

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, October 21, 2015  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

The Chairperson Ms. Julie Dent welcome all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, October 21, 2015 monthly board meeting.

The District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted introduced the Public Hearing Items.

- Public Hearing Item -

1) Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Application (ULURP) # C150168 PQQ – IN the matter of an application submitted by the Administration for Children's Services, Department for the Aging and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-C of the New York City Charter, for the acquisition of property located at 1175 Gates Avenue (Block 3331, Lot 25) for the continue use as a child care center and senior center.

Presentation by Ms. Alyson Grant, Chief of Staff for the Division of Early Care and Education at the Administration of Children Services (ACS-ESE)

ACS is asking for the Community Board's approval for the continued use of the existing building as a day care center and a senior center. Both programs have been in use for several decades at 1175 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221. With the board's approval ACS hopes to renew the lease and continue their services to children and seniors in the community. The children ages are from 2 to 4 years of age. Their parents either work, go to school or are looking for work, so services are needed. Parents must meet financial requirements in order to receive their services. The day care center host 100 preschoolers and 24 toddler.

The lease is a 5 years because that is what the landlord is allowing at the time however ACS feels that they will be at the present location for many years to come and they hope to receive a longer lease then.

The cost of the day care center is based on the family size and the income of the parent(s). The most a family can make is 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Michael Bitar, Assistant Architect (ACS): The building is in fairly good condition but could use some work.

The building was built in 1972 by a building named Mr. Louis Engle. ACS have 9 classrooms, 15 bathrooms in the building.

Roundtable Senior Citizen Center is operated by their non-profit partner RBSCC. The center serves about 80 seniors per day, 5 days a week. The center hosts a computer class 2 times per week, a AARP safety driving class, Zumba class, painting and drawing class, discussion groups and other classes. The center provides transportation to the center for some. The center feeds seniors over 60 years of age: Lunch = \$1.25, Breakfast = \$.75, and dinner = \$1.25.

2) New York City Planning – 6:58PM

A) N160051 ZRY – Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Text Amendment: Would require that a share of new housing be permanently affordable.

Process for Establishing and Applying Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH)

60 Days: Community Board, Borough President and Borough Board Review

Approximately 60 Days: City Planning, Commission Review

50 Days: City Council Review

Approximately 6 Months: Public Land Use Review Process

Key Facets of the Affordable Housing Crisis:

- Gap Between Rents and Incomes (Over the past decade, average rents rose by more than 10% while wages stagnated)

- High Rent Burden (55% of renter households are “rent-burdened” and 30% are “extremely rent burdened”)
- Insufficient Housing Production (The marketplace is not meeting the needs of existing residents, let alone new ones)
- Limited Supply of Affordable Units (Despite significant public investment, only a fraction of eligible New Yorkers served)
- Population Growth (230,000 new residents arrived since 2010 and 60,000 more are expected by 2040)

Housing New York – A Five-Borough, Ten – Year Plan: Housing New York is a plan to build and preserve 200,000 affordable homes over the next decade, with a range of incomes from the very lowest, to those in the middle class.

Housing New York: Implementation

- Create More Housing: Create 80,000 new affordable units, reform 421-a tax exemption program and improve zoning to promote affordability.
- Preserve Existing Housing and Prevent Displacement: Preserve affordability of 120,000 existing units, strengthen rent regulations and protect tenants facing harassment
- Plan for and Invest in Strong Neighborhoods: Collaboratively plan with communities, created neighborhood development fund and align planning with strategic investments

What is Mandatory Inclusionary Housing? A new proposal to require permanently affordable housing when future City Planning Commission actions encourage substantial new housing. 25-30% must be affordable.

Goals of MIH:

1. Equity: Promote vibrant, diverse neighborhoods
2. Planning: Ensure affordable housing in areas in which we are planning for growth
3. Local Needs: Met the need of a range of low-and moderate-income New Yorkers
4. Legal: Ensure that program meets legal standards
  - Apply program consistently
  - Support financial feasibility of housing creation

Why are 25-30% being proposed as a requirement?

- There is a tradeoff between – a) amount of affordable housing and b) price of affordable housing
- Strong housing markets can support a requirement for 20-30%, unless moderate incomes are targeted
- In weak markets, direct public subsidy is always needed
- What about a higher requirement? A 50% requirement is not financially feasible

Proposed Requirement would be the most rigorous of any major U.S. City. For each rezoning, the City Planning Commission and City Council can apply:

Option 1: 25% of housing at an average of 60% AMI

Option 2: 30% of housing at an average of 80% AMI

Plus, in limited emerging or mid-market areas, an additional option may be added:

Workforce Option: 30% at an average of 120% AMI (without direct subsidy)

Key Features of Proposed Program:

- Required units would be new, permanently affordable units
- Applies to developments, enlargements, or conversions > 10 units

Locations of affordable units:

- On-site, **same building** as market-rate units, spread on at least half of the building’s stories, with a common street entrance and lobby.
- On-site, **separate building**, completely independent from the ground to the sky; would not stigmatize residents of affordable units
- Off-site, **different zoning lot** located within the same Community District or within ½ mile

Other Considerations:

- Payment-in-lieu option for buildings of between 11 and 25 units

- Requirements could be reduced or waived through BSA where they would make development infeasible (Legal requirement for hardship relief)

MIH is One of Many Tools That Work Together

- With additional public subsidy, we can reach incomes as low as 30% AMI
- Reform of State 421-a tax exemption program will require affordable housing in every rental building receiving benefits: More affordable housing, broader range of incomes and no benefits for luxury condos
- Zoning for quality and affordability will promote senior and affordable housing, aid efficient use of housing subsidies and promote better buildings

B) N160049 ZRY – Zoning for Quality & Affordability Text Amendment: Targeted changes to zoning regulations that would address the needs of affordable housing, aid efficient use of housing subsidies and encourage higher quality residential building in the city’s medium and high density neighborhoods.

GOALS:

Affordability – Make zoning work better with financial and other programs to create more affordable housing for a wider range of New Yorkers

Quality – Encourage better buildings that contribute to attractive and livable neighborhoods

**Affordability**

- Help seniors remain in their communities by making it easier to **provide affordable senior housing and care facilities**
- Support the creation of **Inclusionary Housing**
- Free up resources to create more affordable housing by enabling cost-effective, **transit-accessible affordable housing**

Why Does Zoning Need to Change?

- Population 65 years and older is projected to increase 40% by 2040 – over 400,000 additional seniors
- Dated zoning does not recognize **today’s spectrum of housing and care facilities**, such as: Independent living, assisted living and nursing care
- In medium and higher density districts: affordable senior housing is allowing more floor area, but **zoning doesn’t allow room for it all to fit** in a well-designed building.
- In lower density multifamily districts: zoning is based on walkup housing, but **seniors need elevator building**

Key Elements of the Proposal:

Goal: Help seniors remain in their communities

- Update regulations to allow a spectrum of affordable senior housing and care facilities, alone or mixed: Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors (AIRS) , Long-term Care Facilities: As-of-right in most residence districts and By discretionary action in R1 and R2 districts
- Allow flexibility for mixing of uses: align as-of-right floor areas in districts that permit multiple dwelling

Why Does Zoning Need to Change?

- In designated medium and higher density areas, the Inclusionary Housing program promotes mixed-income housing.
- Inclusionary Housing is allowing more floor area, but zoning doesn’t allow room for it all to fit in a well-designed building. (The result: less affordable housing)

Free up resources to create more affordable housing by enabling cost-effective, transit-accessible affordable housing

**TRANSIT ACCESSIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Why Does Zoning Need to Change?

Current parking requirements make it harder to meet the need for affordable housing:

- Off-street parking can cost as much as \$30,000 - \$50,000 per parking space to provide
- Residents of affordable housing cannot pay the fees necessary to support this cost (approx. \$200-33 plus per month)
- Lower-income households own fewer cars, especially in transit-served areas – and low-income seniors own extremely few
- Operators report that low-income residents rarely park in these facilities

### Quality

- Encourage better ground-floor retail and residential spaces and apartments with adequate ceiling heights
- Change rules that lead to flat, dull apartment buildings to encourage visual variety and features common in traditional apartment buildings
- Maintain rules that work well today, including the essential rules of “contextual” zoning districts and lower-density zoning districts

### Why Does Zoning Need to Change?

**Bad ground floors** in medium – and high-density contextual districts

**Flat, dull buildings** in medium-and high-density contextual districts

#### Key Elements of the Proposal:

Goal: Encourage better ground-floor retail and residential spaces and apartments with adequate ceiling heights

In medium-and high-density contextual districts:

- Allow limited additional heights if building provides taller ground floors: No more than five feet, in over 95% of affected areas

Change rules that lead to flat, dull apartment buildings to encourage visual variety and features common in traditional apartment buildings.

Goal: Make taxpayer dollars go further by enabling cost-effective, transit-accessible affordable housing

Designate a “transit zone” where auto ownership and commutes by car are low, in which:

- Parking would become optional for new Inclusionary Housing or Low-income housing
- Where appropriated, other modifications allowed:
  1. Removal of parking for existing affordable senior housing
  2. For other affordable or mixed-income housing, reduction of requirements possible on a case by case basis.

Rules have not kept pace with housing regulations and best practices

- Regulations: Increased requirements for fire prevention and accessibility in building codes and other regulations
- Floors-to-0floor heights: Increasing and closer to historic norms
- Construction Practices: New methods like “block and plank” and modular construction
- Site Conditions: More irregularly shaped lots being developed

### **Chairperson’s Report, Ms. Julie Dent, 8:40PM:**

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent thanked all in attendance for coming to the Community Board #4 Public monthly meeting.

Ms. Julie Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Mary McClellan moved to accept the agenda a written. It was second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent asked that the Elected Officials and /or their representatives introduce themselves and state their respective address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Jacklyn Reyes Representing Assemblyman Eric Martin Dilan, 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-386-4576
- 2) Yanuski Rodriquez Representing the Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson, 718-250-2565
- 3) Jennifer Gutierrez Representing NYC 34<sup>th</sup> Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206, 718-963-3141
- 4) Miguel Representing Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 718 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-573-1726
- 5) Yamilky Crisostomo Representing the Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3809
- 6) Debra Dilan Representing NY State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, 59 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038, 212-383-2665

City, State or Federal Agency representatives introduced themselves and stated their respective address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue
- 2) PO Natalie Robinson, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697

The Chairperson invited Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino the Commanding Officer of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct to give a synopsis as to the trends and stats of our local 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. This is a brief overview. Anyone interested in a more detailed report or have specific questions for the Deputy Inspector, were encouraged to attend the monthly 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday, monthly at the precinct located at 480 Knickerbocker Avenue at 6:30pm. During those meeting you'll have an opportunity to speak directly to the commander as well as the various specialty officers who are present to hear directly from you but more importantly- answer and resolve any problems/issues.

Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.  
The Deputy Inspector gave and update on the occurrences in the community.

**First Roll Call, 7:25PM:** 27 Members Present this constitute a quorum.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Martha Brown moved to accept the agenda as written. It was second by Mr. Raul Rubio. All members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the June Minutes with any necessary corrections. Ms. Mary McClellan moved to accept the June 2015 minutes. It was second by Ms. Sharline Moore. All members present were in favor.

**The District Manager read the committee reports, 8:43PM**

**Committee Reports: 8:45PM**

**Economic Development Committee (EDC)**, Bob Murray, Committee Chairperson

Meeting Held: Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 3:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: Bob Murray – Committee Chair, and Sharline Moore

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted, District Manager CB4, DI Tolentino, Commanding Officer and Det. Franco, 83<sup>RD</sup> Precinct; Egaudy Gomez, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

## ITEMS DISCUSSED

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has received funding (Avenue NYC) made available through the NYC Department of Small Business Services and Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources. As such they are conducting research and analyzing the business environment along Broadway from Flushing Avenue to Willoughby Avenue.

The Broadway Corridor from Flushing Avenue to Willoughby Avenue was chosen by NYC Council Member Cornegy- Chair of the Small Business Committee. One of the reasons why it was chosen is because it's already an established shopping area. If more vitality can be brought to the area it could also translate into more jobs for the people.

Det. Franco stated that merchants have been meeting along Broadway already: (1) Myrtle to Flushing Avenues (2) Myrtle to Lafayette Avenues (3) Lafayette Avenue

Ms. Moore requested officially that resources get funneled to the portion of Broadway from Halsey Street to Eastern Parkway. She specifically noted the need for a Bank, and services for youths. Mr. Gomez noted that resources can be developed on this side too. He noted that the Brooklyn Chamber has a staff of 45 with varied capabilities including employment, small business, financing. It was suggested by Det. Franco that a list be forwarded as to the services provided by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

*The Questionnaire is specifically related to Broadway from Flushing Ave. to Willoughby Avenue at this time.*

1. Funding - no current funding. In the past LDC funding was received by the Broadway Merchants.
2. The Top Three Priorities for the Area:
  - Lighting - Currently Merchants have been going into their pockets improving lighting conditions there. The Elevated Train J/M creates an extremely dark area. Entire area needs brighter lights instead of the yellow lights. It needs to be triple in terms of brightness. The distance between the lights is too far
  - A need for a more coordinated effort (among city agencies) along Broadway. Currently 79, 81 and 83 Precincts, and the Department of Sanitation services are split between Districts. Deputy Inspector Tolentino mentioned area suffer due to the shared area. The homeless condition by Jefferson Street and Myrtle Ave.
  - K-2 is being purchased on the CB#3 side and coming over to the CB#4.
  - Department of Sanitation- issues in terms of cleanliness. Receptacles are now maintained. TA have no receptacles. Better scheduling and coordination.
  - Façade improvements- Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce offers grants and zero-interest loans for businesses. The Task Force that will be in place has what is called "A Chamber on the Go Bag". A new pilot program that the Chamber administers throughout the city. This has all the services in the bag. Representatives from the Chamber will go directly to the business to offer help with filing paperwork and walk the business through the process.
3. OPPORTUNITIES PHYSICAL INVESTMENT
  - Broadway/Stockton St./Melrose St./Arion Place- huge vacant lot empty Ideal for Business, Recreation Center (CB#3) side.
  - Melrose St. at Broadway (CB#4)
  - 935 Broadway
  - Sequence of lighting

- Confusion with the sequencing of traffic signals
- Alignment of streets- creation of pedestrian crosswalks
- Neck downs - sidewalk extension all educational facilities

Mr. Murray questioned if this is the first year. Mr. Gomez responded yes the first year is for the collection of data. Second year implementing and recruiting members to run the association, third year phase out period – where the organization is up and running and assigned to a big brother organization to make sure that it stays on. A CBO is sought that will be there for a while. They are tasks to keep an eye on them; the CBO receives grant money. That how the grow from a merchants association to an LDC (Local Development Corporation).

4. PLAN TO ATTRACT MORE BUSINESSES TO THE AREA-

Anchor Industry – Woodhull Hospital, Movie Theatre, Good Restaurant. Rents extremely high. A type of cooperative over space- that could rotate businesses. Broadway by Ellery Street where the “box cars” with businesses should be developed into stores.

It was noted that most of the addition/resources along Broadway seem to be focused towards the West end, from Myrtle towards Flushing. The committee would like to see a coordinated effort concentrating on both sides of Broadway from Gates Avenue towards Eastern Parkway. The need for business, youth centers and other types of development has been an issue that needs pursuing. The Committee will be meeting with NYC Council Member Espinal and others concerning this.

**OTHER ISSUES**

KAMA (KNICKERBOCKER AVENUE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION) is attempting to reorganize. The second meeting will be held on Thursday November 5, 2015 at 443 Knickerbocker Ave. This will be the official establishment of the association. This report is informative.

**Environmental Protection/Transportation Meeting (EPT)** – Eliseo Ruiz, Committee Chair: Meeting held Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 10AM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** ELISEO RUIZ- COMMITTEE CHAIR, ROBERT CAMACHO, MARY MCCLELLAN.

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** NADINE WHITTED-DMCB4, STACEY WOLLACK, AND GREGORY KNARP- NYPD 83<sup>RD</sup> PCT., JULIE BAGU, BRIDGETTE SANCHEZ BAGU, DIVINE SULGERO- FAMILY MEMBERS OF MS. BAGU. KEVIN WORTHINGTON, CM REYNOSO, CELESTE LEON-CM ESPINAL

**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**SAFETY ISSUES/CONCERNS ALONG BROADWAY IN THE WAKE OF THE MOST RECENT TWO TRAGIC ACCIDENTS.**

A conversation with respect to comprehensive improvements are in order for Broadway. Broadway is the boundary line for Community Boards, 1, 3, 4, and a small part of 16. As such NYPD Precincts: 79, 77, 81, 83 and 90 confines boarders along this strip. During this past summer two senior citizens were killed by trucks travelling on Broadway. MS. ALBERTA BAGU A WHEEL CHAIR BOUND WOMAN WAS MOWED DOWN ON BROADWAY AT DITMARS STREET BY A PRIVATE SANITATION TRUCK.

MS WALKER- ANOTHER SENIOR CITIZENS WAS KILLED WHILE WALKING WITH A WALKING DEVICE CROSSING BROADWAY AT LINDEN STREET.

In sufficient lighting, streets that are not aligned creating unsafe walking areas contribute to the problem. Working with the local Council Members Offices, Community Boards and community residents we are requesting through the Mayor’s Office that a community – visioning meeting is held

with DOT, NYPD, CBs, NYC Council Members, Businesses and most importantly Residents who are affected by the unsafe conditions along Broadway. Thus far letters have been written to NYPD-Brooklyn North regarding the collection of accident reports over the last three years and to the Mayor's Office to ensure that DOT and other City Agencies' give the area priority to convene the Charette – which would be the community visioning session.

The board is looking at Vision Zero to bring everyone together to help with the problem. One of the problems is the darkness on the streets of Broadway. In order to get better lighting on Broadway the TA would have to approve it and be involved.

Two weeks ago another person on Broadway and Van Buren was hit. The TA said that in order to open the other end of the train station they must be ADA accessible.

**Health Hospitals and Human Services (HHH)** – Mary McClellan, Committee Chair

**Meeting Held:** Friday, October 16, 2015 at 1:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

**Members Attending:** Mary McClellan, Committee Chair, and Barbara Smith

**Others Attending:** Nadine Whitted, District Manager CB4; Ewel Napier, Zulma Novoa, DOHMH; Magdalena Mangual and Anton Castellanos, Positive Health Management-Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

Positive Health Management of Wyckoff Heights Medical Center has a new HIV/STI Prevention Program for men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender women & Hispanic women across Brooklyn. Community mapping and outreach program is being developed.

New York City Health - Center for Health Equity's:

Their Vision: Across the city, every New Yorker lives in a thriving neighborhood, where resources work well and systems are equitable in order to nurture and sustain healthy individuals and communities.

Their Mission: To strengthen and amplify the Health Department's work to eliminate health inequities, which are rooted in historical and contemporary injustices and discrimination, including racism.

**Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting (HLU)** – Martha Brown, Committee Chair:

**Meeting Held:** Monday, October 5, 2015 – 5:30PM at 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207

**Members Attending:** Martha Brown, Committee Chair, Julie Dent, Board Chair, John Schaeffer, Robert Camacho, Freddy OBET CAMACHO, FREDDY FOWLER, ZULMA NOVOA, VICTORIA FERNANDEZ, SANDRA NURSE.

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** GLADYS PUGLLA

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** NADINE WHITTED, DISTRICT MANAGER, SARIT PLATKIN, KOREN MANNING- DCP, KATIE LYON-HART COMMUNITY MEMBER.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Dept. of City Planning Sarit Platkin presented on Housing New York. The affordable Housing Crisis. Gap between rents and income, high rent burden insufficient housing protection, limited supply of affordable units and population growth.

Mayor's ten year plan is to build and preserve 200,000 affordable homes over the next decade, with a range of income from the very lowest, to those in the middle class

MANDATORY INCLUSINARY HOUSING- a new proposal to use zoning to require permanently affordable housing when future City Planning Commission actions encourage substantial new housing. 25 -30% must be affordable.

Goals include equity, planning, meeting local needs, and legal standards must be adhered to.



ZONING for QUALITY and AFFORDABILITY- Making zoning work better with financial and other programs to create more affordable housing for a wider range of New Yorkers. Encourage better buildings that contribute to attractive and livable neighborhoods.

These two items will be heard at the public hearing. Voting must be completed by November 21, 2015

**Public Safety Committee Meeting (PSC)** – Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson: Meeting Held, Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 6PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: Barbara Smith, Mary McClellan, Annette Spellen, Elvena Davis, Anne Guiney, Miriam Lamboy, Linda McKinley

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted-CB4 District Manager, PO Natalie Robinson – 83<sup>rd</sup> PCT., Community Affairs Office, Robert Callahan, Trever Deane, Seth Piracci, Zahra Lucus and Modesto Lopez Serena Dai – DNA Info

Applicants Appearing: Daury Grullon & Ariel Infante – Industry 1332, Seth Prraci- Bar/Restaurant 1446

Applicants Not Appearing: 856 Knickerbocker Avenue, 1006 Flushing Avenue, 251 Wilson Avenue and 143 Troutman Street

**Items Discussed**

- 1) 631 Wilson Avenue – Routine New Application for wine and beer only restaurant license. Open 7AM TO 7PM. Open seven days a week.  
Committee Recommendation: APPROVE
- 2) 1446 MYRTLE AVE. - RIDGEWICK LLC.- New application for tavern license  
Committee Recommendation: ON HOLD AWAITING C OF O.
- 3) 159B/149 Suydam Street - LE GARAGE- New Restaurant LWB Request. Currently business has no C OF O.  
Committee Recommendation: ON HOLD AWAITING C OF O.
- 4) 856 Knickerbocker Avenue - LOPEZ BAR RESTAURANT CORP. NEW LWB PREVIOUSLY many 311 calls for loud noise. The DI met with operators of the restaurant in June 2015, soundproofing installed. No complaints since.  
Operation hours seven days a week - Monday through Thursday: 7am to 11pm. Friday & Saturday: 7am to 3am. Sunday 7am to 1am. No liquor sales beyond 12midnight  
Committee Recommendation: APPROVE

**Senior Citizen Committee / Youth & Education Committee Joint Meeting (SCC/YEC)** Lusía Jose, Committee Chair & Virgie Jones, YEC Committee Chair, Meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Attending: Lusía Jose, SCC Committee Chair, Virgie Jones, YEC Commiittee Chair, Linda McKinley, Miriam Lamboy, Sharline Moore, and Katiuska Cabral.

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted- DM of Community Board #4, Lee Boyes, DFTA; Quddus Shaik, ACS; Michael Bitar-ACS, Sandra Christian RBSCC/Roundtable, Connie Cho-ACS/ECE, and Alyson Grant ACS-ESE

**Items Discussed:**

In the matter of an application submitted by the Administration for Children’s Services, Department for the Aging and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 197-c of the NY City Charter, for the acquisition of property located at 1175 Gates Avenue (Block 3331, Lot 25) for the continued use as a child care center and senior center.

Public Review Timeline: Community Board #4 review began on September 17, 2015 and must be completed by November 16, 2015.

This site a privately owned building utilized by both the RBSCC/Roundtable Senior Center which provides breakfast, lunch for an average of 200 senior citizens. The LSSMNY-Early Life Center 9 serving up to 89 pre-school age children.

Both service operators attended the meeting and agreed that the building maintained well by the owner and stated their desire to remain in the building.

The committee recommendation is that the property be heard at the Public Hearing tonight.

### **Old Business**

Must find out why the board have been able to reach a quorum for the last couple of months.

The District Manager will send out certified letters to the board members who have been absent for 3 consecutive months or more.

### **Announcements: 8:59PM**

Brooklyn Public Library, Financial Literacy and Investor Education Services: Get the info you need about banking, credit, taxes, saving, investing and more.

Get started online: Whether you are starting to save for college, thinking about buying a home, avoiding debt or fraud, or planning for retirement, take advantage of an array of reliable resources identified by our librarians at [www.bklynlibrary.org/growingdollars](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/growingdollars) ; email us at: [www.bklynlibrary.org/ask-librarian](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/ask-librarian)

Brooklyn Washington Irving Library – Study Hour/Homework Help: A quiet space to get work done Tuesdays, 3pm to 4pm at Washington Irving Library in the lower auditorium.

Laptops will be available, research and reference help will be available, homework help will be available between 3pm and 4pm., 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-628-8278, [www.bklynlibrary.org](http://www.bklynlibrary.org)

New York City Council Member Rafael Espinal invites you to attend FREE Citizenship Application Assistance, Saturday, October 24, 2015, 11am to 2pm. To RSVP please call 646-664-9400 the only first 130 people will be served. I.S. 171 Abraham Lincoln, 528 Ridgewood Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208.

Northeast Bushwick Association: Greeting Community Residents

Please join us for a meeting to discuss the impact of the B26 and Q58 reroute through our residential streets. Date: Monday October 26, 2015, 7PM. Location: The Redeemer Church, 409 Woodbine Street on the corner of Ridgewood Place. This is your opportunity to express your concern and opposition.

New York City Police Department Office of Community Affairs Bureau Crime Prevention Section - Trick or Treat: Be Safe!!!!

Help us fight terrorism, report suspicious activity to the Counter Terrorism Hotline: 1-888-NYC-SAFE (1-888-682-7233)

Smoking K2 or Spice? Here's what you need to know.

K2 is not natural.

- K2 is a drug made from chemicals sprayed onto dried leaves.
- K2 is sometimes called "synthetic marijuana", but is not made from the actual marijuana plant and is not natural.

Smoking K2 can be dangerous

- Everyone reacts differently to K2
- K2 has caused anxiety, nausea, vomiting, high blood pressure, seizures, rapid heartbeat, hallucinations, paranoia, violent behavior, heart attack and death

You never know what you're going to get

- K2 is a new drug and the chemicals are always changing
- It is difficult to know how it will affect your body
- Using drugs like K@ can lead to withdrawal symptoms

K2 has many names.

- The chemicals found in K2 vary by name and brand
- Common names includes spice, green giant, Scooby snax, black mamba, crazy Monday, crazy clown, dead man walking, bliss, Bombay blue, fake weed, genie, Mr. Nice Guy, etc..

**2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call:** Meeting Adjourned 9:15PM