



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 June 14, 2021

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, June 14, 2021 via WebEx.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abraham Treff	Edward Cen	Joel Siegel	Nina Sabghir
Alvin Berk	Edward Powell	Jonathan Judge	Shahid Khan
Anne Gaudet	Ephraim Nierenberg	Karl-Henry Cesar	Steven D. Cohen
Barden Prisant	Florencia Chang-	Leonie Francis Bryan	Talisha Sainvil
Bazah Roohi	Ageda	Maria Rivan-	Timur
Boris Noble	Gail L. Smith	Hazlewood	Moukhametzianov
Carmen Cerio Belle	Glenn Wolin	Mechelle Brunson	Tzvi Plotsker
Dawn-Marie Walker	Gregory Alvarez	Melissa Minnich	Waqil Ahmed
Deborah Valentin	Hindy Bendel	Michael Sedillo	Yvette Clairjeane
Donald Loggins	Jo Ann Brown	Naomi Lipnick	Zakarya Khan
Duane Joseph	Joseph Dweck	Nicole Lebenson	
		Angulo	

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Anya Hoyer, Community Coordinator
Brian Williams, Community Assistant

CITY MAYOR

Pinny Ringel, Community Affairs, NYC Mayor's Office

CITY COMPTROLLER

Pinchus Hikind for Comptroller Scott Stringer

BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL

Eileen Mullaney-Newman for Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu for Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

CITY COUNCIL

Walter D. Algarin, Manager, City Council (48th CD)

OTHER GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jo Ann Brown called the May 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. Quorum was confirmed.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting were approved. Copies are on file at the CB14 District office and available on the CB14 website.

III. CHAIR REPORT – Jo Ann Brown:

A) The Chair wished all attendees Happy Pride Month and Happy Juneteenth, announced new board members Darlene Bowers, Talisha Sainvil, Yvette Clairjeane, Melissa Minnich, and Timur Moukhametzianov, and thanked retiring board members Brian Cunningham, Dominic Mele, Raymond Mendez, Gary Schultze, Howard Sokol, and Jonathan Judge for their service.

B) The Chair announced the upcoming Borough Hall swearing-in ceremony for board members, shared updates about the Caton Flats project, and reported on Prospect Park Alliance and City Planning presentations at the June Borough Board Meeting. The Chair shared information about several proposed City Planning zoning text amendments including FRESH, Health & Fitness, Elevate Transit for Zoning Accessibility and Citywide Hotels and emphasized that all Brooklyn Community Boards, including CB14, submitted a letter to City Planning requesting more time for the board to consider the proposals given that boards do not meet over the summer. The letter submitted by CB14 to City Planning will echo these concerns about the timing of the proposals.

- a) Chair Brown presented a motion regarding the FRESH zoning text amendment proposal that CD14 should be included as a part of the FRESH expansion program would help the district preserve existing supermarket stock.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (40-0-0) to recommend that the motion be approved.

- b) Chair Brown proposed a motion regarding the Health & Fitness text amendment stating that CB14 is concerned about the potential lack of enforcement related to noise and other quality of life issues, and the necessity for this data to be made available to boards.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (40-0-0) to recommend that the motion be approved.

- c) Chair Brown proposed a motion regarding the Citywide Hotels text amendment for City Planning to clarify the length of time that a hotel can remain vacant, the maintenance plans, and whether or not hotels will be allowed to be converted to housing for homeless individuals.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (40-0-0) to recommend that the motion be approved.

C) **Committee of the Whole:** The board's position with respect to meetings, as well as public hearing requirements on issues and/or actions which may require a vote during the summer months, is to hold these items over to September. The board will convene during the months of July and August only should there be an item that requires an immediate vote. Therefore, it is recommended that the board vote on a resolution empowering a Committee of the Whole to take action on behalf of the full board should such meetings become necessary. This enables the board to satisfy its quorum requirement during the summer months.

On Motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (40-0-0) to approve a Committee of the Whole.

IV. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – *Shawn Campbell*:

The District Manager welcomed new board members and thanked retiring board members. The DM noted that the meeting was the final remote meeting of the fiscal year and thanked community members, district office staff, and liaisons from City agencies and elected officials' offices, for continuing to participate in board meetings over the past year. The DM invited the community to attend the June 17th CB14 Lunch & Learn event and updated the board on the activities of the CB14 Youth Leadership Council.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) **Youth Services Committee – Co-Chair Duane Joseph** thanked his committee co-chair Jonathan Judge who is stepping down from the board and reported back on the 14th Annual CB14 Youth Conference which was held online for the first time this year and was participated in by over 30 organizations and over a hundred young people.

B) **Public Safety Committee – District Manager Shawn Campbell** provided an update on the June 8th committee meeting and shared links for updated crime statistics from the NYPD 70th Precinct as well as contact information for FDNY fire safety outreach for summer events.

C) **Community Environment Committee – Co-chair Donald Loggins** reported on the presentations that were shared at the June 10th Community Environment Committee meeting and requested board support for a letter of support on behalf of the Prospect Park Alliance for proposed Tennis Facility improvements. The request was unanimously approved by the board.

D) **Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Co-chair Steven Cohen** reported on a June 14th School Construction Authority Community Town Hall to provide updates about P.S. 217 construction and shared information about summer cultural events including Make Music Ditmas and Kings Theatre events.

E) **Transportation Committee - Co-chair Joel Siegel** wished the board and community a great summer on behalf of the committee.

F) **Human Services Committee – No report.**

VI. AD-HOC COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

F) **Bylaws Committee – Co-Chair Steven D. Cohen** reported on the June 3rd committee meeting and reported on discussions about topical and regional committees. Committee meetings will continue to be held during the summer with plans to conclude revisions by September to present to the board.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – 7:58 PM

- A) **Johanna Bosquet, MetroPlusHealth**, shared information about upcoming MetroPlusHealth community events, Test & Trace Outreach, and health insurance enrollment.
- B) **Byron Todman & Tyrone McDonald, Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn**, shared information about NHS Brooklyn's new Property Management Program and upcoming NHS housing events.
- C) **Nicole Ranger, OHEL**, provided information about New York Project Hope Crisis Counseling Program which provides free and anonymous crisis counseling due to the effects of Covid-19.
- D) **Nancy Lulu, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office**, shared greetings from the DA's Office, discussed several new community partnerships and programs, and provided contact information.
- E) **Ed Powell, 70th Precinct Community Council**, invited the community to attend the June community council meeting, which will be the final meeting before the summer break, as well as the August 3rd NYPD National Night Out event at the Parade Ground.
- F) **Pinchus Hikind, New York City Comptroller's Office**, greeted the board on behalf of the Comptroller and wished the board a safe & healthy summer.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.