



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14

October 7, 2024

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregory Alvarez	Sabina Dorville	Alex Lesman	Gail L Smith
Hindy Bendel	Hatem El-Gamasy	Donald Loggins	Tova Szenberg
Binyomin Bendet	Jerrell Gray	Sasha Maslouski	Abraham Treff
Christopher Bromson	Susan Hargett	Ephraim Nierenberg	Deborah Valentin
Karl-Henry Cesar	Moussa Hassoun	Eric Ost	Dawn-Marie Walker
Florencia Chang-Ageda	William Hattar	Nora Pena	Glenn Wolin
Steven D. Cohen	Mordechai Husarsky	Tzvi Plotsker	
Elizabeth Denys	Erica Phillips Jones	Barden Prisant	
Derrick Donald	Shahid Khan	Joel Siegel	

DISTRICT OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Patricia Olender, Community Coordinator
Sarah Sklaw, Community Coordinator

BOROUGH HALL

Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

CITY COUNCIL

Brian Grady, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Avrohom Malachowski, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Tyasha Allen, Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn (42nd AD)
Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assemblymember Robert Carroll (44th AD)

OTHER GUESTS / REPRESENTATIVES

P.O. Michael Joseph, 70th Precinct, New York City Police Department
P.O. Adreanna Jewet, 70th Precinct, New York City Police Department

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Karl-Henry Cesar called the October meeting to order at 7:02 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 September 9, 2024, 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 reported on her attendance at consultations, meetings and events, including the Borough Service Cabinet meeting and District Service Cabinet meeting. The DM noted that she participated in two additional rounds of budget consultations covering 11 agencies. She thanked those who attended the annual reception as well as staff members and others who assisted in organizing the event. The DM noted that former Fund for the City of New York Community Planning Fellow, Paige Kloss, will continue to work on flooding research in the district as part of their capstone project.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Karl-Henry Cesar:

The Chair recognized representatives from elected officials' offices and city agencies (see page 1).

The Chair reported on the annual reception held on September 19, and reiterated CB14's appreciation for the individuals who received community recognition awards.

The Chair reported on a public hearing held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, regarding an application by New York Community Hospital, ULURP No. C180070MMK. This application involves the elimination, discontinuance and closing of a portion of the sidewalk on Avenue O between Bedford Avenue and Kings Highway to facilitate the construction of a new Infectious Disease Isolation Unit (IDIU) for the New York Community Hospital. The recommendation of the Board Members in attendance at the public hearing was to approve the application. Following this recommendation DM Campbell requested that New York Community Hospital representatives hold another community gathering with neighbors to address concerns raised during the hearing.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (33-0-0) to approve ULURP application No. C180070MMK by New York Community Hospital. (Addendum 1)

The Chair reported on the Borough Board meeting held on October 1, 2024. The Borough Board heard presentations on Community Air Monitoring and a 5-year Accessibility Plan under Local Law 12. Also discussed was Intro 1065, which would impose terms on Community Board District Managers and allow respective Borough Presidents to fire District Managers at will.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) **Youth Services, Education and Libraries – Co-Chair Eric Ost** reported on the committee meeting held on September 16. Agenda items included a presentation on Brooklyn College's strategic plan and

a presentation on partnerships, funding priorities, and volunteer opportunities for the Neighborhood Advisory Board.

- B) **Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development – Co-Chair Joel Siegel** reported on the committee meeting held on September 30. The agenda included a presentation by I Am Caribbeing on programming. There was also a presentation by the Flatbush Development Corporation regarding an application for a New York State Downtown Revitalization grant. The Department of Sanitation also provided information on the upcoming requirement that residential properties under 9 units containerize their trash for set out.
- C) **Human Services – District Manager Shawn Campbell** announced the upcoming committee meeting on November 19. Agenda items will include a presentation on SUNY Downstate Hospital.
- D) **Community Safety – Co-Chairs Hindy Bendel and Florencia Chang-Ageda** announced a committee meeting on October 29. Agenda items will include a presentation by Deputy Inspector Gregory Mackie of the 70th Precinct and a presentation by New York City Emergency Management on community preparedness. The co-chairs also announced the 70th Precinct Community Council meeting on October 30 and a fundraiser run held by the family of the late Detective Dillon Stewart.
- E) **Transportation – Co-Chairs Moussa Hassoun and Deborah Valentin** announced a committee meeting on November 6. Agenda items will include an update by the DOT on the CB14 bike lane network and a presentation by the New York City Transportation Authority on the status of capital projects and the 5-year capital plan.
- F) **Housing and Land Use – Co-Chair Gregory Alvarez** announced a committee meeting in November. Date and agenda to be announced.

VI. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A) **Transition Committee – District Manager Shawn Campbell** announced a joint, in-person meeting of the Transition Committee and Budget Committee on October 15. She reminded Board Members that the Budget committee is made up of all co-chairs of Community Board 14's standing committees and the Executive Committee.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assemblymember Robert Carroll, announced upcoming events and programs hosted by the Assemblymember's office.
2. Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, announced upcoming events and programs hosted by the Borough President's office.
3. Brian Grady, Office of Council Member Rita Joseph, announced upcoming events, programs, and services hosted by the Council Member's office.
4. Lauren Collins, Church-Flatbush Community Alliance, announced their upcoming annual meeting and a neighborhood beautification day.
5. Jay Taubman, Brooklyn Public Library, Cortelyou Branch, shared information about events and programs at the library.
6. Avrohom Malachowski, Office of Council Member Farah Louis, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Council Member's office.
7. Tyesha Allen, Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Assemblymember's office.

8. P.O. Jewet, NYPD 70th Precinct, introduced herself as a new member of the 70th Precinct's Community Affairs Unit.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:52

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
FLATBUSH-MIDWOOD COMMUNITY DISTRICT
810 East 16th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11230

ERIC L. ADAMS
Mayor

October 16, 2024

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KARL-HENRY CESAR
Chair

SHAWN CAMPBELL
District Manager

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Garodnick:

EDWARD CEN
First Vice-Chair

On October 7, 2024, the members of Brooklyn Community Board 14 voted on an application for New York Community Hospital, ULURP No. C180070MMK. This application involves the elimination, discontinuance and closing of a portion of Avenue O between Bedford Avenue and Kings Highway in Community District 14, Borough of Brooklyn, in order to facilitate the construction of a new Infectious Disease Isolation Unit (IDIU) for the New York Community Hospital.

HINDY BENDEL
Second Vice-Chair

SHAHID KHAN
Third Vice-Chair

FLORENCIA CHANG-AGEDA
Secretary

Members voted unanimously to approve the application without conditions.

ERIC OST
Member-at-Large

DEBORAH VALENTIN
Member-at-Large

Sincerely,

ALVIN M. BERK
Chairman Emeritus

Karl-Henry Cesar
Chair

cc: Hon. Antonio Reynoso, Brooklyn Borough President
Hon. Inna Vernikov, NYC Councilmember, 48th CD
Richard Lobel, Sheldon Lobel, P.C
Barry Stern, President & CEO, Maimonides Midwood Community Hospital
Hanif Yazdi, Department of City Planning