

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

A regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at OHEL Children's Home and Family Services, 1268 East 14th Street (between Avenue M & Locust Avenue), Brooklyn, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ahmed Waqil	Brian Cunningham	Nicole Levenson	Bazah Roohi
Gregory Alvarez	Yehuda Eckstein	Angulo	Nina Sabghir
Carmen Cerio Belle	Leonie Francis-	Naomi Lipnick	Michael Sedillo
Hindy Bendel	Bryan	Donald Loggins	Joel Siegel
Alvin M. Berk	Anne Gaudet	Raymond Mendez	Saul Stein
Edward Cen	Duane Joseph	Ephraim Nierenberg	Deborah Valentin
Karl-Henry Cesar	Jonathan Judge	Tzvi Plotsker	Dawn-Marie Walker
Florencia Chang-	Shahid Khan	Edward Powell	Glenn M. Wolin
Ageda	Lori Knipel	Barden Prisant	
Li Chao Ng		Mohammad Razvi	

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Anya Hoyer, Community Coordinator
Irina Lerman, Community Coordinator

CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Mathieu Eugene
Councilmember Kalman Yeger
Ramona Cabreja for Mathieu Eugene
Soumia Chraibi for Mathieu Eugene
Vladimir Dorgely for Farah Louis

KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu for Eric Gonzalez

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Eileen Mullaney-Newman for Eric L. Adams

U.S. CONGRESS

Eli Slavin for Yvette Clarke

STATE ASSEMBLY

Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein
Rebeca Lafond for Rodneyse Bichotte
Mary K. Seery for Robert Carroll
Duane Joseph for Diana Richardson

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

Det. Kim Walker, Det. Scott Nuzzi, 70th Police Precinct;
Lori Knipel, District Leader, 44th AD

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ed Powell called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. The Chairman read the opening statement 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. Board members are expected to stay for the duration of the meeting, including the public speaking session.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted. Copies are on file at CB14 District office.

Chairman Powell invited Councilmember Kalman Yeger to address the assembly. Councilmember expressed his appreciation to the management of OHEL Children and Family Services for providing its facility for Community Board 14 Board meetings and for their work in the community.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Shawn Campbell

The District Manager also thanked OHEL. Ms. Campbell informed the assembly that the District Needs Statement for Fiscal Year 2021 has been submitted to the Department of City Planning. She encouraged the assembly to take a part in the MTA online survey regarding bus routes in the Borough and also encouraged attendance at the MTA meeting scheduled for November 21st at Kensington branch of Brooklyn Public Library.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Ed Powell:

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

Chairman Powell invited Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein to address the assembly. The Assemblymember spoke about the importance of being involved in Census 2020. He also spoke about legislative initiatives and thanked board members and community residents for their dedication to the community.

B) Chairman Ed Powell reported on the Executive Committee meeting held on October 24th at the District Office where CB14 by-laws and practices were discussed; including meeting attendance, representation as Board members in public, and the District Manager's responsibilities relevant to personnel decisions.

The Committee also discussed the new rules imposed on Community Boards personnel actions. CB14 had requested that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide guidance on the appeals process for overturned personnel actions. OMB had still not responded.

The history of the Special Permit District in CD 14 and public hearings procedures were also reviewed

B) Public Hearings

The Board held two (2) public hearings on Monday, October 28, 2019 at the CB14 District Office, 810 East 16th Street.

1) Special Order Calendar (SOC) – 570 East 21st Street, between Dorchester Road and Ditmas Avenue, Block 5184, Lots 39, 62 & 66 – **BSA#343-12-BZ** – A Special Order Calendar application (SOC) has been filed with the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) for extension of time to complete construction of a three-story Use Group 3 school and dormitory building pursuant to the variance originally approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals on July 28, 2015 (the “Grant”). By its terms, the Grant is set to expire on July 28, 2019.

Board member Jonathan Judge made a motion to amend the recommendation.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (22-9-2) to amend the recommendation with the following conditions:

Recommend approval for two years following BSA’s approval (should BSA so approve). This recommendation is also contingent on there being no change in the application, including identity of the applicant; primary use of and determination that the facility is a school; and architectural plans presented to CB14 originally (except as otherwise directed by BSA). Should any of these changes occur, CB14 rescinds its recommendation for approval.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (31-2-0) to recommend that the application be approved with conditions

2) 2513-2523 Avenue O Rezoning – A Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) application No. C 190438 ZMK submitted by Pulmonary and Sleep Medical, P.C. pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 23b, to replace an R2 District with an R3-2 District on Block 7679, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 (the “Project Area”) within Brooklyn Community District 14. The proposed rezoning would facilitate the legalization of use of the buildings located at 2519-2523 Avenue O (Block 7679, Lots 1 & 2, the “Development Site”) currently partially used as Use Group 4 medical offices and will also bring the existing nonconforming semi-detached homes located at 2513-2517 Avenue O (Block 7679, Lots 3 & 4) into conformance.

There was extended discussion by the Board members relevant to the application.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (19-8-7) to recommend that the application be disapproved.

Chairman invited Councilmember Mathieu Eugene to address the address the assembly. The Councilmember spoke about services and upcoming events.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Human Services Committee – No report.

Co-Chair Bazah Roohi announced that the committee would be meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 7PM at the District Office.

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

District Manager Shawn Campbell announced that the committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7pm at the District Office.

C) Transportation Committee – No report.

D) Public Safety Committee – No report.

Co-Chair Tzvi Plotsker announced a joint meeting with Youth Services committee on Monday, November 25th, 7pm at the District Office.

E) Youth Services Committee – No report.

Co-Chair Jonathan Judge announced that there is a new Co-Chair of Youth Services committee – Duane Joseph, and that the joint with Public Safety committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25th, 7pm at the District Office.

F) Community Environment Committee – No report.

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – 9:04 P.M.

1. Nancy Lulu – Kings County District Attorney Office – introduced herself and informed the assembly of an upcoming town hall meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.
2. Jai Nanda – Urban Dove Charter School – spoke about a new school coming into the neighborhood in school year 2020.
3. Andrew Hoyles – DSNY – spoke about fall leaf collection.
4. Mary K. Seery – Office of Assemblyman Robert Carroll – announced events sponsored by the office.
5. Vladimir Dorgely – Office of Councilmember Farah Louis – shared legislative updates.
6. Maria Marin – Breaking Ground – spoke about homelessness and services provided by the organization.
7. Duane Joseph – Office of Assemblymember Diana Richardson – spoke about services provided and encouraged people to participate in Census 2020.
8. Det. Scott Nuzzi – 70th Precinct Community Affairs – announced that a blood drive to take place on November 20, 2019 at the precinct.

9. Rebeca LaFond – Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte – introduced herself and encouraged attendees to reach out to their office if they need help.
10. Eli Slavin – Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke – announced services and upcoming events.
11. David Nussbaum – Community Liaison of the Department of Buildings – announced that every Tuesday night at 210 Joralemon Street, 8th Floor there is a “Homeowner’s Night” where the public can ask for help in addressing DOB related issues.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:30 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.