

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

A regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at P.S.249 (Caton Avenue & Marlborough Road) Brooklyn, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Waqil Ahmed	Steven Cohen	Lori Knipel	Bazah Roohi
Gregory Alvarez	Joseph Dweck	Naomi Lipnick	Joel Siegel
Hindy Bendel	Ray Edwards	Ephraim Nierenberg	Gail L. Smith
Alvin M. Berk	Leonie Francis-	Tzvi Plotsker	Deborah Valentin
Jo Ann Brown	Bryan	Edward Powell	Florence Valentino
Edward Cen	Anne Gaudet	Barden Prisant	Dawn-Marie Walker
Karl-Henry Cesar	Duane Joseph	Mohammad Razvi	Glenn M. Wolin
Florencia Chang-	Jonathan Judge	Maria Rivan-	
Ageda	Shahid Khan	Hazlewood	

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Irina Lerman, Community Coordinator

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
Jeffrey Severe for Jumaane Williams

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Eileen Mullaney-Newman for Eric L. Adams

NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER

Pinchus Hikind for Scott M. Stringer

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Farah Louis
Ramona Cabreja for Mathieu Eugene
Soumia Chraibi for Mathieu Eugene
Vladimir Dorgely for Farah Louis
Oleksandr Tymkiv for Farah Louis

STATE ASSEMBLY

Assembly Member Robert Carroll
Josh Skaller for Robert Carroll
Pierre Gedeon for Rodneyse Bichotte
Duane Joseph for Diana Richardson

U.S. CONGRESS

Eli Slavin for Yvette D. Clarke

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

Det. Kim Walker, Det. Scott Nuzzi, 70th Police Precinct;
Det. Tania Satters, Intelligence Bureau, NYPD;
Lori Knipel, District Leader, 44th AD

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ed Powell called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. The Chairman opened the meeting by outlining the policies and procedures pertaining to Board meetings. He stressed that anyone wishing to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting must register for time. The public session takes place after all Board business is completed. The Board has an obligation to conduct its business in an orderly manner. Any person preventing the meeting from continuing may be asked to leave.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted. Copies are on file at the CB14 District office.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT- Shawn Campbell:

The District Manager reported on the budget consultations with city agencies. The information gathered at these consultations was included in items presented to our budget committee and will inform final budget requests from CB 14 for the FY 2021 budget.

Ms. Campbell thanked those board members who attended the budget committee meeting and shared their suggestions on how to use funds allocated through City Council.

The District Manager announced that The Fund for the City of New York awarded the Community Board two Planning Fellows. One will be working on Census 2020 efforts and the other will be looking at economic development issues in the District.

She also reminded the assembly that property owners are responsible for cleaning 18 inches from the curb into the street as well as tree pits in front of their properties. Private lawn contractors are responsible for removing lawn debris and cannot leave it behind for DSNY collection.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Ed Powell:

A) Introduction of Elected Officials, Agency Representatives and Distinguished Guests (see page one):

Chairman Powell announced that a final list of committee assignments will be sent out shortly after some co-Chair appointments are confirmed.

He also updated board members on the Board's approved personnel action for Anya Hoyer. The Office of Management and Budget rejected the Board's unanimously approved personnel action, including an hourly pay increase, because it wasn't defined according to their definition as a merit raise.

Alvin Berk made a motion to appeal this unprecedented action by OMB.

On Motion, duly made, it was RESOLVED (31-0-0) in support of appealing OMB's unprecedented denial of CB14's unanimously approved personnel action.

The Chairman invited Public Advocate Jumaane Williams to address the assembly. The Public Advocate spoke about the importance of participating in Census 2020. He also encouraged those present to take part in early voting this year.

Chairman Powell invited Councilmember Farah Louis to address the assembly. The Councilmember thanked board members for their dedicated service to the community and announced events and legislative initiatives.

B) Public Hearing:

1) Fiscal Year 2021 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities: Each year Community Boards are required to submit to the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget a set of priorities for the City's Capital and Expense Budgets for the following fiscal year. The Board has the opportunity to recommend both Capital Budget priorities and Expense Budget priorities. CB 14 solicited recommendations from the community over the summer and provided the opportunity to comment further on such recommendations at a public hearing that preceded the September Board meeting. The Board also participated in District-level and Borough-level consultations with various city agencies to discuss potential priorities that would best address the current needs of the community. Following these consultations, the Board's Budget Committee, consisting of the Board's elected officers and committee co-chairs, met on October 3rd at the CB 14 District Office to develop priorities that would be presented at the October Board meeting. Prior to the October Board meeting the public was given the opportunity to comment on the proposed priorities. Subsequently, the consensus of the Board members present at the Budget Committee meeting was that the priorities be approved as submitted.

Department of City Planning requires that the District Needs Statement and Budget Requests be submitted on an on-line form. The goal is to make more apparent connections between district needs and budget requests and to make the format more uniform among Community Boards citywide.

On Motion, duly made, it was

RESOLVED (31-0-0) to adopt the New York City Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021 and submit them to the Department of City Planning.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Human Services Committee – Co-Chair Jo Ann Brown reported on the committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7 PM at the District Office. A discussion on how Census 2020 could be incorporated into topical committee activities took place. It was also decided that the next non-profit roundtable would be scheduled before April 1, 2020 which is the Census day. Ms. Brown informed the assembly that the

message was sent out to district's Community Based Organizations inviting them to join the CB14 Complete Count Committee Task Force. Ms. Brown also reported on a meeting of the Brooklyn Voter Alliance attended on September 10th, as well as a September 19th conference call with local elected officials and community board subcommittee of the Brooklyn CCC during which new marketing strategies were discussed.

B) Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Joel Siegel reported on the committee meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the District Office. The committee met to discuss DOT's dedicated bus lane for Church Avenue, since there had been some development over the summer recess. On July 30th Councilmember Mathieu Eugene called a public meeting where DOT took questions about the process and the plan itself. Also, a separate meeting with the Temple leadership was held. Minor adjustments were being made to the plan, including shortening the length of the dedicated bus lane by one block in order to reduce parking spaces removal.

Committee members expressed their concern regarding DOT practices, such as developing final plans without local community input. DOT will be conducting the study of the bus lane on Church Avenue approximately one year after implementation to measure the results. Members of the community are encouraged to share their experiences with the bus route during this time as the District office will maintain a record of these reports.

C) Youth Services Committee – No report. Co-Chair Jonathan Judge reminded the assembly that CB14's Annual Youth conference is coming in 2020.

D) Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – No report.

E) Community Environment Committee – No report.

F) Public Safety – No report. Chairman and President of the 70th Precinct Community Council Ed Powell announced the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th, 7:30 PM at 175 Lawrence Avenue. Joseph Dweck, a Board member and a clergy police liaison, encouraged members of the audience to reach out to him if there is an issue related to the police to address.

Assemblymember Robert Carroll was invited to address the assembly. He announced that an opening of the Newkirk Community Garden at East 8th Street and Newkirk Avenue took place on Sunday, October 6th and praised all involved in creating such a beautiful place for the community to enjoy. He also announced policy efforts and upcoming events organized by his office.

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – 8:12 P.M.

1. Crystal Jennings Rogers – New York State Nurses Association – spoke about campaign in support for Safe Staffing Legislation. It calls on hospitals to maintain a responsible ratio of nurses and caregivers to patients, ensuring better care.

2. Michelle Scotto – Brooklyn Dreams Charter School – spoke about their enrollment process.
3. Glenn M. Wolin – Board Member and a trained election worker – spoke about an importance of participating in the election.
4. Michael Hiller – Resident of Ditmas Park – spoke about his concerns related to the dedicated bus lane plan for Church Avenue.
5. Oleksandr Tymkiv – Office of Councilmember Farah Louis – spoke about participatory budgeting.
6. Andrea Alexander – Ranked Choice Voting NYC Common Cause – spoke about Ranked Choice Voting as a substantive reform to local elections. The proposal will show on the ballot for approval.
7. Pierre Gedeon – Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte – introduced himself and spoke about the Assemblymember’s work on behalf of the community.
8. Lori Knipel – District Leader of 44th AD – spoke about the first time early voting option and new election rules.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.