



**SEPTEMBER MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
September 14, 2020**

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 via Webex.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alvin Berk	Ephraim Nierenberg	Joel Siegel	Mohammed Razvi
Anne Gaudet	Florencia Chang-	Jonathan Judge	Naomi Lipnick
Barden Prisant	Ageda	Karl Henry Cesar	Nicole Levenson
Billy Richling	Gail Smith	Kashif Hussain	Angulo
Brian Cunningham	Glenn Wolin	Li Ng Chao	Nina Sabghir
Carmen Belle	Gregory Alvarez	Manzoor Hussain	Saul Stein
Dawn-Marie Walker	Hindy Bendel	Maria Rivan	Shahid Khan
Donald Loggins	Howard Sokol	Hazlewood	Waqil Ahmed
Duane Joseph	Jo Ann Brown	Mechelle Brunson	Zakarya Khan
Ed Powell	Joe Dweck	Michael Sedillo	

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Anya Hoyer, Community Coordinator

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu for Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

COMPTROLLER

Pinchas Hikind for Comptroller Scott Stringer

STATE ASSEMBLY

Assemblymember Robert Carroll (44th AD)
Lisa Derrick for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte (42nd AD)

CONGRESS

Eli Slavin for Congressman Yvette Clarke (9th CD)

OTHER GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

David Nussbaum, Department of Buildings
Inspector David Wall, NYPD 70th Pct.
Detective Kim Walker, NYPD 70th Pct.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ed Powell called the September meeting to order at 6:50 PM. The Chairman read the opening statement outlining the policies and procedures pertaining to Board meetings under the applicable statutes of New York State, the Charter of the City of New York, Executive Order 202.1, the Boards By-laws and Roberts Rules of Order. Given citywide Covid-19 public gathering restrictions, the board met virtually on Webex. The District Manager noted that attendance will be based on Webex attendance records rather than a verbal attendance count and confirmed board quorum.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting were approved. Copies are on file at the CB14 District office.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – *Shawn Campbell:*

The District Manager reported that an Executive Committee meeting was held on September 9, 2020. The Executive Committee approved a personnel action to change Community Coordinator, Anya Hoyer's schedule from four to five days a week. A request to OMB for a small percentage pay increase for Ms. Hoyer was also approved. Ms. Campbell reported that OMB met with Brooklyn Community Board District Managers to discuss voluntary layoffs. This was also discussed with the Executive Committee, which chose to not participate in the layoffs. Ms. Campbell noted that the office will be staffed one day per week beginning in September 2020.

The DM discussed the agency budget consultations underway, and the impacts of budget cuts on agency services, including reduced DSNY collection. BK14 was thanked for the extra work they have done to support food pantries, food distribution events and other Covid-19 related events. Ms. Campbell announced that there is still a moratorium on most street activity permits and addressed concerns brought to the NYPD Commissioner and SAPO about NYPD events in the district which are not permitted through the SAPO process.

There was an update on the CB14 District Needs statement, the appointment of a planning fellow once the program resumes, ongoing discussions regarding a boroughwide report on the future of community boards, steps being taken to implement at CB14 Youth Council, and follow up with Borough Hall on the proposal to include community board input in the selection of NYPD precinct commanding officers.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – *Ed Powell:*

A) The chairman opened his report by asking for a vote to approve the recommendations from the public hearing held on budget requests. The motion was made by Joe Dweck and seconded by Duane Joseph.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (35-0-0) to recommend that the application be approved.

- B) The chairman reported out on the Executive Committee meeting held on September 9, 2020 where a discussion to review board bylaws was held. Two new board members, Zakarya Khan and Mechelle Brunson, were welcomed to the board and the chair noted the new board member orientation session held during the Executive Committee meeting and reminded the board of general board membership rules and requirements for attendance at board and other meetings. Board members were reminded to submit committee preference forms by October 9, 2020. The chair noted several upcoming land use public hearings as well as the board supported proposal to establish a CB14 Youth Council.
- C) Introduction of Elected Officials, Agency Representatives and Distinguished Guests (see page one).

Hon. Robert Carroll, NYS Assemblymember 44th District, greeted the board, encouraged community members to reach out to his office for assistance. He answered questions about long-term borrowing and state budget issues.

Inspector David Wall, Commanding Officer, NYPD 70th Precinct, spoke about NCO meetings. He announced the September 30th Community Council meeting, which will be held virtually. The Inspector addressed concerns about an increase in violent crime and encouraged the community to stay in touch with the precinct.

- D) Committee of the Whole ratification: A motion was made by Jonathan Judge to ratify action taken by the Committee of the Whole on August 5, 2020 to authorize the chair to submit a letter to the borough president and the mayor endorsing the general concept of involving community stakeholders in a review of candidates being considered for appointment to police precinct commanding officer positions and to continue the conversation with interested community boards and stakeholders in shaping that process to a fully detailed proposal.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (33-2-0) to recommend that the motion be approved.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Human Services – Co-Chair Jo Ann Brown reported out about district Census response and noted that sixteen days remain to submit Census responses. As of September 14, 2020, the US Census response rate is 65.8% in contrast to Kings County's response rate of 56.5%.

B) Youth Services Committee – Co-Chair Duane Joseph reported out on steps taken towards the establishment of a CB14 Youth Council. **Co-chair Jonathan Judge** commented on the ongoing need to get resources out to underserved youth in the community especially during the pandemic.

C) Public Safety Committee – Co-chair Brian Cunningham – No report.

- D) **Community Environment Committee – Co-Chair Nina Sabghir** noted support for ongoing collaborative neighborhood and park clean-up projects.
- E) **Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Co-Chair Karl-Henry Cesar** announced the upcoming Joint Committee meeting with the Transportation Committee to be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020.
- F) **Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Joel Siegel** confirmed the upcoming joint committee meeting announced by the previous committee chair.

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – 7:40 PM

- 1) **Lisa Derrick, AM Bichotte’s Office**, announced that the renovated PS 152 / PS 315 playground opened on Labor Day weekend and is open for community use during weekends.
- 2) **Nancy Lulu, Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office**, announced the reconvening of the Brooklyn Supreme Court grand jury, the formation of a new Gun Violence Suppression Bureau, and encouraged the community to contact the DA’s Action Center at 718-250-2340.
- 3) **Sunita Malhotra, Public Health Solutions**, announced that the Neighborhood WIC program is open and providing services remotely.
- 4) **Sharon Pope-Marshall, Bike NY**, announced that BikeNY will be hosting a virtual cycling event called Spoketober in October and invited all to participate.
- 5) **Eli Slavin, Congressman Yvette Clarke’s Office**, announced several bills in Congress including the Postal Bill, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Bill, the Protection of Affordable Care Act, the Moving Forward Act, and an appeal to the Senate to pass a House Resolution related to reducing gun violence.
- 6) **Cheryl Love, CAMBA**, announced the SNAP enrollment assistance services available at the CAMBA office located at 21 Snyder Avenue.
- 7) **David Nussbaum, Department of Buildings**, announced that DOB has been working throughout the pandemic and DOB services are available online at nyc.gov/buildings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.