

# **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019**

A regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at PS 249, Caton Avenue & Marlborough Road, Brooklyn, NY.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Waqil Ahmed	Joseph Dweck	Donald Loggins	Nina Sabghir
Gregory Alvarez	Leonie Francis-	Dominick Mele	Gail L. Smith
Carmen Cerio Belle	Bryan	Tzvi Plotsker	Howard Sokol
Alvin M. Berk	Anne Gaudet	Edward Powell	Abraham Treff
Jo Ann Brown	Kashif Hussain	Barden Prisant	Deborah Valentin
Edward Cen	Duane Joseph	Mohammad Razvi	
Karl-Henry Cesar	Jonathan Judge	Billy Richling	
Florencia Chang-	Nicole Lebonson	Maria C. Rivan-	
Ageda	Angulo	Hazlewood	
Brian Cunningham	Naomi Lipnick	Bazah Roohi	

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE**

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

## **CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Chaim Deutsch  
Councilmember Mathieu Eugene  
Tova Chatzinoff for Chaim Deutsch  
Ramona Cabreja for Mathieu Eugene  
Soumia Chraibi for Mathieu Eugene  
Oleksandr Tymkiv for Farah Louis

## **PUBLIC ADVOCATE**

Kashif Hussain for Jumaane Williams

## **NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER**

Pinchus Hikind for Scott M. Stringer

## **STATE ASSEMBLY**

Assemblymember Robert Carroll  
Lisa Derrick for Rodneyse Bichotte  
Duane Joseph for Diana Richardson

## **U.S. CONGRESS**

Eli Slavin for Yvette D. Clarke

## **OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES**

PO Max Gardner, PBBS, NYPD  
David Nussbaum, DOB Liaison

## **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Ed Powell called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 is scheduled to take 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 November 4, 2019 meeting were approved with modifications. Copies are on file at the CB14 District office.

## **III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT- Shawn Campbell:**

The District Manager reported that a District Service Cabinet meeting had been held on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a well-attended and productive meeting. The snow plan was reviewed. There were no significant changes.

Ms. Campbell also announced that a true community partner from BK 14, Frank Scudieri had passed away. He was well known in the community and a great help throughout and will be missed.

## **IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Ed Powell:**

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

Chairman Powell reported that the Office of Management and Budget still had not responded to CB14's request for guidance on an appeal of their decision to overturn a unanimously approved raise for Anya Hoyer at the September 9, 2019 regular monthly meeting of the Board. He stated that CB14 would continue to follow up on this issue. In the meantime, he asked the Board to approve the District Manager's salary increases for Irina Lerman and a new submission of a merit increase for Anya Hoyer, who is returning to her regular schedule in January 2020. The District Manager noted that the increases would be determined in consultation with OMB to ensure that they would be approved this time.

**On Motion, duly made, it was:**

**RESOLVED (31-0-0) to recommend that the salary increase be approved.**

Chairman Powell invited Assemblymember Robert Carroll to address the assembly. He spoke about new legislative initiatives and upcoming events, including a holiday party to take place on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM at his District Office.

Councilmember Chaim Deutsch was invited to address the assembly. The Councilmember spoke about legislative initiatives, programs, and events and services provided by his office.

Chairman Powell invited Councilmember Mathieu Eugene to speak. Councilmember Eugene spoke about upcoming events and services provided by his office.

## **V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:**

**A) Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee** – Co-Chair Gail L. Smith reported on the committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at the District Office.

Stephanie Tomlin, Assistant General Manager of the Kings Theatre spoke about increasing communication between CB14 and the Kings Theatre. The management has taken some steps to improve community engagement through various programs. Ms. Tomlin was receptive to incorporating the recommendations from attendees to make the community aware of programs and events.

The second agenda item was a presentation on the Brooklyn Public Library's 2020 Census participation. Amy Mikel, Outreach Librarian at the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) provided some statistics on the last census (2010). She also announced that BPL was awarded funding to assist in 2020 census complete count efforts.

**B) Human Services** – Co-Chair Jo Ann Brown reported on the committee meeting which took place on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at the District Office.

Representatives of several community based organizations joined the CB14 Census Complete Count Committee Task Force. CUNY's hard to count census tract data within CD 14 was reviewed. In an effort to align CB14's committee activities with those pursued city-wide, the 2019 community based planning activities were reviewed as well. Shannon Antoine, CB14 Planning Fellow presented an update on her research project aligned with census efforts.

The committee discussed holding the non-profit roundtable in February in order to connect small CBOs with larger organizations that have been awarded grants through the city-wide Census 2020 RFP. Ms. Brown encouraged attendees to keep reminding others of an importance to participate in census.

**C) Youth Services and Public Safety Joint Committee** – Co-Chair Duane Joseph reported on the joint with Public Safety committee meeting held on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at the District Office. In addition to a presentation by NYC Family Court (reported below) the CB14 Youth Conference was discussed. It was decided to hold it at Brooklyn College in March 2020. Mr. Joseph encouraged board members and community members to participate in this event. He announced that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 7PM at the District office.

Mr. Joseph reiterated the importance of the 2020 Census and announced that the meeting of Neighborhood Advisory Board will occur on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Brooklyn Public Library Flatbush Branch located at 22 Linden Boulevard.

Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee Tzvi Plotsker reported on the presentation by the Family Court Division about the Raise the Age Law. Charles Rott, Borough Chief; Alina Slabodkina and Ana Maria Matias, both Assistant Corporation Counsels from the New York City Law Department, reported that New York State raised the age of criminal responsibility to 18 years of age, which was fully implemented in October 2019. Most non-violent offenders who are 16 and 17 years of age will be referred to evidence based programs and cannot be housed with adults if detention is warranted.

Mr. Plotsker announced that the next Public Safety committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

**D) Community Environment Committee** – Co-Chair Donald Loggins announced that the committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at the District Office.

**E) Transportation Committee** – Co-Chair Deborah Valentin announced that the Department of Finance has scheduled a public hearing on the City's proposed alternate side parking penalties change to make it uniform across the city at \$65.00.

## **VI. PUBLIC SESSION – 8:34 P.M.**

1. Megan DeMarkis – Parent Coordinator, PS 139 – announced that the design phase of the Argyle Yard Project will begin soon and invited the assembly to participate in the survey related to this design.
2. Duane Joseph – Office of Assemblywoman Diana Richardson – announced programs and services provided by the Assemblywoman's office.
3. Keenen Willis – Citizens Committee for New York City – spoke about neighborhood grants and how to apply for them.
4. Oleksandr Tymkiv – Office of Councilmember Farah Louis – gave an update on legislative and policy initiatives and upcoming events. He also announced that in 2020 the office will be moving to a new location at 1434 Flatbush Avenue.
5. David Nussbaum – Community Liaison, NYC Department of Buildings – announced that DOB holds a customer service night every Tuesday at 210 Joralemon Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor where public can meet enforcement personnel or plan examiners to address DOB related issues. He also announced that DOB is in communication with NYC MTA regarding retaining walls along MTA properties in an effort to rescind violations that affected neighboring homeowners.

6. Eli Slavin – Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke – announced upcoming events and services.

7. Chaim Deutsch – Councilmember, 48<sup>th</sup> CD – announced upcoming events and spoke about the importance of the 2020 Census.

8. Pinchus Hikind – Office of City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer – announced an upcoming constituent services day to take place on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Midwood Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library.

9. Joseph Dweck – Board Member – encouraged the audience to report cases of theft to NYPD and spoke of importance of locking cars doors.

10. Jonathan Rossianno – East Flatbush Community Partnership Program – spoke about services provided by the organization, which connects people and resources within East Flatbush.

11. Billy Richling – Board Member – made an announcement that the MTA is redesigning the Brooklyn bus map and encouraged the assembly to participate in an online survey to provide suggestions to MTA.

12. Lisa Derrick – Office of Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte – made announcements regarding the Assemblymember's policies, programs and services provided by their office.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 P.M.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.