

***BROOKLYN
COMMUNITY BOARD 14***

FLATBUSH – MIDWOOD

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2020

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Chairman***

***Shawn Campbell
District Manager***

***Bill de Blasio
Mayor***

***Eric L. Adams
Borough President***

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OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**

A regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at OHEL Children’s Home & Family Services, 1268 East 14th Street (between Avenue M & Locust Avenue) Brooklyn, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Waqil Ahmed	Joseph Dweck	Shahid Khan	Joel Siegel
Gregory Alvarez	Leonie Francis-	Naomi Lipnick	Gail L. Smith
Hindy Bendel	Bryan	Donald Loggins	Saul Stein
Alvin M. Berk	Anne Gaudet	Dominick Mele	Abraham Treff
Jo Ann Brown	Mordechai Husarsky	Ephraim Nierenberg	Deborah Valentin
Edward Cen	Kashif Hussain	Tzvi Plotsker	Dawn-Marie Walker
Florencia Chang-	Manzoor Hussain	Edward Powell	Glenn M. Wolin
Ageda	Duane Joseph	Barden Prisant	
Steven D. Cohen	Jonathan Judge	Nina Sabghir	

DISTRICT MANAGER’S OFFICE

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

CITY COUNCIL

Soumia Chraibi for Mathieu Eugene

BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Eileen Mullaney-Newman for Eric L. Adams

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Kashif Hussain for Jumaane Williams

NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER

Pinchus Hikind for Scott M. Stringer

KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu for Eric L. Gonzalez

STATE ASSEMBLY

Duane Joseph for Diana Richardson

U.S. CONGRESS

Eli Slavin for Yvette D. Clarke

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

Det. Scott Nuzzi, Det. Kim Walker, PO Ortiz, PO Reyes, Community Affairs,
70th Police Precinct; PO Gardner, Community Affairs, PBBS

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 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 February 10, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted. Copies are on file at the CB14 District office.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT- *Shawn Campbell:*

The District Manager announced that an ULURP application for 1620 Cortelyou Road has been certified by the Department of City Planning and a public hearing will be held in April in order to provide the Board's recommendation before May 11th.

Ms. Campbell requested an approval by the board members of expenditure for the CB14's conference room upgrade since it's in excess of \$20,000.00.

**On Motion, duly made, it was:
RESOLVED (32-0-0) to approve the expenditure**

She also announced that the Department of Social Services will be building a 200-bed homeless shelter for men to be located at 21 Duryea Place. She reported that concerns regarding the proximity to the Kings Theatre and to the supportive housing facility adjacent to the proposed shelter, were discussed with DSS and local elected officials. DSS will hold an informational meeting on this project soon but community input regarding the suitability of the location itself was not being sought by the Department.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – *Ed Powell:*

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

B) Election of Officers:

The Chair reprised that the nominating committee had recommended a slate of officers and no nominations were made from the floor at the February board meeting. Therefore, the Secretary cast a procedural vote for the uncontested positions as follows:

Edward Powell, Chairman
Gail L. Smith, 1st Vice Chair
Carmen Cerio Belle, 2nd Vice Chair

Joseph Dweck, 3rd Vice Chair
Hindy Bendel, Secretary
Steven D. Cohen, Shahid Khan, Members-at-Large

Chairman Powell informed that in November of 2018 Mayor de Blasio signed a Mayor's Personnel Order for wage increases as of September of 2017, 2018 and 2019 for district managers citywide. He noted that per the MPO, District Manager, Shawn Campbell is eligible for a 3% increase and that she requested that the approval of this increase to be brought before the full board for a vote.

The Chairman stressed that the Board note that the District Manager requested the vote. In the past, the Chairman signed off on the MPOs and reported the action to the board. The request for a board vote in this particular instance does not signify a permanent change in the process, as that would have to be articulated in CB14's by-laws.

Chairman Powell stated that he was nonetheless willing to grant the District Manager's request and bring approval of the MPO before the board.

**On Motion, duly made, it was:
RESOLVED (32-0-0) to approve the Mayor's Personnel Order for the District Manager**

C) Public Hearings:

The Board held two public hearings before the Board meeting:

1) City's Preliminary Budget Statement and Register of Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

Just prior to the regular monthly meeting, the Board held a public hearing on the City's Preliminary Budget Statement and Register of Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021. The next step in the budget process is a Letter of Comment from the Community Board. The letter will address those responses which were unfavorable to our requests, or otherwise incomplete or inadequate. No public comments to be included with the Community Board's Letter of Comment on the Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary Budget were offered.

**On Motion, duly made, it was:
RESOLVED (32-0-0) to submit a Letter of Comment**

2) Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 – In accordance with Section 204 of the New York City Charter, the Mayor has submitted the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 for review and comment. The recommendation of the members present at the hearing was to request notification of any sites being considered within Community District 14 and note the absence in the statement of any

mention of a new 70th Precinct house.

**On Motion, duly made, it was
RESOLVED (32-0-0) to recommend that the Board's comments to be
submitted.**

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Youth Services Committee – Co-Chair Duane Joseph reminded the assembly that 13th Annual Youth conference would be taking place on March 11th, 4-7pm at the Brooklyn College Student Center. He encouraged board members and members of the public to participate. Mr. Joseph announced that on Tuesday, March 17th at the Youth Services committee meeting, a Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) training session will take place. He also announced that applications for SYEP have become available.

B) Community Environment Committee – Co-Chair Nina Sabghir reported on the committee meeting held on Thursday, February 13th, 7pm at the District Office. A presentation on New York State New Green Deal was one of the agenda items.

Another agenda item was presented by a Prospect Park Alliance's (PPA) representative who spoke about importance for Brooklyn residents to participate in 2020 Census as Kings County was the most undercounted county in the country in the 2010 Census.

C) Human Services – Co-Chair Jo Ann Brown reported on the Non-profit roundtable event held on Wednesday, February 12th at Touro College. The event was attended by representatives of over thirty organizations. It was focused on Census 2020 and what our local CBOs are doing to ensure that their clients are counted. A presentation related to the census took place at the event. At the end of the event attendees had an opportunity for networking and finding partnerships.

D) Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Joel Siegel reported on the committee meeting which took place on Monday, February 24th at the District Office. Andrew Inglesby, Assistant Director of Government & Community Relations of MTA NYC Transit made a presentation on phase II of Brooklyn Bus redesign project. Re-routing routes and stops eliminations are considered to improve efficiency of Bus service. Mr. Inglesby informed that effective March 20th the "F" train won't be in service on various weekends for upgrade repairs. This presentation is available for review on the CB14's website.

The second agenda item was a presentation on Revel Electric Scooter program by John White of the Community Affairs of Revel. The goal of this program is to reduce car usage in cities.

E) Public Safety Committee – No report.

F) Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Co-Chair Gail L. Smith announced that the committee would be meeting in April-date TBD. Ms. Smith also shared

with the assembly that she has accepted an invitation by the Brooklyn Dreams Charter School to participate in reading to the children event as a part of March National Reading Month initiative.

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – 8:16 P.M.

- 1) Eli Slavin – Office of Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke – announced legislative and policy efforts of the Representative.
- 2) Duane Joseph – Office of Assemblywoman Diana Richardson – spoke about the importance of the 2020 Census and announced upcoming events sponsored by the Assemblywoman.
- 3) David Nussbaum – NYC Department of Buildings – reminded the assembly that DOB holds a customer service night every Tuesday at 210 Joralemon Street, 8th Floor, from 4-7PM. He also spoke about DOB initiative to set up shops for a few hours in elected officials' offices upon their requests.
- 4) Nancy Lulu – Kings County District Attorney Office – announced upcoming events sponsored by the office.
- 5) Steve D. Cohen – Board member – shared his experience of attending Brooklyn Voter Alliance meeting and some opportunities to get involved in turning out the count for the 2020 Census.

Chairman Powell announced that the 70th Precinct Community Council will be meeting on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30 PM.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:26 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.