



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT MULTI-SERVICE CENTER
1958 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11233**

Attendance:

Members Present: Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Evelyn Collier, Rev. Gwendolyn Dingle, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Shia Greenfeld, Mary Jemison-Head, Oma Holloway, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dionicio Liz, Marion Little, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Kenneth Mbonu, Michael McCaw, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Simone Pratt, Karen Rhau, Stacey Ruffin, Shekera Shehid, Suzette Sheppard, Jamella Swift, Omar Walker, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

Members Absent: Babatunde Akowe, Marc Abou-Faissal, Kimberly Hill, Jamar Hooks, Tarris Iriarte, Danelle Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Paulette Moorehead, Eldica Murray, Kwaku Payton, Santana Payton, Lydia Temples, Chinyelu Udoh, Shanita Wells

INVOCATION

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau read the agenda into record. He also welcomed the new Board members.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Nicholas Perry – Hon. Scott Stringer

Mr. Perry reported that the Comptroller's recent audit release on the Department of Education will help implement high speed internet in public high school.

Comptroller Stringer will host the Caribbean Heritage Celebration on June 6th, at Medgar Evers College from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

He will also host a LGBTQ event at Macy's Herald Square on June 20th, on the 5th floor. For more information, please call 212-669-3811

Shelton Jones – Acting District Attorney

Mr. Jones informed the audience that the Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez will host an Immigration Forum on June 10th. It will be held at Mamre Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1623 Utica Avenue from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The event will provide information on how to protect and know your rights regardless of immigration status.

Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams

Ms. Julien informed the audience that this weekend Central Brooklyn Arts & Culture will celebrate with a Family Movie Night on June 10th, behind the Brooklyn Museum, at 7:00 p.m. On June 11th, there will also be an Arts & Culture Walk on Eastern Parkway from Washington Avenue to Grand Army Plaza with a “Kids Corner” and live music.

Sarissa Phillips-Singletary – Hon. Darlene Mealy

Ms. Singletary announced Council Member Mealy’s Annual Greg “Jocko” Jackson Film Festival on June 15th, from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. It will be held at I.S. /P.S. 284, 213 Osborne Street.

On June 21st, Council Member Mealy will host a Senior’s Picnic in the Park at Lincoln Terrace Park (Eastern Parkway & Rochester Avenue) from 11:00 a.m.

Oma Holloway – Bridge Street Development Corp.

Ms. Holloway announced the Home Resource Expo on June 10th, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Restoration Plaza.

On June 19th, Bridge Street will offer a workshop on “How to Become MWBE Certified”. It will be held at 456D Nostrand Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

Daniel Fisher – 81st Precinct Community Council

Mr. Fisher announced that the next meeting will be held on June 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in this same room. He also informed that the Mother’s Day event was a success.

Liz De Oleo – Mayor’s Office/Thrive Engagement

“NYC Well” is in the Mayor’s response to the mental health crisis. For those struggling with stress, depression and other issues, you can Text: WELL to 65173, Chat: nyc.gov/nycwell or Call 888-NYCWELL, 24/7.

Yury Polonsky – NYS Energy Audits

This program is in partnership with Borough President Adams to offer free services through EmPower New York. Renters and homeowners can qualify if they are eligible for HEAP and food stamps.

Joshua Board – Hon. Walter Mosley

Assembly Member Mosley will host a forum on this year’s J’ouvert celebration to ensure the safety of its participants. He is also sponsoring a Summer Reading Challenge. For more information, please call the office at 718-596-0100.

Stefani Zinerman – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.

Ms. Zinerman announced that Council Member Cornegy will host a “Home Sharing” event on June 14th, at 6:30 p.m., at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.

Hon. Hakeem Jeffries

Congressman Jeffries gave an update on the situation in the White House and some of the issues we are facing.

Jarrell Brandon – Hon. Tremaine Wright

Assembly Member Wright sponsored legislation 5823 which requires notice to adjoining owners of construction or demolition work. The Bill is now in the Senate. She is also sponsoring a Summer Reading Challenge. For more information, please call 718-399-7680.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Shakti Robbins – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, P.O. Keneji Nwajei – PSA 3 NCO, P.O. Robin Edwards – PSA 3 NCO, Patria Frias-Colon – Family Court

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

The District Manager reported that he was working with Congressman Hakeem Jeffries’s office to get the United Postal Service to attend the meeting to address some of the issues at the various post offices. However, they never confirmed. He asked that those with issues, please fill out a complaint form on the table.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Civic & Public Safety Committee:

NYC Fire Department discussed CPR training and fire safety education teams.

Stacey Ruffin, Committee Chair introduced Sandra Sanchez, Community Liaison

Ms. Sanchez informed the audience that the Fire Department offers CPR training and fire safety education. All that is required is 20 participants and a room. She added that the Fire Department has seen a record low in fires in the history of the Fire Department. To request a training session, contact Ms. Sanchez at 718-999-0827 or Sandra.sanchez@fdny.nyc.gov

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Dept. of Consumer Affairs Sidewalk Café Application request for a letter of support by 1285 Fulton Street Restaurant Corp. (DBA DKalabash), 1285 Fulton Street and Nostrand Avenue

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chairperson introduced Admay Nicome Maharaj and family.

A PowerPoint presentation was done. DKalabash will be a restaurant and bar that seats 45. It will be a Caribbean and Italian inspired cuisine. Mr. Maharaj explained that the restaurant already has a liquor license and they are requesting to have a sidewalk café.

Questions and Answers

Member: The location is very congested already, it is not a good location.

Mr. Maharaj: It will be 18 feet

Oma Holloway: Will you be serving alcohol outside?

Mr. Maharaj: No

Hardy “Joe” Long: Did you get a letter of support from the BID?

Mr. Maharaj: Yes, we have a letter from Medina at the BID.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Alcohol Beverage Control License Application request for a letter of support by Guacuco Bed-Stuy, 360 Throop Avenue between Kosciuszko Street & Dekalb Avenue.

Tywan Anthony, Committee Chair introduced Leonardo Molina, Owner

Mr. Molina stated that this is a family owned restaurant. He owns the business with his wife and his mom is the Chef. They have two other business in the Bushwick, one location has been opened for seven and a half years and the other two and a half years.

The restaurant seats 20 people. The hours of operation will be 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday; and 12:00 p.m. – midnight: Friday – Saturday

Questions and Answers

Felicia Alexander: Do you have a beer and wine or full liquor license?

Mr. Molina: Full Liquor License

Rev. Dingle: How far are you from St. Phillip’s Church?

Mr. Molina: We are 280 feet away from the church.

C. Parks, Art & Culture:

The 500 MacDonough Block Association is requesting a letter of support to co-name MacDonough Street between Ralph and Patchen Avenues to “Jackie Robinson Way”. Marion Little, Committee Chair introduced Ronald Tyler, Block Association Vice-President

A brief synopsis was given by Mr. Taylor about the legendary baseball player, Jackie Robinson. The block association would like to honor Jackie Robinson since he initially resided at 526 MacDonough Street.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ishmael Islam – STooPS

Mr. Islam announced the date for the 5th Annual STooPS Festival which will be held on August 5th and 6th. The organization is seeking homeowners and businesses to partner with them for the event. Please contact him at community@stoopsbedstuy.org

Raquel Perlman & Megan Nelson – Heights & Hills Caregiver Support Program

The social workers provide services to seniors 60 plus years such as meals on wheels, caregivers program, and education. On For more information, please call 718-596-8789.

Eddie Freeman – Sugar Hill Supper Club

Mr. Freeman is requesting support from the Board for his restaurant. He stated that he has been in business for several years in the community.

Taina Evans & LaMeane Isaac – Brooklyn Public Library

Ms. Evans stated that there is a Summer Reading Challenge for adults.

Felicia Alexander – Macon Block Association

Ms. Alexander invited the audience to the Macon Street Block Association Annual Jazz Fest (between Ralph and Patchen Avenues) on July 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 35 members present and 14 absent.

V. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Oma Holloway – Education & Youth

Ms. Holloway announced that the Education & Youth Committee meeting scheduled for June 8th, is cancelled due to the Bed-Stuy's Best 2017 event on the same day.

Shekera Shahid – Health & Social Services

Ms. Shahid announced that the Holistic Health Day will be held on June 25th, in Restoration Plaza from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Douglas Williams – Veterans

Mr. Williams invited everyone to the Veterans meeting on June 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board office.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

- A.** Dept. of Consumer Affairs Sidewalk Café Application request for a letter of support by 1285 Fulton Street Restaurant Corp. (DBA DKalabash)

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Edna Johnson. [..\Vote for DKalabash.pdf](#)

- B.** Guacuco Bed-Stuy request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License

Tywan Anthony stated that the committee's recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Gregory Glasgow. [..\Vote for Guacuco Bed-Stuy.pdf](#)

- C.** The 500 Macdonough Block Association request for a letter of support to co-name Macdonough Street between Ralph and Patchen Avenues after Jackie Robinson

TJ Wilson stated that the committee's recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Edna Johnson. [..\Vote for Jackie Robinson Way.pdf](#)

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Richard Flateau

Mr. Flateau announced that there will be another Board meeting on June 26th, at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., at 7:00 p.m. before the Board recess for the summer.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY 1, 2017 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the minutes was made by Edna Johnson and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

I X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack and Stacey Ruffin
June 20, 2017