



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
April 19, 2021**

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, April 19, 2021 via Webex.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alvin Berk	Edward Cen	Jo Ann Brown	Michael Sedillo
Anne Gaudet	Ephraim Nierenberg	Joe Dweck	Naomi Lipnick
Barden Prisant	Florencia Chang-	Joel Siegel	Nicole Lebenson
Boris Noble	Ageda	Jonathan Judge	Angulo
Carmen Cerio Belle	Gail L. Smith	Karl-Henry Cesar	Nina Sabghir
Dawn-Marie Walker	Glenn Wolin	Maria C. Rivan-	Raymond Mendez
Donald Loggins	Gregory Alvarez	Hazlewood	Shahid Khan
Duane Joseph	Hindy Bendel	Michael Sedillo	Steven D. Cohen

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

COMPTROLLER

Pinchus Hikind for New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer

CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Kalman Yeger (44th CD)
Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)
Alex Tymkiv for Councilmember Farah Louis' Office (45th CD)
Matthew Pitt for Councilmember Farah Louis' Office (45th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Lisa Derrick for Assembly member Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn (42nd AD)

OTHER GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jo Ann Brown called the April meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Chair 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; attendance is based on Webex attendance records in addition to roll call. Quorum was confirmed.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the March 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 announced the ribbon cutting at the redesigned Lt. Narvaez Tot Lot on Cortelyou Road and the resumption of six day per week DSNY basket collection for district commercial strips. The DM's report also included updates about SAPO street activity permit rules and advised community members to familiarize themselves with the new regulations before applying for spring and summer permits.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – *Jo Ann Brown*:

The Chair wished observers a happy Ramadan and reported out on the April 6, 2021 Borough Board meeting which included presentations by NYCT-MTA on the Zoning for Accessibility transit initiative, the Cold Spring Harbor Lab-Brooklyn Annex and summer camp and the June 2021 roll out of Ranked Choice Voting in New York City.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) **Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Joel Siegel** reported out on the April 13th Joint Transportation & Community Environment Committees on behalf of both committees. NYC City Planning presented on the establishment of the Flatbush African Burial Ground Remembrance & Redevelopment Task Force and affordable housing plans and RFQ for the former P.S. 90 lot on Church Avenue. The MTA presented plans for the Zoning for Accessibility transit initiative.

B) **Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Co-Chairs Karl-Henry Cesar and Steven Cohen** reported on the April 8th committee meeting which featured updates about the Midwood library branch renovation project, Brooklyn public library resources and events, DOE public schools, and event and programming updates from local nonprofit organization Little Caribbeing. Committee Chair Cesar put forth a motion to the board to submit a letter in support of the Midwood Library Renovation project; the motion was unanimously approved by the board.

C) **Human Services Committee – Co-Chair Jo Ann Brown** reported out on CB14's Nonprofit Roundtable, which was held virtually on Tuesday, March 23rd via Webex. This year's roundtable theme was linking local nonprofit organizations with the resources and support they need to assist clients with Covid-19 related needs including testing, PPE, and vaccinations.

D) **Public Safety Committee – District Manager Shawn Campbell reported on behalf of Co-Chair Tzvi Plotsker** about the March 16th committee meeting which featured a presentation from

the Center for Court Innovation and a discussion about the NYPD-70th Precinct station house site search.

E) **Youth Services Committee – Co-Chairs Jonathan Judge and Duane Joseph** reported on the March 24th committee meeting, the establishment of the CB14 Youth Leadership Council and the 14th Annual CB14 Youth Conference to be held virtually on May 19th from 4-7 pm on Zoom.

VI. AD-HOC COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

F) **Bylaws Committee – Co-Chair Steven D. Cohen** reported on April 6th committee meeting discussions and announced the April 27th meeting which will focus on revisions to Articles 4-5 of the board bylaws.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – 7:21 PM

- 1) **Josh Saal, Housing Preservation and Development** announced the release of the RFP for the former P.S. 90 lot and upcoming public workshops hosted by the site's Flatbush African Burial Ground Remembrance and Redevelopment Task Force.
- 2) **Eileen Mullaney-Newman, Borough President's Office**, greeted the board and acknowledged the successful completion of the Lt. Narvaez Tot Lot.
- 3) **Julia Muench, Ranked Choice New York**, provided a brief overview of ranked choice voting which will be in effect citywide during the June 2021 primary elections and directed community members to resources available online.
- 4) **Carol Antunez, Revel Scooters**, announced the expansion of the Revel scooter area in community district 14, e-bike memberships, and the Brooklyn EV charging hub.
- 5) **Gretchen Bradley, Solar One-Community Power**, provided an overview of the Community Power program which benefits from the partnership of local solar installation companies and Con Edison, resulting in lower energy costs for subscribers.
- 6) **Andrew Butler, Flatbush Tenant Coalition**, invited the community to participate in the May 8th monthly tenant coalition meeting on Zoom.
- 7) **Alex Tymkiv, Councilmember Farah Louis' Office**, wished the community a happy Ramadan and shared news from the Councilmember's Office including efforts to target illegal trash dumping sites in the district and to assist community members to schedule vaccination appointments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:44 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.