



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 November 4, 2024

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Waqil Ahmed	Steven D. Cohen	Erica Phillips Jones	Tzvi Plotsker
Carissa Alphonso	Elizabeth Denys	Alex Lesman	Barden Prisant
Gregory Alvarez	Joseph Dweck	Donald Loggins	Bazah Roohi
Binyomin Bendet	Hatem El-Gamasy	Sasha Maslouski	Nina Sabghir
Christopher Bromson	Jerrell Gray	Melissa Minnich	Tova Szenberg
Karl-Henry Cesar	Moussa Hassoun	Ephraim Nierenberg	Abraham Treff
Florencia Chang-Ageda	Mordechai Husarsky	Ornella Parker	Dawn-Marie Walker
Yvette Clairjeane	Nodica Johnson	Nora Pena	Kendall Washington

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu, Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

CITY COUNCIL

Avrohom Malachowski, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)

OTHER GUESTS / REPRESENTATIVES

P.O. Michael Joseph, 70th Precinct, New York City Police Department
D.I. Gregory Mackie, Commanding Officer, 70th Precinct, New York City Police Department

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Karl-Henry Cesar 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 7, 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 in the district. She reminded attendees that DSNY's new trash container requirement will go into effect on November 12th. She asked attendees to be mindful that New York City is under a drought warning and to take steps to conserve water.

IV. CHAIR REPORT –Karl-Henry Cesar:

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

The Chair encouraged attendees to vote if they had not already done so. He thanked former board members Jo Ann Brown and Glenn Wolin for their history of service to the Community Board.

The Chair reported on a public hearing held on November 4, 2024, regarding an application by Mustang Brothers Inc, DBA Namaste Brooklyn, located at 1202 Cortelyou Road for a sidewalk café under the Department of Transportation's Open Dining program.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (32-0-0) to recommend that the recommendations be approved.

The Chair reported on a public hearing held on November 4, 2024, regarding Community Board 14's Proposed Recommendations to the City's Capital and Expense Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (32-0-0) to recommend that the application be approved without conditions.

The Chair announced that the Brooklyn Borough Board meeting would take place on November 7th and that he would provide a report at CB14's December Board Meeting.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) **Youth Services, Education and Libraries – Co-Chair Ornella Parker** announced that their next committee meeting, date TBA, would focus on planning for the 2025 Youth Conference. She also announced that public schools will be closed for Election Day, but city libraries will be open.
- B) **Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development –** No report.
- C) **Human Services – Co-Chairs Yvette Clairjeane and Nina Sabghir** announced an upcoming meeting on Tuesday, November 19th. Agenda items will include two presentations related to SUNY Downstate Hospital and a presentation by South Brooklyn Connected Community. Co-Chair Sabghir reported on her attendance at the American Council of Minority Women's Annual Day of Dignity celebration.
- D) **Community Safety – Co-Chair Florencia Chang-Ageda** reported on the committee meeting held on October 29th. The agenda included a presentation by Captain Smallwood of the 70th Precinct. The Office of Emergency Management also presented. Co-Chair Chang-Ageda encouraged attendees to take a copy of the Ready New York brochure for emergency preparedness. She also announced a Winter Ready Preparedness Webinar for seniors on November 19th.

- E) **Transportation – Co-Chair Moussa Hassoun** announced the upcoming committee meeting on Wednesday, November 6th. Agenda items include a presentation from DOT with an update on the bike lane project in the district and a presentation by the MTA on project status updates and the 5-year capital plan.
- F) **Housing and Land Use – Co-Chair Gregory Alvarez** announced the appointment of **Melissa Minnich** as the new co-chair. The co-chairs announced a committee meeting on Tuesday, November 12th. The agenda will include a presentation by the New York State Department of Homes and Community Renewal, a presentation by NHS Brooklyn on their programs, and updates on Good Cause Eviction rules by Housing and Family Services of Greater New York.

VI. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A) **Transition Committee – Co-Chair Ornella Parker** reported on the joint meeting held with the Budget Committee on October 15th. The Committee reviewed data from the demographic survey completed by Board Members and discussed potential approaches to ensuring that Board membership was reflective of larger community demographics.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Andrew Hidalgo, South Brooklyn Connected Community, spoke about the organization's efforts to prevent substance abuse in South Brooklyn.
2. Lily Keener, Brooklyn Public Library – Kensington Branch, shared information about events and programs at the library.
3. Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, announced upcoming and past events and programs hosted by the Borough President's Office. He noted that on November 20th, Borough Hall will be hearing the New York Community Hospital ULURP application that was previously before CB14 in case if residents have further comments.
4. Salman Rehman, Brooklyn Emerge, announced programs and services offered by the community organization.
5. Nancy Lulu, Kings County District Attorney's Office, announced services and programs provided by the District Attorney's Office.
6. Xin-rui Lee, NYC Independent Budget Office, shared information about the IBO and its efforts to target research toward community needs through community requested data reports.
7. Lauren Collins, Church-Flatbush Community Alliance, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Alliance, including a neighborhood beautification day and thanksgiving meal.
8. Avrohom Malachowski, Office of Council Member Farah Louis, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Council Member's office.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:56 PM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.