THE CITY OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY BOARD 3

MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
BEDFORD STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORPORATION
1368 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11216

Attendance:

Members Present: Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Evelyn Collier, Dolores Witherspoon-Dickerson, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, Kimberly Hill, Oma Holloway, Christopher James, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Marion Little, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Paulette Moorehead, Eldica Murray, Michael McCaw, Kwaku Payton, Santina Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Stacey Ruffin, Nelson M. Stoute, Lydia Temples, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Shanita Wells, Antonio Whitaker, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson, Tremaine Wright

Members Absent: Idris Abdullah, Gloria Boyce, Mulan Isaiah Burgess, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Brenda Fryson, Bernice McRae, Adrian Sinclair, Abraham Smilowitz, Cheska Tolentino, Rev. Jesse Sumbry

INVOCATION
The invocation was given by Mary Jemison Head.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Tremaine S. Wright
The Chair read the agenda into the record.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Evette Lopez – Hon. Walter Mosley
Assembly Member Mosley will be hosting his 2nd Annual Mother's Day Luncheon on May 6th, at the Shirley Chisholm State Office Building. It will be from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP. Flyers were available.

The Assembly Member is offering assistance for seniors 60 years and older with SCRIE, food stamps, etc. For more information contact 718-956-0100.

Shelton Jones – Hon. Kenneth Thompson
Mr. Jones informed that District Attorney Thompson has overturned his 20th conviction. The case involved an 81 years old man.

In addition, the District Attorney's office is seeking 10-15 high school students to intern. Interns will earn $150. Plus carfare. The internship will begin in July 11th and end in August. For more information contact Mr. Jones at 718-250-3146. Applications are available on the website at www.brooklynda.org

The next "Begin Again will be held on June 11th, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1405 Bushwick Avenue (corner
of Cooper Avenue). It begin from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Babatunde Akowe – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.
May is Small Business Week and Council Member Cornegy will host "Climbing the Capital Ladder" on May 5th,
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Bedford Hall, 1177 Bedford Avenue.

Council Member Cornegy allotted $1.6 million through the Participatory Budgeting for schools, renovation of Marcy Library, basketball court in Crown Heights. He also participated in the Tax Lien.

Joseph Grant also informed about the First Saturday Art Walk on May 7th. It will begin at Marcy Plaza with a bus tour of the various galleries in the District. In August, he will host four plays by August Wilson in the park.

Arna Lipkind – Hon. Darlene Mealy
Ms. Lipkind announced that Council Member Mealy will be hosting a Senior Clinic event on May 3rd and 24th. A representative from the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council will assist them with food stamps, Medicare, access-a-ride, SSI, SCRIE and DRIE. The newsletters were available with more resources.

Council Member Mealy's monthly Advisory Board meeting will be held on May 7th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. at the district office.

In addition, the Civil Rights Committee which is chaired by Council Member Mealy will hold a hearing to vote on Resolution 1000.

Joan Eastmond – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery
Ms. Eastmond informed the audience that information on the budget is available on the table. My Brother's Keeper Initiative is included in the budget. $20 million will go to the school system to help establish the Office of Family & Community Engagement. $3 million for the recruitment and retention of teachers of color.

Olanike Alabi – 57th Assembly District Leader
Ms. Alabi in partnership with other elected officials will host a free Community Law Day on May 14th, at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church from 11:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

She will also host the last Town Hall meeting for the spring on May 26th, at Teen Challenge, 444 Clinton Avenue. Resources from Access-A-Ride, Department for the Aging. In addition, the 88th Precinct has a new Commanding Office and Community Affairs officer who will be in attendance.

Hon. Latrice Walker
Assembly Member Walker spoke about the Voting Rights Bill in regards to pre-clearance. She asked that people support Assembly Bill 88626.

She also encouraged the residents to utilize the SUNY Attain Lab at 1604 St. Johns Place between Ralph and Buffalo Avenues.

In addition, she is invited everyone to attend a workshop on "How to Raise Your Credit Score". It will be held on May 26th, at her District Office, 400 Rockaway Avenue from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Acknowledgments
Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, P.O. Shalisa Bland – 81st Precinct

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Henry L. Butler
Mr. Butler informed the audience that the June 6th meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Job Corp., 585 Dekalb Avenue (corner of Nostrand Avenue).

He gave an update on a meeting with DOT on their plans for the Utica Avenue and Fulton Street Intersection. A walk through was done by him and Mr. Stoute. He explained that the area needs to be ADA accessible. The solution is to expand the island in order to create a ramp. The turn lane will remain but it will be narrow. DOT will be present at the June Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee meeting.

In addition, Local Union 1199 SEIU and NYSNA will host a Job Fair at Interfaith Medical Center on May 7th, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

There will be a Senior Resource Fair on May 21st, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Antioch Baptist Church 828 Greene Avenue.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Economic Development Committee:

Chez Oskar is seeking a letter of support for a change of address for their Alcohol Beverage Control License
Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Charlotta Jansen, Owner

Ms. Jansen stated that she has been in business for 17 years. She has started construction on 310 Malcolm X Blvd and is expanding to 373 Decatur Street. She is requesting to move the liquor license. Everything stays the same, it will 100 feet along Malcolm X Blvd and 17 feet along Decatur Street.
This is a restaurant not a bar.

Questions and Answers

Gregory Glasgow: Will you be changing the entrance from Malcolm X Blvd to Decatur Street, why are you changing the address?
Charlotta Jansen: The entrance will remain on Malcolm X Blvd, the location of the bar is what is being changed. It is being expanded to Decatur Street but there is no entrance on Decatur Street. The entrance on Decatur Street is for the upper floors.

Resident: How many people will you employ?
Charlotta Jansen: Hopefully 15-18, depending on the season.

B. Economic Development Committee:

Captain Dan's Good Time Tavern is seeking a letter of support for a Sidewalk Cafe License
Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Carmen Melo and Adrian Dowd

Captain Dan's Good Time Tavern is located at 497 Greene Avenue corner Nostrand Avenue. This is the second establishment they are operating together. The other establishment (The Anchored Inn) is located in Bushwick. It has been operating for five years. Captain Dan's is a restaurant and bar and they have been opened for four months.

The currently have 15 employees, all with exception of three reside within 10 blocks of the business. She anticipate hiring more if the sidewalk cage permit is approved. Everything is made from scratch. The dining area seats 25. They plan to add 14 seats outside. Delivery service is now available. The café will be on the Greene Avenue side. She stated that legally in New York City a sidewalk café must close by Midnight on weekdays and 1:00 a.m. on weekends. However, they would like to stay open until Midnight on weekends and 11:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Questions and Answers

Joe Gonzalez: Who did you speak to from the block Association?
Carmen Mello: Tina and Vaughn from Greene Avenue between Nostrand and Marcy Avenues are regulars. They provided a letter of support for our liquor license and has verbally given their support.

Resident: The sidewalk was redone and this café will force people to go into the street, the cars drive by very fast
Carmen Mello: Legally we are required to have 8 feet accessible in order to qualify. The sidewalk is very wide.

II. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Education & Youth Committee:

The committee hosted an informational presentation on the roll out of the Gifted & Talented Program in school District 16
Oma Holloway, Committee Chair introduced District 16 Superintendent, Rahesha Amon-Harrison

Superintendent Amon-Harrison gave brief update on the Gifted and Talented Program. She stated that the program is for incoming 3rd graders. Recommendations are made in the 2nd grade. Parents can also make recommendations. It will be holistic rubric to determine eligibility. The program is slated to begin at P.S. 26 and in September 2017, a Middle School Gifted and Talented Program will begin. The teachers will be afforded an opportunity to become certified through a partnership with the New York Historical Society and Hunter College.

B. Civic & Public Safety Committee

The committee hosted an informational presentation by NYC Ceasefire.
Stacey Ruffin, Committee Co-Chair introduced Pradine Saint-Fort

Ms. Saint-Fort stated that NYC Ceasefire is a group violence intervention model. The focus is on group members. To help keep them alive and out of prison, to stop the violence. There is a partnership between law enforcement, social support services and the community to assist the members of a gangs, crews, and drug set.

C. Transportation, Sanitation & Environment Committee:

The committee hosted an informational presentation by the Brooklyn Movement Center (BMC) on 'Here Comes Solar Program"
Nelson M. Stoute, Committee Chair introduced Jeremy Friedman, Organizer for BMC, Mark Winston Griffith, Executive Director and Angelica Ramdhari, Program Manager

Ms. Ramdhari stated that they are a non-profit solar purchasing initiative that is partnering with the Brooklyn Movement Center to bring solar resources to homeowners in Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights.
This initiative relies on neighbors working together. A discount is provided when neighbors buy in bulk. She did a PowerPoint. "Here Comes Solar" does a site assessment of the home to determine the cost. They will check the roof and the electrical system.

Mr. Friedman added that the cost of installing solar energy in homes has decrease significantly. He stated that people on a fixed income might be able to receive free installation. Some may qualify for zero interest loans which will help in getting City, State and Federal tax credits. There are other credits available for historic districts, 20% discount when done with other neighbors. There is a 25 years warranty.

BMC is located at 375 Stuyvesant Avenue between Decatur and Bainbridge Streets. Please contact them for more information at 718- 771-7000, Angelica can be reached at 646-576-5673. www.brooklynmovementcenter.org

III. ROLL CALL

There were 34 members present and 10 absent.

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Evelyn Collier – Landmarks
Ms. Collier read the Committee resolution. ..\Resolution for 221 MacDonough Street.pdf
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Oma Holloway – Education & Youth
Ms. Holloway informed the audience of an Education Forum in partnership with VIDA to discuss ways to effectively navigate IEP Issues. It will be held on May 18th, at Restoration Plaza, Multi-Purpose Room, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taina Evans – Brooklyn Public Library
Ms. Evans announced that on May 7th, the library will host the "Bike to Branches" event. This is a fundraiser.

May is Older American Month and on May 16th, the library will host a Senior Fair. Also on May 19th, Shelton Jones will host an Elder Abuse Workshop. For more information on all these events, contact Ms. Evans at 718-230-2014 or via email at seniors@bklynlibrary.org

Rahesha Amon-Harrison – District 16 Superintendent
Superintendent Amon-Harrison announced the 1st Annual Community Science Fair on May 25th, at M.S. 385, 125 Stuyvesant Avenue. It will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. In addition, the 1st Annual

Literacy Day will be held on June 2nd, at P.S. 26, 1014 Lafayette Avenue. It will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

She also introduced the new Deputy Superintendent, Yolanda Martin.

Judge Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services
Judge Staton reported that her office have been working with the Brownstoners of Bedford-Stuyvesant and Public Advocate Leticia James to combat the issue of deed theft.
The Brooklyn Legal Services provide assistance with all areas of civil litigation to those who qualify. For more information, please call 718-233-6427.

In addition, she mentioned that Bed-Stuy Community Connection will host a Health Fair at M.S. 35 on May 7th, from 10:00 a.m.

Martha Works – 81st Precinct Community Council
Ms. Works informed that the Council will be hosting the 2016 Unity Breakfast on June 11th, at Janes United Methodist Church. Donations are $25.00.

In addition, Ms. Works informed the audience that Det. Jenkins was promoted.

The next Precinct Council meeting will be held on May 10th, at 1958 Fulton Street at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Kim Best – 79th Precinct Community Council
The next meeting of the Precinct Council will be held on May 25th, at the Brooklyn Job Corp.

Ismene Speliotis – MHANY Management Inc.
Ms. Speliotis informed the audience that the lottery is open for apartments at Pacific Park, 461 Dean Street. It will be open for two months. Community Board 2, 3, 6 and 8 residents have 50% preference. There will be an Affordable Housing Info Session on May 16th, at Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call 718-246-8080, ext. 203.

Shelly Anthony
Ms. Anthony had a complaint regarding receiving a violation for her sidewalk by DOT. She was advised to call the office.

Jesse Goldstine & Robert Ali
Mr. Goldstine and Mr. Ali are both residents of Halsey Street. They are concern about hazardous conditions at the Slave Theatre construction site.

Shawn Onsgard – Bed-Stuy Safe Street
Mr. Onsgard announced that May is bike month.

Kimberly Hill
Ms. Hill announced the monthly Diabetes Support Group meeting on May 6th, at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Bedford Branch Library.

Clayton Peoples – Foster Park Sports
Mr. Peoples announced the annual Flatbush Youth Basketball Tournament which will begin on July 6th – August 26th.

Oma Holloway
Ms. Holloway thanked everyone for their support of the MyBase Program. The program will be ending in June with a graduation ceremony to be held on June 3rd.

Dr. Geronimo Williamson
He spoke about the Zika virus.

VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

A. Chez Oskar request for a letter of support to change the address of their Alcohol Beverage Control License
Mr. Flateau reported that the committee met with the owner on April 14th. The committee recommends giving a letter of support. Ms. Pinn expressed her concern regarding the space extending into mid-block. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Edna Johnson and seconded by Douglas Williams.

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B. Captain Dan's Good Time Tavern request for a letter of support for a Sidewalk Cafe License
Antonio Whitaker stated that the committee met with the owner on April 14th. All committee requirement were met. He added that he conducted a site visit on Saturday. The committee recommended giving a letter of support.

Ms. Pinn reiterated that this location is also mid-block. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Richard Flateau and seconded by Edna Johnson.

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VII. ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 4, 2016 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gregory Glasgow and seconded by Oma Holloway.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
May 19, 2016