



NOVEMBER MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 December 7, 2020

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 via Webex.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abe Treff	Duane Joseph	Hindy Bendel	Michael Sedillo
Alvin M. Berk	Edward Cen	Jo Ann Brown	Mohammad Razvi
Anne Gaudet	Edward Powell	Joe Dweck	Naomi Lipnick
Barden Prisant	Ephraim Nierenberg	Joel Siegel	Nina Sabghir
Boris Noble	Florencia Chang-	Jonathan Judge	Raymond Mendez
Carmen Cerio Belle	Ageda	Karl-Henry Cesar	Shahid Khan
Dawn-Marie Walker	Gail L. Smith	Leonie Francis Bryan	Steven D. Cohen
Deborah Valentin	Glenn Wolin	Manzoor Hussain	Tzvi Plotsker
Donald Loggins	Greg Alvarez	Mechelle Brunson	Waqil Ahmed

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Anya Hoyer, Community Coordinator

BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL

Eileen Mullaney-Newman for Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu for Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Kalman Yeger (44th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Assemblymember Helene Weinstein (41st AD)
Assemblymember Robert Carroll (44th AD)
Alishia Goodridge for Assemblymember Diana Richardson (43rd AD)
Duane Joseph for Assemblymember Diana Richardson (43rd AD)
Pierre Gedeon for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte (42nd AD)

OTHER GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

Adrian McLean, NYC Health + Hospitals
Monique Waterman, NYC Health + Hospitals
Rakhi Bhattacharya, Brooklyn Public Library

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ed Powell called the December meeting to order at 6:34 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 Board's By-laws and Robert's 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 roll call and confirmed quorum.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the November 9, 2020 meeting were approved. Copies are on file at the CB14 District office and available on the CB14 website.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – *Shawn Campbell:*

The District Manager greeted the board and recommended that board members check the website frequently for updates on district and citywide issues. The DM highlighted some current items featured on CB14's website including MTA & Brownfield hearings, updates on 1620 Cortelyou Road and DSNY snow clearing plans.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – *Ed Powell:*

- A) The Chairman welcomed NYS Assemblymember Helene Weinstein, Assemblymember Robert Carroll, and Councilmember Kalman Yeger. Assemblymember Weinstein greeted the board and invited residents to contact her district office for assistance, and to pick up PPE items for community distribution. Assemblymember Carroll shared holiday greetings and spoke about upcoming MTA fare hearings and state budget issues. Councilmember Yeger offered holiday greetings to the community and spoke about working with CB14 to resolve issues in the community.
- B) The Chairman discussed the formation of a CB14 Bylaws Committee. He noted the importance of the committee being reflective of Board membership. Following discussion, there was agreement to set up a Bylaws scoping meeting in January, at which the parameters of review would be set and the committee would be finalized. The Chairman announced that CB14 had been asked to be a member of a Community Task Force formed by HPD and EDC in relation to input on an RFQ for the 2286 Church Avenue site. He asked the District Manager to represent the Board on the Task Force, which was being Chaired by Councilmember Eugene and Borough President Adams.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) **Youth Services Committee – Co-Chairs Duane Joseph and Jonathan Judge** shared information presented at the November 23rd CB14 Youth Services Committee Meeting. Information about DYCD programs including SYEP, SONYC, Beacon, Cornerstone, Workforce Development, and Advance & Earn was shared, as well as highlights from the VISTA Youth Leadership Council development program presentation. Plans for a CB14 Youth Leadership Council, the 2021 CB14 Youth Conference and the Civic Engagement Commission's Youth Participatory Budgeting initiative will be discussed at future meeting.

- B) **Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Joel Siegel** discussed a High Visibility Traffic Initiative being conducted by the 70th Precinct on Coney Island Avenue and announced an upcoming DOT Citi Bike Information Q&A session.
- C) **Public Safety Committee – Co-chair Tzvi Plotsker** discussed the Committee meeting that was held on December 2nd and shared information presented by NYPD 70th Precinct Commanding Officer, Inspector David Wall. There was also a presentation by CAMBA's Violence Prevention Services program representative, Rick Rodriguez.
- D) **Human Services Committee – Co-Chair Jo Ann Brown** shared information about ongoing federal deliberations regarding Census 2020. She also discussed reports presented at the November 19th Committee Meeting from the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and medical professionals who spoke about the closure of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center's acute care beds.
- E) **Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Co-Chairs Steven D. Cohen and Karl-Henry Cesar** invited the board to attend an upcoming committee meeting scheduled for December 21st.
- F) **Community Environment Committee – Co-Chair Donald Loggins** shared information presented at the November 30th committee meeting presentation on city-owned land at 2286 Church Avenue RFQ, which will be composed by NYC's Economic Development Corp. (EDC) and Housing, Preservation and Community Development (HPD) for an affordable housing development. As noted in the Chair's report; a Task Force has been named to ensure public input.

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – 7:40 PM

- 1) **Nancy Lulu, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office**, greeted the board on behalf of District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and announced the DA's Annual Holiday Toy Drive.
- 2) **Monique Chandler-Waterman, Brooklyn Borough Outreach Director of NYC Health+ Hospitals Test & Trace**, spoke about Covid-19 testing operations, sites, events and outreach.
- 3) **Adrian McLean, NYC Health + Hospitals**, announced the Covid-19 Workplace Testing program, Brooklyn Covid-19 test sites and other H+H health and wellness programs.
- 4) **Rakhi Bhattacharya, Brooklyn Public Library**, announced that 27 BPL branch locations are now open for select services, including the Cortelyou branch within CB14, and shared information about services provided to the community during Covid-19 closures.
- 5) **Elana Reinholtz, Save Cortelyou**, spoke about community opposition to the new building proposal for 1600-1620 Cortelyou Road.
- 6) **Alishia Goodridge, Assemblymember Diana Richardson's Office**, spoke about services offered by the Assemblymember's office including food distribution efforts and encouraged the community to stay in touch with the district office.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:18 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.