



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 November 14, 2022

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, November 14th, 2022 at East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ahmed, Waqil	Clairjeane, Yvette	Lipnick, Naomi	Prisant, Barden
Alvarez, Gregory	Denys, Elizabeth	Loggins, Donald	Sabghir, Nina
Bowers, Darlene	Dweck, Joseph	McQueen, Walter	Sainvil, Talisha
Brown, Jo Ann	Eckstein, Yehuda	Minnich, Melissa	Siegel, Joel
Brunson, Mechelle	Francis, Sophia	Nierenberg, Ephraim	Smith, Gail L.
Cen, Edward	Hassoun, Moussa	Noble, Boris	Treff, Abraham
Cesar, Karl-Henry	Hussain, Manzoor	Ost, Eric	Valentin, Deborah
Chang-Ageda, Florescia	Joseph, Duane	Plotsker, Tzvi	Valiente, Corazon
	Khan, Shahid	Powell, Edward	Walker, Dawn-Marie

DISTRICT OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Patricia Olender, Community Coordinator

CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)
Joel Desouve, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Daniel Heredia, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)

BOROUGH HALL

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

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

Pinchus Hikind, Office of NYC Comptroller Brad Lander

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Judith Destin, Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

STATE ASSEMBLY

Naomi Ritter, Office of Assemblymember Brian Cunningham (43rd AD)

CONGRESS

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jo Ann Brown called the November 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, the Board's Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. Quorum was present.

II. MINUTES:

Minutes of the October 3rd, 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 Anya Hoyer had resigned and noted that Ms. Hoyer had served the community very ably for over a decade. She expressed her gratitude for this service and noted that the position was posted on the CB14 website. The DM also thanked CB14 Patricia Olender for her extra efforts to make up for being short staffed at a busy time of year!

Ms. Olender has been organizing the leaf bag distribution. The office distributed over 500 leaf bags provided by the DSNY. The DM announced that another special leaf collection would take place on the following Sunday and again on December 4th. She urged residents to take advantage of this service in order to minimize leaves going into landfills and reminded homeowners that lawn and gardening businesses that they hire are required by law to take leaves and lawn debris and not leave them for DSNY collection.

Ms. Campbell reported that she testified at a city council hearing regarding language access legislation and that she continues to work with the Future of Community Boards group to advocate for city support or a budget allocation to increase translation and interpretation services.

The DM announced that the Fund for the City of New York awarded three planning fellows to CB14. One fellow will research zoning text amendment proposals and their potential impact on the district; another will assess the housing stock in CD 14 and compare market rate to different levels of affordable housing; and the third will focus on Newkirk Plaza documenting the history of the plaza and efforts to bring it within city agency purview.

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.
- B) The Chair announced the recommendation from the FY 2024 Budget Priorities public hearing that took place on November 14th, 2022, just before the regular monthly meeting:

On motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to ratify the priorities and submit them to the Department of City Planning.

- C) The Chair reported on three Borough Board meetings that took place since the CB14 October Board meeting. The October 6th meeting included the Borough Board's approval to renew a

lease on public property managed by EDC at the Coney Island Boardwalk. A special meeting of the Borough Board was held on October 19th to resolve hybrid meeting procedures. This item was tabled to the November 1st meeting and a resolution was adopted for the Borough Board. Also at the November meeting, there was a presentation on an air quality monitoring program, which does not include any part of CD 14 and the Chair requested that the district be added to the program. The Regional Plan Association presented an outline of an upcoming health and land use initiative.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) **Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Ed Cen** reported on the November 2nd meeting with DOT regarding upcoming repairs to the BQE and related detours in CD 14, specifically on Caton Avenue and Linden Boulevard. This was a follow up on the October 22nd DOT meeting at PS 130 which was organized by Assemblymember Robert Carroll and was intended to focus on specific issues in the district.
- B) **Youth Services, Education and Libraries Committee – Co-Chair Karl-Henry Cesar** reported on the committee meeting on October 25th. Branch managers from the district's local Brooklyn Public Library branches reported on capital projects and their many programs and services. A representative from the Department of Education also joined the meeting and spoke about programs for older students with Individualized Education Plans and services provided as they age out of the DOE system.
- C) **Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development Committee – Co-Chairs Duane Joseph** thanked Donald Loggins for his years of leadership on the Community Environment committee and for his mentorship. He and **Co-Chair Barden Prisant** spoke about upcoming community input opportunities hosted by the Prospect Park Alliance and announced the upcoming committee meeting, which will include presentations by DEP regarding rainfall programs, as well as Parks and National Grid.
- D) **Community Safety Committee –Co-Chair Florencia Chang Ageda** encouraged everyone to attend the November 22nd committee meeting. She also noted that she would be serving with new Co-Chair Hindy Bendel and thanked Abe Treff for serving as Co-Chair previously.
- E) **Housing and Land Use Committee – Co-Chairs Gregory Alvarez and Talisha Sainvil** announced that there would be a committee meeting in December and they planned to schedule a speaker about affordable housing and other matters of interest to the community.
- F) **Human Services Committee – Co-Chairs Nina Sabghir and Joel Siegel** reported on November 8th committee meeting, which included presentations from Berenice Kernizan, from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, about maternal and perinatal health services. Rebecca Herman, Assistant Director of Field Operations & Clinical Director, Flatbush Recovery and Wellness Center also presented on their services in the community.

VI. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A) **CB14 Flatbush African Burial Ground Task Force – Co-Chairs Duane Joseph and Talisha Sainvil** reported on the Task Force meeting on October 20th. Mr. Joseph provided background on the site, noting that the original plan had been to build housing on the site but that due to community input the site was now scheduled to be memorialized and management of the

project was therefore in the process of shifting from HPD to DPR. He reported on the outline for next steps and emphasized that the Task Force emphasis was on thorough and meaningful community engagement.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – 7:46 PM

- A) Eli Slavin, Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, reported on the Representatives participation in an AMI task force and advocacy regarding the Section 8 program.
- B) Henry Morgan, the Mayor's Office for NY Service, spoke about volunteerism, civic engagement and upcoming funding opportunities.
- C) Antonia Bramble, BPL, announced that the BPL Strategic Plan Priorities is published and outlined the priority categories.
- D) Samantha Bernadine, Flatbush African Burial Ground Coalition, spoke about the groups ongoing efforts, concerns about engagement with the descendant community and details of the budget. She mentioned a high school program at the Erasmus Hall Campus and welcomed further conversations about youth and local economic development.
- E) Daniel Heredia, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis, announced events and policy and legislative efforts.
- F) Eileen Mullaney-Newman, Office of Borough President Antonio Reynoso, spoke about the BP's substantial allocation of funding toward improved maternal health outcomes in Brooklyn and other community efforts and events.
- G) Florencia Chang-Ageda, 70th Precinct Interfaith Clergy Council, spoke about their many partnerships serving the local community with food distribution and cure violence outreach.
- H) Joel Desouve, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph, announced events and policy and legislative efforts, as well as the office's constituent services.
- I) Judith Destin, Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, brought greetings from the DA, spoke about community efforts and events and provided office contact information for the DA's action center.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:25 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.