joel DeSouve, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph**, announced events and policy and legislative efforts.
- J) **Eli Slavin, Office of Representative Yvette Clark**, brought greetings from Congress and provided office contact information.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:04 P.M.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.