



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
March 8, 2021**

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 via Webex.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alvin Berk	Edward Cen	Jonathan Judge	Nicole Lebenson
Anne Gaudet	Ephraim Nierenberg	Karl-Henry Cesar	Angulo
Barden Prisant	Florencia Chang-	Kashif Hussain	Nina Sabghir
Bazah Roohi	Ageda	Leonie Francis Bryan	Shahid Khan
Carmen Belle	Gail L. Smith	Manzoor Hussain	Steven D. Cohen
Dawn-Marie Walker	Glenn Wolin	Maria Rivan	Tzvi Plotsker
Deborah Valentin	Gregory Alvarez	Hazlewood	Waqil Ahmed
Donald Loggins	Jo Ann Brown	Mechelle Brunson	Zakarya Khan
Duane Joseph	Joe Dweck	Mohammed Razvi	
Ed Powell	Joel Siegel	Naomi Lipnick	

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 Farah Louis (45th CD)
Councilmember Kalman Yeger (44th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Lisa Derrick for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn (42nd AD)

OTHER GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

P.O. Michael Joseph, NYPD 70th Precinct Community Affairs

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ed Powell called the January meeting to order at 6:35 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 and attendance will be based on Webex attendance records rather than roll call. Quorum was confirmed.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the February 8, 2021 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 reported on the Comptroller's ongoing performance audit of Community Board 14 for the period of November 2019 through November 2020, as well as the renewal of the 20-year lease for the board's district office. Information was shared about the March District Service Cabinet Meeting and it was reported that new staff member, Brian Williams, Community Assistant, started working remotely for the district office.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – *Ed Powell:*

A) The Chair's reported on the public hearing on the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023, which is published annually for the purpose of siting new City facilities and proposals to close or relocate existing facilities. There were no locations under consideration for CD14. The recommendation from the public hearing was that the District Manager submit a letter to NYC City Planning to request that the board be made aware of any locations that come up for consideration in CB14. In addition, CB 14 will request that City Planning considers formalizing the oversight of Newkirk Plaza as a public plaza. In addition, the letter will note the Board's continued request to include the siting of a new 70th Precinct Station house.

On Motion, duly made, it was: RESOLVED (35-0-0) to support the board's requests.

B) The Chairman announced the election of officers to the CB14 Executive Committee and asked Third Vice Chair Joseph Dweck to cast a symbolic vote on behalf of the Secretary, for the slate of candidates.

Jo Ann Brown - Chair
Gail L. Smith - First Vice Chair
Steven D. Cohen - Second Vice Chair
Joseph Dweck - Third Vice Chair
Hindy Bendel - Secretary
Shahid Khan - Member At Large
Karl Henry Cesar - Member At Large

Chairman Powell thanked board members and district office staff for their tireless service and commitment. Mr. Powell congratulated the new board chair and executive committee members.

The Chair invited Councilmember Kalman Yeger to address the board. The Councilmember greeted the board, thanked the outgoing chair and congratulated the new executive members.

Former Chair Ed Powell announced the official election of the new Chair and members, and ceremoniously passed the Chair's gavel to the new board Chair, Ms. Jo Ann Brown who accepted the title, congratulated the newly elected Executive Committee members and thanked the board for their support.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Joel Siegel announced that a meeting was held on March 2, 2021 via Webex and discussed presentations from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and NYC Transit-MTA. DOT presented on road bridge repairs and traffic changes proposed for Parkside Circle; MTA reported on the progress of the addition of an ADA ramp on the east side of the Avenue H Q-train station and station bypass plans due to construction.

B) Human Services Committee –Co-Chair Jo Ann Brown announced the CB14 Nonprofit Roundtable to be held on Tuesday, March 23rd from 10 AM-1PM via Webex. The theme of the event is to help local nonprofit organizations get the resources and support they need to assist clients with Covid-19 related needs including testing, PPE, and vaccinations.

C) Youth Services Committee – Co-Chairs Jonathan Judge & Duane Joseph reported that a committee meeting will be held on February 22, 2021 and shared updates about the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) and the 14th annual CB14 Youth Conference. Mr. Judge asked the board to vote to formally recognize the establishment of the board's Youth Leadership Council; the motion was adopted with unanimous consent.

D) Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Co-Chair Karl-Henry Cesar reported that the Cortelyou Public Library branch will be closed for renovations beginning March 20, 2021 and extending through summer 2021; and announced that the Department of Education's blended learning program and Middle School admissions have extended their deadlines through late March.

E) Public Safety Committee – Co-Chair Tzvi Plotsker reported that a Public Safety meeting will be held on March 16th at 6:30 PM via Webex; agenda items will include presentations from NYPD Capital and the Center for Court Innovation.

F) Community Environment Committee – Co-Chairs Donald Loggins & Nina Sabghir reported on the February 16th meeting presentations from the Parks Department regarding

proposed Brooklyn greenways and the Brooklyn Solid Waste Advisory Board's efforts to assist with citywide solid waste collection and recycling initiatives.

VI. AD-HOC COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

G) **Bylaws Committee – Co-Chair Jonathan Judge** reported on the March 4th committee meeting where CB14 Bylaws Articles 1-4 were reviewed and proposed changes were discussed.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – 8:02 PM

- 1) **Councilmember Farah Louis** greeted the board, shared information about a proposed shelter to be located at 1 Kenilworth Place and CD45 District Office assistance with Mt. Sinai vaccination appointments.
- 2) **Flore Baptiste, Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-based Violence**, announced free services for victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking and gender-based violence and shared the Brooklyn center's hotline number (718-250-5113).
- 3) **John Oros, Save Cortelyou**, spoke about his organization's efforts regarding the proposed zoning map change on Cortelyou Road and the status of the application at the Borough and City level.
- 4) **Nancy Lulu, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office**, greeted the board on behalf of District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, and announced several recent Brooklyn DA indictments.
- 5) **Andrew Butler, Flatbush Tenant Coalition**, invited the community to participate in monthly tenant coalition meetings via Zoom.
- 6) **Duane Joseph, Assemblymember Diana Richardson's Office**, greeted the community on behalf of the member, discussed programs and services, and highlighted the New York State Assembly's Small Business Recovery survey and invited all small business and nonprofit owner/operators to participate.
- 7) **Eileen Mullaney-Newman, Brooklyn Borough President's Office**, congratulated outgoing and newly elected Community Board officers.
- 8) **Lisa Derrick, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn**, brought greetings from the member and announced ongoing programs and services at the district office.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:02 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.