

## THE CITY OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY BOARD 3



### MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING BEDFORD-STUYVESANT RESTORATION CORP. 1368 FULTON STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11216

#### **Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Idris Abdullah, Babatunde Akowe, Felicia Alexander, Tywan Anthony, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Evelyn Collier, Dolores Witherspoon-Dickerson, Taina Evans, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Gregory Glasgow, Mary Jemison-Head, Kimberly Hill, Oma Holloway, Tarris Iriarte, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Hardy “Joe” Long, Paulette Moorehead, Eldica Murray, Michael McCaw, Melissa Plowden-Norman, C. Doris Pinn, Kwaku Payton, Stacey Ruffin, Shekera Shehid, Nelson M. Stoute, Chinyelu Udoh, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, T. J. Wilson, Tremaine Wright

**Members Absent:** Gloria Boyce, Mulan Isaiah Burgess, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Marc Abou-Faissal, Danelle Johnson, Edna Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Marion Little, Dovie Matthews, Rev. Jesse Sumbry, Lydia Temples, Shanita Wells

#### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Dr. Kim Best.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

##### **Acting District Attorney Eric Gonzalez**

District Attorney Gonzalez stated that he will continue the legacy and work that the late Ken Thompson began. He introduced some of the staff who were present:

Renee Gregory, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant District Attorney, Melinda Alexis-Hayes, Special Counsel, Shelton Jones, Deputy Director of Public Engagement and Bernarda Villalona – Deputy Bureau Chief.

He gave a brief synopsis of his agenda moving forward. His goal is to engage young people. A lot of the programs will be enhanced for the youth such as the chess program in East New York and the Wynn Program. He also touched on the young adult court which works with youth 16-24 years of ages.

##### **Capt. Charles Minch – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct**

Capt. Minch introduced himself to the members. He stated that he previously worked in PSA3 and with Inspector Chell. He looks forward to working with everyone.

**Sarissa Phillips-Singletary – Hon. Darlene Mealy**

Ms. Singletary stated that Council Member Mealy will be distributing turkeys on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please call the office at 718-953-3097 and give your name to Charise Miller for the giveaway.

Council Member Mealy is also conducting a survey regarding the B46 bus on Utica Avenue. Her office has received numerous complaints at her September Advisory meeting. She would like to hear the concerns. Surveys were available.

In addition, free immigration assistance is available every Thursday. For more information, please call her office at 718-953-3097.

**Olanike Alabi – 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader**

Ms. Alabi reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon detectors as we change the clocks back. She will be hosting fire safety workshops in the borough. She also reminded everyone that it is against the law to take selfies in the polling booth.

**Ashleigh Eubanks – Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Corp. (NEBHDCo)**

Ms. Eubanks announced that the organization will be hosting an Annual Pre-Thanksgiving meal on November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. The office is located at 378 Throop Avenue. The food is cooked by volunteers of the healthy eating program.

**Marcus Harris – Hon. Eric Adams**

Mr. Harris informed that there will be a holiday concert at Brooklyn College on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Borough President’s office at 718-802-3700. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Year Eve event will be held at Prospect Park and Coney Island.

In addition, free legal services and foreclosure prevention are provide at Borough Hall, please call 718-802-3777 to schedule an appointment.

**Det. William Jenkins – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct**

Det. Jenkins asked for volunteers for the precinct’s Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon. It will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup>, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 289 Lewis Avenue from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Daniel Fisher – 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council**

Mr. Fisher stated that the next meeting has been changed to Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, due to the election. It will be held at 7:00 p.m., at 1958 Fulton Street. In addition, he stated that donation forms were available for the Thanksgiving Luncheon.

**Dr. Torian Easterling – Assistant Commissioner**

Dr. Easterling reported that on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Commissioner kicked-off the Citywide Flu Campaign. Flu vaccine were given at Concord Baptist Church and the YMCA. The vaccine will also be given at the upcoming 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct Senior Luncheon to ensure that everyone has access to the vaccine regardless of financial circumstances.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Health Commissioner launched the Drug Take Back Initiative at the Walgreens on Fulton Street. There will be several kiosk at various Walgreens throughout the City where residents can drop-off expired medications. This initiative will help reduce the opioid overdose and abuse.

In addition, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a panel to address “Mental Health in Your Community” and increase

access to services. It will be held at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., 1368 Fulton Street. Participants will receive \$150. This is a full day discussion. For more information, please 347-396-7988.

Dr. Easterling also informed the audience that the Health Department will be partnering with Community Board 3's Health & Social Services Committee to host a Health Fair. It will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>, at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza Multi-Purpose Room, 1368 Fulton Street from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Darryl White – Hon. Letitia James**

Mr. White informed the audience that the Public Advocate has released the “worst landlord” list. It is listed on the website.

**Crystal Wong – Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce**

Ms. Wong stated that the Chamber helps small business promote their businesses. There are currently over 2200 members. Please contact her office for assistance. Contact information was provided.

**Dr. Kim Best – 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council**

Dr. Best reminded everyone that the Precinct Community Council meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Job Corp., on November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., due the holiday.

**Taina Evans – Brooklyn Public Library**

Ms. Evans announced that the library is partnering with Borough President Eric Adams and other elected officials to host a SHRIE and DRIE event. It will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

She thanked everyone for their support after she was displaced by a fire.

**Judge Betty Staton – Brooklyn Legal Services**

Judge Staton stated that her office provides free legal services to people who qualify according to their income. Services in 15 civil areas however, tenant/landlord issues are their main practice.

**Johnny Rivera – Bridge Street Development Corp.**

Mr. Rivera introduced himself as the new liaison for the merchant associations in the district.

**Tremaine Wright**

The Chair announced that there will be a Forum on Human Trafficking at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., 1368 Fulton Street on November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. She explained that this issue is happening here in the community among 13-18 years old.

In addition, Ms. Wright informed that she has tickets for the free Thanksgiving Praise & Worship Concert at Brooklyn College on November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

**Stephanie Zinerman – Hon. Robert Cornegy, Jr.**

Ms. Zinerman announced that there will be Hepatitis C and HIV testing event at Friendship Baptist Church on November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Council has also partnered with Metro Plus to host a Medicare enrollment event. It will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, at Quincy Senior Residence from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In addition, there will be a Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) procurement information event on November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m... It will be held at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.

## Acknowledgements

Carl Luciano – Hon. Darlene Mealy

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

Mr. Butler invited Ruth Fasoldt, LinkNYC to present on the new furniture that will be installed within the district. Ms. Fasoldt informed the audience that LinkNYC has a partnership with the City to replace the old phone booths with a more modern kiosk.

These kiosks will provide users with 24/7 free internet access, free phone calls, USB charging, emergency information, various ads. There will be several locations in the community however, 1803 and 1874 Fulton Street will be going live on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Community District 3 is the first district to receive the kiosks in Brooklyn. LinkNYC have a 12 year contract with the City. The project is paid for by the ads on the kiosks. No taxpayer money is spent however, the revenue is split with the City. The City is slated to make \$500 million.

[..List of LinkNYC locations in CB3.pdf](#)

## Questions and Answers

**Resident:** Who is monitoring the data?

**Ms. Fasoldt:** There are two WiFi networks. One is the LinkNYC network which is free and public, and the other is a private network, Hotspot 2.0 which is encrypted. There is a privacy policy.

**Joe Gonzalez:** Who gets the profit and will there be jobs?

**Ms. Fasoldt:** The \$500 million goes into the general fund of the City’s budget. The 2015 reported stated that we had 145 jobs. There are currently 40 jobs open and they are listed on the website.

**Richard Flateau:** Was the contract let and which agency has oversight? What is the length of the contract?

**Ms. Fasoldt:** Yes, the contract is with the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT) and it was awarded in 2014. It is a 12 year contract with a 3 year renewal.

**Resident:** Will this only be in business district?

**Ms. Fasoldt:** Yes, we cannot place in residential areas because of the Ads.

## I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

### A. Education & Youth Committee:

There were no representative from Adelaide L. Sanford Institute present to make a presentation on empowering parents to know their rights when it comes to their children’s education

### B. Civic & Public Safety Committee

Bedford Stuyvesant Anti-Violence Project gave a presentation on their domestic violence program. Stacey Ruffin, Committee Co-Chair introduced Hailey Nolasco, Project Manager

Ms. Nolasco stated that they are located on Marcy and Tompkins Avenues. They work with organizations like Save Our Street. They added that 300 people were surveyed to assess their feelings towards and she gave a breakdown of the result. The Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence has identified Bedford-Stuyvesant as one of six neighborhood with high numbers She added that the Advisory Board meets every month and several focus groups.

## II. PUBLIC HEARING

### A. Economic Development Committee:

The Red Lion Hotel is requesting a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control license. They are located at 1080 Broadway between Dekalb Avenue and Malcolm X Blvd. Richard Flateau, Committee Chairperson introduced Michael Melendez, General Manager

Mr. Melendez stated that Hotel RL will be a 70 room hotel. He added that the bar and lounge area will be called Weeksville because it is based on community. The first floor has an open space with free WiFi, a performing stage, an outdoor space, and the lower level will have a game room.

In addition, he said that there will be 25-35 jobs for residents. Project Wake-up Call help generate funding for the homeless. They have partnered with a non-profit to help them get back on their feet.

### Questions and Answers

**Resident:** Is the name of the bar finalized because there is a history behind the name Weeksville?

**Mr. Melendez:** No, it is not

**Resident:** Who is the owner and why are they not present? How will you reach out to the community about the jobs?

**Mr. Melendez:** The owner is Moris Yeroshaley and he lives 3 hours in Long Island. We will have an Open House on November 28<sup>th</sup>, for all positions. There is currently a flyer in the window of the hotel.

**Michael McCaw:** What is the backup plan when tourist are no longer coming into the hotel? We have an abundance of hotel in the community.

**Mr. Melendez:** The hotel is a brand and it partners with a management company, Real Hospitality Group to help market the hotel.

**Michael McCaw:** These hotels will turn into shelters, what is happening in Maspeth, will happen here.

**Oma Holloway:** Is Project Wake-up Call something that is traditional done with Red Lion Hotels and did you already partnered with a community based organization?

**Mr. Melendez:** We have reached out to the Department of Homeless Services and they gave three recommendations. We have narrowed it down to a non-profit based in the neighborhood.

**Oma Holloway:** It will be helpful if you reached out to the Community Board for recommended organization that are truly community based.

Ms. **Taina Evans** reiterated that they should not use the name Weeksville because of the history behind the name.

**Chinyelu Udoh & T.J. Wilson** expressed concern about the owner not having experience in the hospitality business. What is the reasoning behind the hotel since the owner usually builds residential.

**Mr. Melendez:** We are not a full service restaurant but we will be providing finger food. We have a convection oven.

**Gregory Glasgow:** What are the rates? What services do you project to purchase or that could be purchase by businesses or from business in the community for economic development?

**Mr. Melendez:** Depending on the season, it can range from \$150 – \$350. The products that we will provide for our guest will be like local beer, local food, and breakfast items.

**Resident:** What do you have in place to prevent the homeless from lingering in the open space?

**Mr. Melendez:** Security will be on site from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. along with 24 hour staff. Management will be present 7 days a week.

**B. Economic Development Committee:**

348A Franklin Avenue is seeking a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. They are located at 348A Franklin Avenue between Greene and Lexington Avenues  
Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Max Colson, Devin Ayers and Kevin O'Donoghue, Owners

Mr. Donohue stated that this is a transfer of an existing liquor license from 2007 to present from SR Franklin, LLC to DMLK, LLC. (Devin, Max, Luke and Kevin). He added that Max Colson and Devin Ayers own a business on Bedford Avenue called Catfish. They are planning to open in March 2017. There will not be any music or DJ, no sidewalk café.

The menu will be Northern Style like Catfish restaurant. Entrée prices will range from \$9.00. The landlord has required that they soundproof the restaurant. There will be license security 7 days a week.

**C. Economic Development Committee:**

Oriental Arrows is seeking a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License. They are located at 266 Malcolm X Blvd between Macon and Halsey Streets  
Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Anna Son and Mirei Yanagawa, Owners

Ms. Yanagawa stated that this will be Japanese tapas restaurant. She added that this building is a landmarked building. They have a ten year lease. The hours of operation will be Sunday – Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Friday – Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. The capacity 50 tables and chairs, maximum of 65. They will used fresh seafood from Boston and exotic items from Japanese. Items on the menu was discussed.

**Questions and Answers**

**Joe Gonzales:** Questioned the hiring practices as it pertain to black workers.

**Ms. Yanagawa:** She would like to support the community by hiring from the community. She had black employees at a previous restaurant in Manhattan.

**Resident:** Will there be a vegan food?

**Ms. Yanagawa:** Yes, there will be vegan option and Tempura can be vegetarian dish also.

Do you have a lease?

**Ms. Yanagawa:** Yes, the lease if for ten years.

**D. Economic Development Committee:**

Fulton Ale House is seeking a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License.

They are located at 1446 Fulton Street between Brooklyn and Kingston Avenues.  
Richard Flateau, Committee Chair introduced Jimmy Grimason, Diana King and Mike Sheehan

Diana King stated that Fulton Ale House will be a sports bar/pub. They will be serving Craft and European beers and some classic cocktails. There is an outdoor space. They plan on serving pop style food vendors that will rotate. The bar area seats 43 and there will be two window tables. The backyard will hold 26 seats. Ms. King stated that she works for Jimmy Grimason.

The bar is primarily a soccer bar. The hours of operation will be 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. Highbury Pub (their other place of business at 1022 Cortelyou Road) currently operate during these hours. There are eight employees. All the employees live in the neighborhood.

### **Questions and Answers**

**Michael Lambert:** How many TV monitors will you have and will there be security?

**Diana King:** There will be seven monitors and nine security cameras, plus there will be security on the weekend

**Michael McCaw:** How does soccer impact the closing hours? This is International soccer.

**Diana King:** It not just soccer. It depends on where it is, there could be no time difference.

### **III. ROLL CALL**

There were 33 members present and 12 absent.

### **IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS**

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

Mr. Stoute announced that he will be meeting regardless of Election Day at 6:30 p.m. in the Board office.

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

Ms. Collier read the committee's resolution for 158 Halsey Street. The LPC application is requesting to make alteration to the historic three-story brownstone building. The committee is asking the full Board to support the committee's recommendation to reject the 158 Halsey Street project.

[..\Resolution for 158 Halsey Street.pdf](#)

### **V. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tremaine Wright** made an announcement on behalf of **Joshua Walker**. There will be a Thanksgiving Day Giveback to the community on November 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Marcy Plaza from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Drop-off donations of clothing and canned food can be made at the Macon Branch Library.

#### **Oma Holloway – MyBase**

Ms. Holloway announced that the 40 youth in the program are required to do volunteer work. She informed that organizations in the community who would like assistance with any events can call her.

#### **Jamisha Williams – The Audre Lorde Project/Safe outside the System Collective**

Ms. Williams stated that the collective organizes for a safer Brooklyn to build community safety strategies. They are re-launching the safe neighborhood campaign. There will be a Bike Tour that will visit different areas in Bed-Stuy that tells stories of resistance and resilience in the neighborhood. The

event will take place on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 16 bikes will be donated by Citi bike.

**Rusty Fields – Rusty and River Fields Foundation**

He announced that the foundation would like to send 40 high school students (ages 14-18) to the Harvard University Mock Trial High School Seminar Program. They are seeking financial support. For more information, please call 347-821-7169.

**Tremaine Wright**

Ms. Wright announced that the Brooklyn Alliance for Safer Street will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. It is a 1.5 miles race and it will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup>, at Von King Park at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location is Greene and Marcy Avenues. To register go to [bedstuybikes@gmail.com](mailto:bedstuybikes@gmail.com).

**Dr. Geronimo Williamson**

Dr. Williamson talked about all the place of worship that is being taken away through the court system.

**VI. ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. The Red Lion request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License**

Mr. Flateau informed the audience that the committee met with the organization on October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. A member did a walk through and all requirements were met. The committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

[..\Vote for Red Lion Hotel 1080 Broadway.pdf](#)

**B. 348A Franklin Avenue request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License**

Mr. Flateau stated that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Douglas Williams and seconded by Nelson M. Stoute.

[..\Vote for 348A Franklin Avenue.pdf](#)

**C. Oriental Arrows request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License**

Mr. Flateau stated that the committee met on the November 6<sup>th</sup>. The committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Paulette Moorehead and seconded by Chinyelu Udoh.

[..\Vote for Oriental Arrows- 266 Malcolm X.pdf](#)

**D. Fulton Ale House request for a letter of support for an Alcohol Beverage Control License**

Mr. Flateau reported that the committee recommendation is to give a letter of support. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Nelson M. Stoute and seconded by Gregory Glasgow.

[..\Vote for Fulton Ale House.pdf](#)

**E. Resolution on 158 Halsey Street**

Ms. Collier stated that the committee recommendation is to NOT give a letter of support for the proposed roof alteration. A motion was made by Douglas Williams and seconded by Nelson M. Stoute.

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**VII. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Tremaine S. Wright**

**Nominating Committee Report:**

The committee consist of Chair Tywan Anthony, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Mary Jemison Head, Tarris Iriarte, Stacey Ruffin and Marc Abou-Faissal.

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**VII. ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER 3, 2016 MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Richard Flateau and seconded by Douglas Williams.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beryl Nyack  
November 30, 2016