

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**

A regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at OHEL Children's Home & Family Services, 1268 East 14th Street (between Avenue M & Locust Avenue), Brooklyn, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Waqil Ahmed	Li Chao Ng	Shahid Khan	Barden Prisant
Gregory Alvarez	Steven D. Cohen	Nicole Levenson	Nina Sabghir
Carmen Cerio Belle	Ray Edwards	Angulo	Joel Siegel
Hindy Bendel	Leonie Francis-	Naomi Lipnick	Gail L. Smith
Alvin M. Berk	Bryan	Donald Loggins	Howard Sokol
Jo Ann Brown	Ann Gaudet	Dominick Mele	Saul Stein
Edward Cen	Kashif Hussain	Raymond Mendez	Abraham Treff
Karl-Henry Cesar	Manzoor Hussain	Ephraim Nierenberg	Deborah Valentin
Florencia Chang-	Duane Joseph	Tzvi Plotsker	Dawn Marie Walker
Ageda	Jonathan Judge	Edward Powell	Glenn M. Wolin

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

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

CITY COUNCIL

Ramona Cabreja for Mathieu Eugene
Soumia Chraibi for Mathieu Eugene

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Eileen Mullaney-Newman for Eric L. Adams

KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu for Eric L. Gonzalez

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Jibreel Jalloh for Jumaane D. Williams

STATE ASSEMBLY

Pierre Gedeon for Rodneyse Bichotte
Mary K. Seery for Robert Carroll
Duane Joseph for Diana Richardson

U.S. CONGRESS

Eli Slavin for Yvette D. Clarke

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

Det. Scott Nuzzi, Det. Kim Walker, 70th Police Precinct
PO Max Gardner, PBBS, NYPD
David Nussbaum, DOB Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ed Powell called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 December 9, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted. Copies are on file at the CB14 District office.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT- *Shawn Campbell:*

District Manager Shawn Campbell announced that board membership applications for new appointments and for those board members who would be applying to be re-appointed, are available on the Borough President's website.

Ms. Campbell raised a concern regarding increasing number of rodent complaints in the district which doubled in 2019 compare to 2018. A number of posters provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to help combat the issue will be placed at various locations.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – *Ed Powell:*

A) The Board held two (2) public hearings on January 8, 2020 at the CB 14 District Office, 810 East 16th Street.

1) SPECIAL PERMIT – 960 East 23rd Street, between Avenue I and Avenue J, Block 7586, Lot 71, **BSA# 2019-261-BZ** – An application for a Special Permit has been filed with the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA), pursuant to Zoning Resolution of the City of New York §73-622, to enlarge a single or two-family detached or semi-detached residence within the designated R2 district bounded by Avenue I, Nostrand Avenue, Kings Highway, Avenue O and Ocean Avenue in Community Board 14 in the Borough of Brooklyn.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (25-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved.

2) SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR (SOC) – 1367 East 24th Street, between Avenue M and Avenue N, Block 7660, Lot 17, **BSA# 2017-247-BZ** – A Special Order Calendar application has been filed with the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA), to request an amendment of a previously granted special permit that allowed the enlargement of an existing single-family home at the subject premises.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (25-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved.

B) Appointment of a Nominating Committee: Pursuant to the By-Laws of Community Board 14, the Chairman appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Karl-Henry Cesar of Regional Committee II, Yehuda Eckstein of Regional Committee IV, Manzoor Hussain of Regional Committee I, Ephraim Nierenberg of Regional Committee III Dawn-Marie Walker, At-Large. The Chair directed the members to meet prior to the February Board meeting, at which they would present a slate of Officers for the year 2020. The Chairman added that after the report of the Nominating Committee at the February Board meeting, the floor will be open for nominations and that elections will be held at the March 2020 Board meeting for any contested seats.

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

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Community Environment – Co-Chair Donald Loggins reported on the committee meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the District Office. Representatives from Prospect Park Alliance, and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) presented updates on capital projects in the district, including ballfields 7 and 9 at the Parade Grounds; Lt. Federico Narvaez Tot Lot; and the Kensington Dog Run. DPR and the Park Alliance requested that CB14 provides a letter of support for the redesigned adult fitness area in the Parade Ground.

Jason Chen, Liaison, Bureau of Community Affairs of the Department of Sanitation reported on new programs, services and reviewed snow removal regulations for property owners.

Mr. Loggins also announced that the next committee meeting will take place on February 13, 2020, 7 PM at the district Office.

B) Public Safety Committee – Co-Chair Tzvi Plotsker reported on the committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 17, 2020 at the District Office. Mr. Plotsker shared some statistics provided by Deputy Inspector David Wall, Commanding Officer of the 70th Police Precinct. Overall crime is down, including shootings, robberies, burglaries, felonies; the number of homicides stayed the same. Unfortunately, the number of grand larceny cases went up in part because of telephone scams.

C) Youth Services – Co-Chair Duane Joseph reported on the committee meeting which took place on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the District Office. Review of the NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) service providers within CD 14 took place.

A Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and the role of Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) were discussed. Representatives from the Council of Jewish Organization (COJO) spoke about DYCD programs their organization participates in. In addition to COJO, representatives from a group called “Eckerd Connects” joined the meeting as well. As a Community Action Agency, the organization offers access to opportunities, resources, and services to strengthen individuals, families and communities.

Mr. Joseph announced that CB14's 13th Annual Youth Conference will take place on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Brooklyn College Student Center. He encouraged board members to get the word out and asked for volunteers. More information related to this event will be available after the Youth Services committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th, 7PM at the District Office.

D) Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Joel Siegel announced that the committee will be meeting in February (date to be determined). He also 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.

E) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee – No report.

F) Human Services – Co-Chair Jo Ann Brown reported on the committee meeting held on Thursday, January 9th, 7PM at the District Office. The committee was updated on current recruitment for census jobs, including those for enumerators and field workers. Amy Mikel, Civic Engagement Manager of Brooklyn Public Library, spoke of many activities that BPL has planned in order to increase public awareness about the 2020 Census. The agenda included continued planning for CB14's non-profit roundtable scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th at Touro College, 1601 Avenue J.

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – 8:05 P.M.

1. Jibreel Jalloh – Brooklyn Borough Advocate, Office of Public Advocate Jumaane Williams – introduced himself and announced upcoming events.
2. Nancy Lulu – Kings County District Attorney Office – announced upcoming events and services.
3. Mary K. Seery – Office of Assemblyman Robert Carroll – spoke about upcoming events sponsored by the Assemblymember.
4. Duane Joseph – Office of Assemblywoman Diana Richardson – spoke about services provided by the office.
5. Eli Slavin – Community Liaison, Office of Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke – spoke about issues the Congresswoman is focused on, including obtaining a federal funding for security equipment at public places.
6. Pierre Gedeon – Office of Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte – announced an upcoming State of the District event and 2020 Census related work the office is participating in.
7. Jonathan Jimenez – Director, Community Partnerships, NYC Care – spoke about the health care access program designed who can't afford health insurance and don't qualify for other public programs.
8. Donna Walker – Resident – spoke about founding a new organization to promote community harmony in Midwood.
9. Caroline Cohen – Judge, 6th Municipal District – spoke about Family Court.
10. Ruel Minett – Recruiter, US Census – spoke about employment opportunities.
11. David Nussbaum – DOB Liaison – reminded the assembly the DOB holds a customer service night every Tuesday at 210 Joralemon Street, 8th Floor, from 4-7PM.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:25 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.