



**MINUTES OF THE  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
BROOKLYN JOB CORPS.  
585 DEKALB AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, NY 11205**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Idris Abdullah, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Evelyn Collier, Dolores Witherspoon-Dickerson, Marc Abou-Faissal, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, Kimberly Hill, Oma Holloway, Tarris Iriarte, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Hardy "Joe" Long, Dovie Matthews, Eldica Murray, Grace Clarke McDade, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Stacey Ruffin, Shehera Shahid, Nelson M. Stoute, Lydia Temples, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Antonio Whitaker, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson

**Members Absent:** Ren Azinge, Gloria Boyce, Mulan Isaiah Burgess, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Taina Evans, Danelle Johnson, Paulette Moorehead, Michael McCaw, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Kwaku Payton, Adrian Sinclair, Rev. Jesse Sumbry, Chinyelu Udoh, Shanita Wells, Tremaine Wright

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mary Jemison Head.

In the absent of the Board Chairperson, Tremaine Wright, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Oma Holloway presided the meeting.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**Hon. Hakeem Jeffries**

Congressman Jeffries gave an update on the services provided by the United States Postal Service (USPS). He will be meeting with them on shortly to discuss the issues. He also held his "Congress on the Corner" at Fulton Park on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, where he was informed about issues of gentrification and harassment technics on homeowners.

In addition, he informed seniors that there are several resources available to seniors with fixed income and who own less than \$50,000 such as SCRIE.

**Gregory Calliste – CEO, NYC Health & Hospitals/Woodhull**

Mr. Calliste is the newly appointed CEO of Woodhull Hospital. He briefly outline his vision for the hospital and invited everyone to support the hospital.

**Inspector Henderson**

He reported on a shooting earlier in the day at 1615 Fulton Street. There was also a shooting with the confines of the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct on Nostrand Avenue and Quincy Street. Inspector Henderson informed the audience that he will get sixteen addition officers to assist along the safe corridor.

**Candice Julien – Hon. Eric Adams**

Ms. Julien announced the Arts & culture Weekend. “Movie Night” will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Brooklyn Museum Parking Lot and the Arts & Culture Walk will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, on Eastern Pkwy between Flatbush and Washington Avenues. Flyers were available. For more information or any other events, she may be contacted at 718-802-3981.

**Dr. Torian Easterling – Assistant Commissioner/NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene**

Dr. Easterling gave an update on the parking issue in front of the hospital. He stated that the department plans to restore primary care and clinical services to the center. The hours will be Monday to Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In addition, he advised everyone, especially pregnant women to protect themselves from the Zika Virus by using repellents, protected clothing. Children 3 years and older are especially at risk. For more information, please call the Health Center at 718-637-5402.

**Hon. Stephen Levin**

Council Member Levin informed the audience that the budget will be finalized in a few days. Some of the items that was focused on was increasing SYEP slots, summer camps and the emergency food. He added that there will be a hearing on the Foster Care System on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. For assistance, please contact his office at 212-788-7348 or his liaison Metin Sarci at 718-875-5200.

**Michael Smith – Hon. Annette Robinson**

Mr. Smith announced that the Assembly Member will be retiring after 22 years of service. In addition, he informed the audience that Assembly Member Robinson will be hosting a Veteran Resource Fair on June 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Restoration West Plaza from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Babatunde Akowe – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.**

Mr. Akowe invited residents to become an Age Friendly Ambassador. There will be a recruiting event on June 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Quincy Senior Residence, 625 Quincy Street from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Carl Luciano – Hon. Darlene Mealy**

Mr. Luciano is the new liaison for Council Member Mealy.

**Shelton Jones – Hon. Kenneth Thompson**

Mr. Jones informed the audience that the district Attorney has indicted the lawyer who stole from Judge Phillips and the Slave Theatre. To learn more, visit [www.brooklynda.org](http://www.brooklynda.org) . In addition, “Begin Again” will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1405 Bushwick Avenue, at the corner of Cooper Avenue. For more information, please contact Mr. Jones at 718-250-3146 or the Action Center at 718-250-2340 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Nequan McLean – District 16 CEC**

Mr. Mclean reported that a meeting was held and Medgar Evers Prep will not be relocating to Boys & Girls High School.

### **Martha Works – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council**

Ms. Works stated that tickets for the Unity Breakfast is sold out. She thanked everyone for their support.

### **Gerard Miller – NHS of Bedford-Stuyvesant**

Mr. Miller announced that there are several grants available for first time homebuyers. Flyers were available.

### **Mary Alice Miller – Hon. Latrice Walker**

There will be a solarize Brownsville event at 444 Thomas Boyland on June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **Acknowledgements**

Tahirah Moore – Mayor’s CAU Office, Joan Eastmond – Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Karen Cherry – Hon. Erik Dilan, Olanike Alabi – 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader, Det. William Jenkins – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, Jo-anne Alexis – Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

### **DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler**

Mr. Butler introduced the newly appointed Board members: Dr. Debra Lamb, Ren Azinge, Danelle Johnson, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Sharon Forbes, Marc Abou-Faissal, Tarris Iriate, Grace Clarke McDade, Shekera Shahid and Chinyelu Udoh.

He informed the audience that representatives from the USPS will be attending the June 27<sup>th</sup>, Board meeting. Anyone with questions and concerns can address it at that time. In addition, he stated that there will be no more Citi Bike installation or bike lanes in the District.

## **I. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. Economic Development Committee:**

The Bed-Stuy Gateway BID is requesting a resolution in support of their application to the New York State Main Street Program, for funding to support pre-development work and storefront/building revitalization for mixed use and commercial properties within the BID boundaries.

Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Michael Lambert, Executive Director

Michael Lambert gave a brief synopsis of the NYS main Street Program and how it will benefit store owners. Mr. Flateau read the resolution into the record.

[..\Bed Stuy Bid Community Board Resolution Request Letter.doc](#)

### **Questions and Answers**

**Joe Gonzalez:** Who gets the money?

**Michael Lambert:** The BID gets the money and then is distributed.

**Gregory Glasgow:** What is the maximum amount a business can get?

**Michael Lambert:** Each business can get \$100,000.

### **B. Housing & Land Use Committee:**

The committee hosted a public hearing on the new owners of the former Cascade Laundry Site Application for Certification Pursuant to ZR Sections §63-211 and §63-30 for a Fresh Food Store at 553 Marcy Ave/869 Myrtle Ave in connection with the development of seven

new buildings (three six-story residential buildings, one eight-story mixed commercial & residential building, one nine story mixed commercial & residential building and two ten-story mixed commercial & residential buildings). The certification allows one additional square foot of residential floor area for every square foot of Fresh Food Store provided, up to a maximum of 20,000 square feet.

C. Doris Pinn, Committee Chair introduced Stefanie Marazzi, Legal Representation

Ms. Marazzi stated that her client is seeking certification for a fresh food store pursuant to ZR §63-22 to allow an additional 20,000 sq. ft. for residential floor area. This would allow an increase in the development of seven mixed use and residential buildings. She was accompanied by the Environmental Engineer. The buildings on Stockton will be six stories. It is in a R6A district. The buildings in the R7D district will be ten stories. There will be 66 affordable units.

### **Questions and Answers**

**Sewaa Covington:** What is the rent for the affordable units?

**Stefani Marazzi:** It will be part of the Inclusionary Housing Program. 80% AMI.

**Resident:** Who are the owners?

**Stefani Marazzi:** Abraham Brach and Nachman Leibowitz and Fishel Deitch

The Engineer explained that the site is contaminated but it is a danger to residents. The e State. The contamination will be removed by NYSDEC/Brownfield. Several questions were posed to Ms. Marazzi however, Mr. Butler explained that they are only presenting on the fresh food store. They were not required to come to the Board however because of the contamination they were asked by the committee to come.

### **C. Economic Development Committee:**

El Jaffe NYC LLC is seeking a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. The establishment is located at 1483 Fulton Street between Tompkins and Kingston Avenues

Richard Flateau, Committee Chair Onishka Camarena, Owner

Ms. Camarena stated that she will be serving a Modern Style Mexican food. The liquor license is needs for the frozen drinks: margaritas, etc. there will not be a full bar with alcohol. The space is 682 sq. ft.

The hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday – 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.; and Sundays 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be part-time and full-time employees, cameras and security.

### **D. Economic Development Committee**

504 Franklin LLC is seeking a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License  
Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Ori Apple, Owner

The owner is a chef and he will be operating the business with his brother. The will serve Mediterranean food.

Mr. Apple stated that he will be operating the business with his brother who is a chef. The space is 650 sq. ft., with 14 seats. There will be no seating at the bar. The hours of operation will be Mondays – Thursdays until 10:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays until 12:00 a.m. He will be serving wine, beer and some liquor.

### **Questions and Answers**

**Joe Gonzales:** Do you know that there is a school, library and other establishments in the area?

**Antonio Whitaker:** This establishment is not within the 500 Feet Rule nor the 200 Feet Rule.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

There were 34 members present and 15 absent.

## **III. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS**

### **Evelyn Collier – Landmarks & Preservation**

Ms. Collier read the Committee’s Resolution into the record. <U:\Resolution for 317 Decatur Street pdf.pdf>

A motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendation by Richard Flateau and seconded by Douglas Williams. <..\Vote for 317 Decatur Street.pdf>

### **Oma Holloway – Education & Youth**

Ms. Holloway gave an update on the meeting with CEC 16 and other stakeholders.

### **C Doris Pinn – Housing & Land Use**

The next meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Nelson M. Stoute – Transportation, Sanitation & Environment**

Mr. Stoute stated that he will be discussing the closing of the Kingston Avenue Station for maintenance work, the proposal to reopen the Bedford Avenue side of the train station and the traffic issues due to the many development in the community.

### **Stacey Ruffin – Civic & Public Safety**

The next meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

## **IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Beatrice Jones**

Ms. Jones announced the grand opening of her Honey Baked Ham Co. and Café on July 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be two locations: 1413 Fulton Street and 395 Flatbush Avenue.

In addition, she voiced her concern about the Muni-meters which were placed on Broadway. They are only for one hour.

### **Sewaa Codrington – KowTeff**

Ms. Codrington invited everyone to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held in the Plaza at Restoration.

**Mishon Long – Tompkins Organics**

The organization is petitioning for support for a community garden at 463 Tompkins Avenue

**Tim Jones – STooPS Bed-Stuy**

STooPS is seeking artists to display their work at this year’s event. For more information, please call 516-303-6203 or visit [www.stoopsbedstuy.org](http://www.stoopsbedstuy.org)

**Pastor Darryl Hobson – Brooklyn Center for the Arts**

Pastor Hobson announced the Arrow Summer Program that is being offered from July 5<sup>th</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup>. The program is for children between the ages of 4-12 years old and will be held at 28 Madison Street between Franklin and Classon Avenues. The hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call 718-398-2787.

**Felicia Alexander**

There will be stoop sale on Macon Street between Patchen and Howard Avenues on June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Oma Holloway**

Ms. Holloway stated that over 70 young people graduated from the MyBase Program. Recruitment will begin September for the next class of student ages 14-24 years.

**Dennis Edwards – Heart to Heart**

Heart to Heart is an adult day care that provides services to the elderly. For more information, please contact Mr. Edwards at 718-416-5156.

**V. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS: ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS. SECTION A-11 DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Nelson read the current By-laws, then the recommended amendment:

*According to the provisions of these By-Laws, to appoint, suspend or remove Chairpersons of all Committees of the Board, to establish special Task Forces, committees and sub-committees, and from time to time may be deemed necessary for the best performance of the Board’s functions and to appoint, suspend or remove the Chairperson of such special task forces, committees and sub-committees. All Committee Chairpersons shall serve only during the term of the Board Chairperson appointing him/her. The Board Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of each Committee except the nominating committee. The Chairperson shall report at the earliest Board meeting any new appointments or removals.*

[..\Recommended Amendment to Article VII - Duties of Officers.pdf](#)

**VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. The Bed-Stuy Gateway BID request for a letter of support on their application to the New York State Main Street Program

Richard Fleteau stated that the committee recommends giving a letter of support to BID. A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Dovie Matthews.

[..\Vote for the BID's Application for the NYS Main Street Program.pdf](#)

- B.** El Jeffe request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License  
Mr. Flateau stated that the committee met with the owner on May 5<sup>th</sup>, all required documents were submitted. The committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation.

[..\Vote for El Jeffe NYC.pdf](#)

- D.** 504 Franklin LLC request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License  
Mr. Flateau stated that the committee met with the owner on May 5<sup>th</sup>, all required documents were submitted. The committee recommended giving a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

[..\Vote for 504 Franklin LLC.pdf](#)

**VII. ACCEPTANCE OF MAY 2, 2016 MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Felicia Alexander and seconded by Douglas Williams.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
June 22, 2016