



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 January 10, 2022

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 via WebEx.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Abraham Treff	Ephraim Nierenberg	Kashif Hussain	Talisha Sainvil
Alvin Berk	Florencia Chang-	Mechelle Brunson	Tzvi Plotsker
Barden Prisant	Ageda	Melissa Minnich	Waqil Ahmed
Bazah Roohi	Gail L. Smith	Michael Sedillo	Yehuda Eckstein
Boris Noble	Glenn M. Wolin	Mordechai Husarsky	Yvette Clairjeane
Deborah Valentin	Gregory Alvarez	Nicole Lebenson	Zakarya Khan
Donald Loggins	Hindy Bendel	Angulo	
Duane Joseph	Jo Ann Brown	Nina Sabghir	
Edward Cen	Joseph Dweck	Shahid Khan	
Edward Powell	Karl-Henry Cesar	Steven D. Cohen	

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Anya Hoyer, Community Coordinator
Patricia Olender, Community Associate

STATE ASSEMBLY

Yehuda Schupper, Office of Assemblymember Helene Weinstein (41st AD)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu, Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

COMPTROLLER

Pinchus Hikind, Office of New York City Comptroller Brad Lander

CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Councilmember Kalman Yeger (44th CD)
Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)
Joel DeSouve, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Sabrina Dieujuste, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)
Anthony Drummond, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)

BOROUGH HALL

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Eileen Mullaney Newman, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jo Ann Brown called the January meeting to order at 7:02 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 Bylaws 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 December 13, 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 a time change for the January 20th Executive Committee meeting. She reported on a meeting with Fred Kreizman, the new Commissioner for Community Affairs for Mayor Adams' Office. Commissioner Kreizman committed to working with District Managers to set agendas and priorities. The District Manager also spoke about the orientation for new 70th Precinct NYPD recruits, hosted at the District Office. The DM also shared information about DSNY snow clearing operations. She announced the January 25th Hope NYC street homeless census and urged people to volunteer for this important project.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – *Jo Ann Brown*:

- A) Chair Brown greeted the Board and invited Councilmembers Farah Louis, Kalman Yeger, and Rita Joseph to address the Board. Councilmembers offered their greetings, noted the addition of new council members in the district, spoke of their office's work in support of the victims of the recent Bronx fire, and invited community members to stay in contact with their offices.
- B) The Chair reported on the public hearing held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 regarding a special permit filed for 1206 East 21st Street (BSA# 2021-70-BZ).

On motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (28-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved without conditions.

- C) The Chair reported that January's Borough Board Meeting was postponed by the Borough President's Office. The Chair will report out on both meetings at the February board meeting.
- D) The Chair announced the members of the 2022 CB14 Nominating Committee. The Committee will meet in February to select a slate of candidates for March elections (see addendum).
- E) The Chair proposed that the Board establish a Flatbush African Burial Ground Task Force in conjunction with the development of a proposed memorial at the corner of Church Avenue and Bedford Avenue in CD14. The board discussed the proposal.

On motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (31-0-0) in favor of establishing the proposed task force made up of board members and community stakeholders.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) **Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Co-Chair Karl-Henry Cesar** reported on the January 4, 2022 presentations by the Brooklyn Arts Council and the Kings Theatre, in addition to an update on the Flatbush African Burial Ground.
- B) **Transportation Committee** – no report
- C) **Public Safety Committee - Co-Chair Florencia Chang Ageda** reported on the December 21, 2021 committee meeting presentations by the Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD and the NYPD 70th Precinct's Executive Officer.
- D) **Youth Services Committee – Co-Chairs Duane Joseph and Nicole Lebenson Angulo** wished all a happy new year and invited members to attend the next committee meeting. Chair Brown reminded the board that the Youth Leadership Council will meet on January 25, 2022.
- E) **Human Services Committee – Co-Chair Nina Sabghir** told the board to stay tuned for news about upcoming projects in the district.
- F) **Community Environment Committee – Co-Chair Donald Loggins** reported that the committee is hoping a DEP and Parks Department Task Force will have updates soon on drainage and flooding conditions at the north end of the district. He reminded the community to drop off Christmas trees at local parks or set them out for DSNY collection to be mulched. Mr. Loggins also announced a recent grant to redesign the Vale of Cashmere in Prospect Park.

VI. AD-HOC COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) **Bylaws Revision Committee** – Chair Jo Ann Brown thanked the Committee for their service and announced the formal dissolution of the ad-hoc committee after the adoption of the revised bylaws by the full board at the December 13, 2021 Board meeting.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – 8:05 PM

- A) **Juliette Tarantino, WISE**, shared information about Working In Support of Education (WISE) civic engagement and college readiness programs throughout New York City.

Borough President Antonio Reynoso signed into the meeting during the public session and was invited to address the assembly. Borough President Reynoso greeted the board, shared information about his administration's four-year plan for Brooklyn. He noted that the application for board members was being updated in order to develop a more robust application process. He asked for patience and said the link would be up on the website soon and that the deadline would be extended accordingly. He took questions from board members.

The Chair returned to the agenda and the public session resumed.

- B) **Alishia Goodridge, SUNY Downstate**, announced her new position at SUNY Downstate and wished participants a happy new year.

- C) **Stephen Beasley, New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital**, invited the community to attend an upcoming event at the hospital with the NYC Department for the Aging.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:32 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Addendum to Chair's Report: After a review of CB14's newly adopted Regions and the residence of nominating committee members announced at the January meeting, a change was made in order to comply with the long-standing bylaws requirement that there be a representative from each region and one at-large member. The 2022 Nominating Committee is: Edward Cen - Region 1; Duane Joseph - Region 2; Nina Sabghir - Region 3; Boris Noble - Region 4; and Kashif Hussain - At-large.