

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 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, June 17, 2015 monthly board meeting at 6:15pm.

Public Hearing Items

1) Uniform Land-Use Review Procedure (U.L.U.R.P.) Application # 150339 PPK

Disposition of Two City Owned Properties:

Site 1: Block 3186, Lot 144 (93 Starr Street between Knickerbocker & Wilson Avenues) is an irregular interior lot approximately 1135 sq. ft. in area, on the east side of Starr Street, Lot abuts two private properties with frontage on Starr Street. The lot is currently leased to an adjacent property owner.

Site 2: Block 3438, Lot 63 is a 16 x 100 foot vacant interior lot approximately 1667 sq. ft. on Moffat Street between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue. The City acquired Lot 63 in June 1979, through the in rem tax foreclosure process. The property was fenced and has remained vacant.

Mr. Paul Costa is a City Planner from the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS): DCAS is a support agency for the other city agencies. DCAS purchases, inspects and distributes supplies and equipment as well as act as a real estate arm for the city.

The NYC charter allows DCAS to purchase, sell and lease property. No other city agency can do that except DCAS. In that role DCAS manages 55 public buildings and about a couple of thousand surplus lots that the city has. The only way that DCAS can sell property is either through a public auction or through the sell lot process. The sell lot program is a program where DCAS can sell small underdeveloped property directly to adjacent owners. In order to sell any of these properties DCAS needs the Community Board's approval. DCAS is seeking approval for two properties that they have. 1- 93 Starr Street which is approx. 1135 sq. ft. DCAS acquired this property through rem tax Foreclosure in 1986. The property was originally part of the adjacent lot next to it but in 1971 it was re-apportioned and sold to another owner and this allowed egress to the back lot. In 1996 after DCAS had the property since 1986, HPD demolished the building and DCAS has owned this vacant lot since. They (DCAS) entered into a short lease agreement to allow the adjacent owner to use the rear yard.

This property is available for auction or sell way, but it would be sell way because it is not developable, meaning that no one would be able to use it except the adjacent owner. The NYC Charter does not allow the city to sell property directly to anyone. However they recognize that DCAS has a lot of small lots so they make them available to the adjacent property owners if they are interested in order to get rid of them. There is state legislation that allows them to sell one of these lots to an adjacent owner.

The second lot is 9 Moffat Street, the lot is 16 x 100 feet and approximately 1667 sq. ft. The property has been in DCAS portfolio since 1979 and no one leases it. DCAS is looking for a disposition to sale it. This property will has to be auctioned off since it is developable.

Questions were entertained: (These are mostly answers to questions asked)

Ms. Martha Brown: Is the lot being sold by sq. foot or by the lot itself?

Mr. Costa: At the auction it is sold by the best use. An appraisal is obtained first and the property is then sold at market value.

For the sell away program the lot can only be offered to owners who has property adjacent to the lot being sold.

If the adjacent owners are not interested in purchasing the lot then DCAS would keep the lot and it will stay in their portfolio.

The lot is developable in a since that you can build something there, however because of the size of the lot it is governed by small lot zoning, so only two units would be allowed there.

Ms. M. Brown: If the lot is sold to an adjacent owner, does the city make an agreement with him stating that he cannot sale the lot (Moffat Street) to a bigger developer?

Mr. Costa: This is called the AEE Restriction where the adjacent owner would be only allowed to use the property for himself. This type of restrictions has been used in the past and there have been owners who have come back to us and asked us to remove the restriction because they cannot use the property anymore. We do not like to put these restrictions on properties because it limits what can be done, we rather just sell the property as is.

District Manager, Ms. Whitted: As a community we are looking out for our future collectively and affordability. As of now 93 Starr Street has a R6 zoning, which would allow the owner to build a tall building there. We must work together to make sure that the zoning is changed, then if someone decides to build with a certain height then we can probably get some restrictions, in terms of affordability.

Ms. Paula Siegel runs a small agency that help people access vacant land to use for a community garden stated that 9 Moffat Street is presently being use informally as a Community Garden. She wanted to know if the Parks Dept. would know if the lot was being sold.

Mr. Costa: Yes, before they auction any property each city agency receives a list of property being auctioned and if the Parks Department saw the property on the list they would let DOITT know that they were using the lot/space and they wanted it.

Ms. Whitted: The Community Board Office is located on Moffat Street between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue the same block that 9 Moffat Street is located on and currently she does not remember seeing a community garden at that space. She is not saying that there is not a garden there or that there is no need for a garden there.

If the residents on the block would like to have a community garden there, there are groups that help people to garden correctly. Therefore they should get in touch with the proper people so that can be done.

District Manager: The Board will vote on the ULURP application. The comments of the public has been heard by the board.

Chairperson: The board appreciates all comments and concerns of the public.

- 2) NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Design Team:
 - a) Comfort Station – Central / Knoll / Green Ball Field

Located off Flushing Avenue between Evergreen and Central Avenues. The park is divided into three parts.

- a) Play Area
- b) Ball Field
- c) Plaza (trees, plants, benches)

The entrance to the park will be located on Central Avenue and it will have an accessible ADA ramp. Two trees will be planted. The retaining wall is still in negotiation. The park will also have an entrance onto the playground on Evergreen Avenue. The building will have 3 fixtures: Men's Room, Ladies Room & Mechanical/Utility Storage Room where the Parks Department will stores their tools.

The building will be a Glaze Brick building which will be easy to maintain with a green color and stainless steel doors. A lot of lighting will be able to come in from the top of the building which will be protected by a decorative stainless steel screen.

Material planned to be used on ground: Asphalt, Cement Concrete Pavement, Stone Dust and Hex Block Pavers.

Benches: 1964 World's Fair – with RPL Slats and 1964 World's Fair Bench-Backless

Trash Receptacles – Wire Baskets and Recycling Lids, Model No. 95B

Flowers Planted: Kentucky Yellowwood, Black Gum, Willow Oak, Sweet Bay Magnolia, Dogwood, Blue Muffin Viburnum, Dwarf Fountain Grass, Winterberry, Butterfly Bush, Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac, Golden Rod, Coneflower, New England Aster and Knock Out Rose

The design is scheduled to be finished by October 2015 and the plan is to be under construction in July 2016.

Questions Entertained:

Robert Camacho: The Park is for children ages 12 and younger to use only.

Children or adults over the age of 14 should go to Highland Park.

Whitted: Older kids can travel to other areas. Our parks are permitted for youths 12 years old and younger.

Ms. McClellan would like to have benches other than the ones made out of wood in the park.

Question: There has been a flooding problem since the park was built, will this drainage problem be addressed?

Answer: The area around the building will be regraded, however there is not enough money in order to reconstruct the entire field.

Chairperson Julie Dent thanked the Parks Department for their presentation.

b) Beaver Street Block 3137 Lots 1, 3, 6 and 11 located at Beaver Street at Garden Street
Mark Parnell: Landscape Architect with Parnell, Rothschild and Partners. Mr. Parnell is working with the Parks Department on this project.

Rheingold Park is now a vacant site available for development as a park. It is a triangle park located at intersection of Beaver Street and Bushwick Avenue. Historically there were industrial buildings located around it. There is open space. There is a residential building adjacent to the site, which has a balcony overlooking the site. The site is ½ acres.

There are some complaints about the site blocks movement from Belvidere Street to Bushwick Avenue. The site will feature:

Seating for Seniors, seating with benches and game table, play equipment for the younger tots, shade & lush planting, new lighting, drinking fountains, low fence to protect the park, planting to provide a bumper from the street into the park, replacement of the sidewalk.

Since there were industrial buildings previously there the Parks Department feel that the soil is not hazardous however they will provide 2 feet of additional soil and provide pavement over the soil to make sure that it is completely safe.

Questions were entertained:

Ms. Manning: What do you mean by the soil is sort of nontoxic?

Answer: According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation standards the soil is nonhazardous. There are some semi-volatile compounds found in the soil but it is basically what is usually found in NYC fill. By NYS standards the soil is not toxic. Meaning that the soil is not rich enough for growing vegetables.

Bushwick Garden Co-ops: A Resident stressed an issue with their safety. She feels that the residents living at the Bushwick Gardens Co-ops were not consulted on what would be best for the residents living there in the area. She felt that they were not given an opportunity to offer feedback on the site. Although the residents living there welcome the park they are concerned about their safety. The park will

be located directly next to where they live and they are concerned about the problems it may present. Presently they have a 12 foot high gate upon entering the court yard. The parks department would like to put a small 6 foot fence around the park.

Mary Salig, NYC Parks Dept.: There was a public scoping meeting 3 years ago that was held right across the street from where the park will be located.

The resident stated that she and other Bushwick Garden residents were there at the meeting and they spoke about who will monitor the park, will there be security, etc...And she feels that none of those issue were taken into consideration. The residents feel that it was a waste of their time because nothing that they spoke about is being instituted in the plans.

Mary Salig: Stated that the design that they have is a result from what they interpreted from the meeting 3 years ago. Ms. Saliq stated that they will look at the design again for those who do not feel safe. Ms. Salig said that she did not remember this issue at that meeting being discussed. We will go back and see if we can put a taller fence in that one area so that the residents can feel safe stated Ms. Salig. Robert Camacho, Parks & Recreation Chairperson: He met with the Parks Dept. 6 times with regards to this park. He met with homeowners and seniors in the area. What the Parks Dept. is presenting is what was discussed at those meetings with the exception of the height of the fence which has changed because the city does not want people to think that they are in jail. Mr. Camacho suggested that perhaps someone from the Bushwick Gardens' Community will be allowed to have a key so that they could lock up the park at night.

Mr. Camacho stated that the elected officials have put a lot of money into us getting the park and we do not want the money to go to waste nor do we want a high-rise building put there instead of the park. He asked that we all work together to help the project to move forward instead of stopping it because it is for the little kids and so that the seniors will have a nice place to sit and relax.

Mary Salig: A meeting will be setup and she will talk to their partnership team, and those who live nearby and interested friends will be invited to attend and they will talk about security issues.

District Manager: Suggested a list be made of the names, address and telephone numbers of those who would like to be invited to a future meeting discussing the Rheingold Park.

Mary Salig: We can incorporate into the design a concrete pad where the opening is and put up a large fence in the area so that the residents can feel more secure.

Chairperson Julie Dent closed the public hearing portion of the meeting and opened the regular board meeting.

First Roll Call, 7:26PM: 27 Members Present this constitute a quorum.

Chairperson's Report, Ms. Julie Dent, 7:44PM:

Ms. Dent welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4 Public Hearing and 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) Kevin Worthington Representing NYC 34th Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206, 718-963-3141
- 4) Celeste Leon Representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-642-8664
- 5) Jason Pagan Representing Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 718 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-573-1726

City, State or Federal Agency representatives introduce themselves and state their respective address and telephone numbers.

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- 1) Deputy Inspector Max Tolention, 83rd Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue
- 2) PO Natalie Robinson, 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 3)Carolynn Johnson, St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development, 790 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11206, 718-302-2057
- 4) Bridget Blood, RBSCC, 217 Wyckoff Avenue, 718-366-3800

7:49PM - The Chairperson invited Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino the Commanding Officer of the 83rd Precinct to give a synopsis as to the trends and stats of our local 83rd 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 83rd 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.

D.I. Tolentino:

Mostly everything is down. The first shooting was on 1/15/2015 where the shooter was quickly apprehended. The second shooting was on 5/19/2015 where the shooting took place in the park on Beaver Street, the person shot was shot in the face. The person shot died and one arrest was made. We are still looking for the shooter. Person with information are ask to contact the police department's detective squad.

On May 25th at Chauncey and Broadway a male black 32 years of age was shot twice, the victim was previously involve in three shootings incidents: 1) involved a police officer and 2) he shot two individuals on the street. He is not cooperating with the police, so they do not have much to go on.

On May 29th on Cornelia and Broadway a 17 year old young man from North Cornelia was shot while he was minding his own business. He had befriended a local girl. The girl was talking on the phone to her ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend came to Brooklyn from Queens shot the young man, laughed and left the scene.

Two events held at the beginning of June 2015: The Bushwick Collective and Bushwick Open Studio. 74 Summonses was given out because of individuals having open containers. That weekend was otherwise a peaceful weekend with nothing major happening.

The Puerto Rican Day Weekend, Friday – Sunday there were an upward of 192 police officers on Sunday and on Saturday there were 86 police officers with 16 additional police officers in Bushwick patrolling the streets. The weekend was a complete success with only 12 violations given out.

When DI Tolentino first arrived at the 83rd Pct. He noticed that the customer service area was very small only allowing approximately 10 people in the area. The walls in the customer service area are being moved in order to make the area larger so as to accommodate more people. Visitors will also be able to use the bathrooms.

24 People was arrested for prostitution. Additional police officers will be placed where there is a need.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER BUSINESS

Members who have yet to submit the renewal application to the Borough Presidents Office, were asked to do so as soon as possible. Renewal application were made available by the District Manager. Board members re-appointment could be in jeopardy if their updated application is not on file.

In the recently mailing, board members received a committee choice form, the Chairperson asked all members to complete the form with their updated contact information. The Community Board's Office will email a great amount of the materials to members as oppose to utilizing the United States Postal Services (USPS). It is for that reason that the Community Board request members to provide working email addresses. It's important that board members open and read their emails otherwise it is useless. However, if members prefer to have their documents sent via USPS please indicate that or contact the District Manager so that the adjustment can be made.

BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY KEN THOMPSON

BEGIN AGAIN- Help with an Old Warrant on FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND: Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th. Emmanuel Baptist Church -279 Lafayette Ave. (corner of St. James Place) from 9 am to 3pm.

The Court and Defense Attorney's will be available to resolve Outstanding Summons Warrants including those for: public consumption of alcohol, unlawful possession of marijuana, riding bicycle on the sidewalk, littering, transit fare evasion, loitering, being in the park after closing, disorderly conduct, trespass, unleashed dog, spitting, making unreasonable noise, and more. For more information call 718-250-3888.

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC ADAMS

The City Speaks: Bringing residents and agencies together. The City Speaks is an opportunity for residents to meet the representatives of government agencies and learn about their policies and guidelines on the services they provide. On Wednesday, June 24, 2015 6pm (Registration 5:30pm) 209 Joralemon Street –Community Room

NYC DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

Tree Services; planting, tree pruning and removal. Parks and Recreation and Playground, Beaches, Pools, Dog Runs, Community Gardens, Special Event Permits, etc. RSVP: 718-802 3777

BLOCK /BUILDING CORNERSTONE-The Borough President wants to honor a resident that has lived in your community, on your block or in your NYCHA building the **LONGEST**. To nominate your "RESIDENT CORNERSTONE" register your organization and submit your nomination (please not more than 3) to <http://brooklyn-usa.org/block-association-form/>

Questions can be directed to Nan Blackshear- Brooklyn North Director at nblackshear@brooklynbp.nyc.gov

Please type cornerstone in the subject line.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- SCA (SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY)

Announced through a letter sent to Parents and Neighbors of PS 123. Work will be performed on the building's exterior wall and the roof. The work requires asbestos abatement. A licensed asbestos abatement contractor will perform the asbestos removal work, when the school is unoccupied. An environmental consulting firm manages the abatement work. This work will be done under the Department of Environmental Protection permit. Representatives of the environmental consulting firm will be on site for the duration of the project to insure that the contractors adheres to all the proper regulations. The consultants will also monitor the air in the immediate area to insure that the removal is taking place properly. Test results will be made available to the school for all interested parties.

If you have any questions that need answers or if you need further information please call Ms. Yvette Knight, NYC Department of Education Project Support Manager at 718-472-8199.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

The Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizen Council (RBSCC Inc.) is requesting CB#4 support to provide 50 additional Assisted Living Program beds (ALP) to low income and fixed income New Yorkers in need of supportive housing and home care services. Currently RBSCC operates a 30 bed facility at Moffat Gardens Senior Housing. RBSCC plans to consolidate the ALP beds with the current beds at a new facility located at the parking lot of the Buena Vida Nursing Home.

RBSCC has requested support from CB#4 which would be forwarded to the NYS Department of Health.

District Manager's Report, 8:09PM:

Recap of the Brooklyn Queens Day Parade:

The event was a success which can be attested to those who participated in the 10th Annual Brooklyn Queens Day Parade and Festivities!!!

Much esteem and honor to the Grand Marshalls: Msgr. James Kelly, Pastor (Emeritus) St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church; Bishop Michael Clarke, President 83rd Precinct Clergy Council and Fr. John Tobon Pastor of St. Martin of Tours / Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Each of these three cleric leaders have shepherd the sheep, (biblical speaking) in our community for many years. People of all walk of Bushwick's life and the four corners of the community can only say kind words and have fond thoughts of each of these gentlemen. It is for that reason that they were chosen to walk hand in hand as the Grand Marshalls of the Parade.

Ms. Whitted thanked the Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent for allowing her the freedom to work and represent the community as District Manager.

Ms. Whitted thank the committee Chairs: Ms. Mary McClellan and Ms. Elvena Davis Health and Hospitals/Civic and Religious – she stated, "Your vision is my sight, your thoughts are the letters written that encourages and engages community partners to give and partake in our events. Thank you so much."

She went on to say, Mayor Bill de Blasio was unable to make this event- however he made sure that Kicy Motley spoke on his behalf. Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez never forgets the work of the volunteer members- annually our Committee Chairs are presented with Proclamations from the Congress on the job well done. Our NYS Senator Martin Malave Dilan- recognizing the importance of this type of event in local parks- even when restroom facilities are not a part of the park-therefore- he make sure that we have Port- San facilities. We adore him for never allowing this huge gathering of community to be without the appropriate in case of an emergency. For this we are very grateful. Assemblywoman Maritza Davila makes sure that she is present on the site to witness firsthand the fabulous festivities and to see our community partaking in healthy activities. We recognize and know

that we have a leader in our Assemblywoman – and are honored that she takes time out of her busy itinerary to join us.

The Sponsors: Bogopá Food Corporation (Food Bazaar) has never denied Community Board #4 – they have been very consistent in their major donation. We are allowed to shop for everything for the event (with the exception of Sandwiches) the day before the event. Should we run short of funds- more is never an obstacle.

The Health Care Education Project -1199: What a remarkable community partner in that they provided over 200 healthy sandwiches accompanied with salad from Panera Bread!!! If that wasn't enough, Ms. Jennifer Clarke-Craig- Health Care Advocate, reached out to me to ask what did we need, and why hadn't I made contact? (You see this isn't their first year collaborating with CB#4 for this event.)

After attending the planning committees- Ms. Clarke-Craig recognized a need and had no problem in volunteering for shopping and heading up committee that organized the vendors in the park. Many thanks and accolades to Health Care Education Project- 1199. A special debt of gratitude to Ms. Jennifer Clarke- Craig for her take charge approach to what could be a quite hectic feat.

The Wyckoff Heights Medical Center- Mr. Ramon Rodriguez, CEO has been a stellar partner in promoting good health; not only does the hospital heal our sick – they also have no reserves when it comes to promoting healthy lifestyle and activities.

Woodhull Hospital our City Health, Hospitals Corporation (HHC) Partner thank you to the Community Relations & Development team Ms. Cheryl Jones and Ms. Sherry Davis.

We had several CB#4 members who took an active role in ensuring the success of the event: Raul Rubio, Cyril Joseph, Annette Spellens, Zulma Novoa, Deborah Collingwood, Sharline Moore, Virgie Jones, Carlos Feliciano, Miriam Cruz, Robert Camacho, Eliseo Ruiz and Barbara Smith. I love you all because you show love and care for your community, your community Board but more importantly you show love and attention and concern for me.

Each of the agencies and community based organizations participating in our event will receive a special letter of gratitude from the board

OTHER ISSUES

NYPD- Bushwick Community Forum Thursday, June 25, 2015 -400 Irving Avenue, 6PM-9PM

FDNY- Fire at 203 Himrod Street on 6-6-15; Fire at 1140 Bushwick Avenue on 6-16-15

DOT- SPEED HUMPS INSTALLATIONS: Linden Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues; Chauncey Street between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues

DEP- EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR – EVERGREEN AVE AT WOODBINE ST.

Borough President Eric Adams – The Leadership of Block, Civic, Homeowners and NYCHA Residents Associations to his community appreciation reception on Friday – June 19, 2015 6:30-8:30PM. More information on upcoming events will be shared. RSVP: 718-8023530 OR execintern2@brooklynbp.nyc.gov

MESA is hiring for 2015-2016: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHERS, WRITING TEACHERS, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT LEADER, MATH DEPARTMENT

LEADER, MATH TEACHER, SPANISH TEACHER, AND MANY OTHER POSITIONS. CONTACT ARTHUR SAMUELS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 781 282-7426 X 201

ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH – Community Outreach – Friends and Family Fun Day – Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 11AM to 6PM, 592 Knickerbocker Avenue (Corner of Palmetto Street)

Committee Reports: 8:20PM

Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting, Ms. Martha Brown, Chairperson

Meeting Held: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 – Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207 – 6:00PM

Members Attending Meeting: Maria Gomez, Anne Guiney and Sheila Jackson

Others Attending Meeting: Willie Morales, CB4 Community Associate; Lauren Standke & Mary Salig, NYC Parks; Paul Costa & Sam Hodoff, DCAS; Koren Manning, DCP Brooklyn Office; Renee Peperone, Brooklyn Rot & El Garden, ; Kevin Worthington, Councilmember Reynoso; Sarit Plakin, Department of City

Item No 1: Presentation conducted by Sarit Plakin, Dept. of City Planning – Housing New York: Zoning for Quality and Affordability: The Mayor’s five borough, ten year plan for housing affordability, housing in NYC. Housing in NYC is becoming increasingly unaffordable. The plan lays out a set of strategies to create or preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing.

- a) Promote senior housing - 9% of population in Bushwick are seniors.
- b) Modernize rules that shape buildings allowing additional flexibility needed for higher floor area in building providing affordable housing for seniors through the inclusionary housing program.
- c) Reduce unnecessary parking requirement for affordable housing to avoid excessive costs that hamper the creation of affordable and senior housing.
- d) Why are these changes needed? Many of the City’s and as well as Bushwick’s zoning regulations are outdated and can be understood more so in Bushwick in the height factor (R-6) vs. Contextual (R-6A), building can currently be built to stick out like a sore thumb because it can be so much taller than the rest of the buildings on any particular block. For example: 358 Grove Street. The former Rheingold site will be totally Bushwick’s only contextual site.

Item No. 2: Presentation conducted by Paul Costa (DCAS) – Disposition of City owned properties:

- a) 93A Starr Street (Block 3186, Lot 144) was originally part of the adjacent Block 3186, Lot 44. In 1971, a portion of Lot 44 was reapportioned into the current Lot 144. The reapportionment created a 4 foot by 65 foot easement along the western side yard of Lot 144 to allow egress and ingress for the 875 square foot portion of the rear yard. The City acquired Lot 144 on July 7, 1986 through the in-rem tax foreclosure process and has been the owner since. DCAS has a short-term lease with the owner of Lot 44.
DCAS is seeking disposition approval in order to sell the property pursuant to Section 384 of the New York City Charter to the adjacent properties owners because there are no relevant land use for this small lot. If this does not work the property will be put up for auction.
- b) 9 Moffat Street (Block 3438, Lot 63) The City acquired Lot 63 on June 6, 1979 through the in-rem tax foreclosure process. The property which is a 16 by 100 vacant interior lot of approximately 1,667 square feet was fenced and has remained vacant. DCAS is seeking disposition approval in order to sell the property pursuant to Section 384 of the New York City Charter to the adjacent property owner because there are no relevant land use for this small lot. If this does not work the property will be auctioned.

Item No. 3: Presentation conducted by Renee Peperone (El Garden) – Support of 120 Jefferson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206:

- c) El Garden was created in September 2013 and presently thriving as one of the 17 HPD owned lots across the city with existing community garden agreement now at risk because it has been placed on a list encouraging development for the New Infill Homeownership Opportunities Program (NIHOP) and Neighborhood Construction Program (NCP). Both programs, although well intentioned, are not actually in line with Bushwick's local affordability rates and neither program caters to existing residents' housing needs. The El Garden organization is seeking the Community Board's support in requesting that it be removed from the NIHOP/NCP RFQ list and it be given permanent community garden status.

Item No. 4: Presentation conducted by Mary Salig) NYC Parks): Moffat Street Park

- d) The support for park mapping and acquisition of a 0.7 acre (30,494.9 square feet) parcel located at 282 Moffat Street, at the intersection of Moffat Street and Knickerbocker Avenue. The mapping and acquisition of this site would preserve this currently vacant lot as open space and allow for its development as a neighborhood park. This acquisition would be valuable to the neighborhood in that it would expand the amount of parkland within a densely populated residential neighborhood that is currently underserved by open space. Approval of the proposed action would facilitate the conversion and productive reuse of an underutilized property into an open space resource. The design and potential future programming for a park at this site will be developed in consultation with the community. No construction will be involved as a part of the current action.

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, Mr. Robert Camacho, Chairperson - 8:28PM

Meeting Held: Monday, June 15, 2015 – Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207- 1PM

Members Attending Meeting: Robert Camacho, Carlos Feliciano

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted, CB4 District Manager; Martin Maher, Chris Yandol, John Mattera, Eric Mattes, Kathleen Monicant, Kate O'Mally and Barry Gosnell

Items Discussed:

- 1) Rheingold Park bounded by Beaver Street, Bushwick Avenue – (Block 3137, Lots 1, 3, 6 and 11). The project site was transferred from HPD to Parks.
NYC – Council delegation earmarked \$2 million for this project. Scope meeting was held in 2012 where nearby homeowners and residents were asked what could be the best use of the site. Through a community visioning meeting several scenarios were suggested and afterwards the consensus was that the most consistent elements would be utilized by Department of Parks and Recreation's Design Division.
The elements are: TOT play area with seating, new seating sufficient for seniors, new plantings and or grade change to mitigate effects of traffic on the site, incorporate greenstreets into park design, drinking fountain, new perimeter fencing, lighting, repaving exterior sidewalks and new lighting.
Proposed timeline: Design Completion – October 2015; Procumbent 9 months; Construction – August 2016; Completion August 2017 one year later.
- b) Comfort Station at Central Knoll Green Baseball Field – NYC Council Reynoso, Mayor De Blasio, and Brooklyn Commissioner Jeffery Funded \$1.8 Million for this Comfort Station. It will be situated in the portion of the park nearer to Evergreen Avenue. Male and female facilities are included in the design with a space for Parks Department Storage equipment.

Recommendation, 8:29PM:

- 1) Site 1: U.L.U.R.P. Application #150339PPQ located at 93A Starr Street, Interior lot, Block 3186, Lot 144 – Disposition of City Owned Property

Recommendation: Ms. Martha Brown recommended that the property be sold through the disposition of sale program, the motion was second by Ms. Barbara Smith. Yes, ULURP disposition through the sale program – All board members present were in favor.

Site 2: A 16 x 100 foot vacant lot, Block 3438, Lot 63 located on Moffat Street between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue.

Recommendation: Mr. Robert Camacho motioned that this site not go through the ULURP program and that the board finds an alternatives use for it. The motion was second by Cirilo Nunez. No, ULURP disposition through the sale program – All board members present were in favor with one abstention.

- 2) NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Comfort Station Proposal: Mr. Robert Camacho recommended that the Comfort Station be endorsed as proposed. The motion was second by Ms. Annette Spellin. All board members present were in favor.
- 3) Rheingold Park – Beaver Street: Recommendation to hold until an additional meeting is held with the Parks Dept. and the residents of Bushwick Gardens and others in order to make sure that the issue of safety is discussed.

Recommendation: The Beaver Street project will be put on hold until the concerns of the residence are met. All board members present were in favor with on opposed.

Chairperson, Ms. Dent stated that there will be another meeting and it will be moved along as swiftly as we can so that the monies for the project is not jeopardized. However there is a need to have a meeting with the residence that came to the monthly board meeting tonight.

- 4) Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizen Council (RBSCC) request a letter of support for 50 additional Assisted Living Programs beds to allow low income and fixed income New York families in need of supportive housing and home care services.

Recommendation: Ms. Barbara Smith motioned that the Community Board write a letter of support for RBSCC so that they can go to the State for additional beds to use in the Bushwick Community.

Motioned second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All board members present were in favor. Motion carried.

- 5) El Garden, 120 Jefferson Street. This is property that the city is trying to sale for a housing program. The workers at El Gardens asked that Community Board #4 support their effort to remove 120 Jefferson Street from the program. Motion to remove 120 Jefferson Street from the program was moved by Ms. Anne Guiney and second by Mr. Freddy Fowler. All members present were in favor with one abstention. Motion carried.
- 6) Community Board #4 support to the Parks Department mapping for 284 Moffat Street for a park approval of the proposed action would facilitate the conversion and productive reuse of an underutilized property into an open space resource. The design and potential future programming for a park at the site will be developed in consultation with the community. NO construction will be involved as a part of the current action. Ms. Martha Brown motioned that the Community Board vote on this matter and that this would be for the betterment of the community. The motion was second by Ms. Mary McClellan. All members present were in favor.
The Community Board will send a letter of support for this project.

The Election of Officers did not take place and is scheduled to take place in September 2015.

Old Business

Mr. Ramos concerned about the MTA changing the bus route of the B26 & Q58. The residents feel that the streets are too narrow for the buses to turn onto and this will put residents in danger. Mr. Ramos stated that the residents are asking for a change of the bus route due to the 2 fatal accidents that have occurred in the past, however having the bus routed on to these narrow streets is not the change that they are asking for. A march will take place on June 27, 2015. Location: Putnam & Wyckoff Avenues, Assemble at 10:30AM, the march will start at 12 Noon. March route: Putnam Avenue to Ridgewood Place to Palmetto Street.

Mr. Ramos and his group has received over 550 signatures in support of the MTA not allowing these buses to go down these narrow streets. The march is supported by Councilman Rafael Espinal. Mr. Ramos asked the Community Board to request an emergency meeting with the MTA to let them know that the majority of the residents are not in favor of their suggested changes.

District Manager: Suggested that the meeting be held at the site.

Celeste Leon a representative from Councilman Espinal office, stated that a letter was written in support of the residents to the President of the MTA, the Dept. of Transportation and the Mayor's office. Councilman Espinal is still waiting for their reply.

Announcements: 9:24PM

Bushwick Basketball Clinic Brooklyn – Free basketball training clinic for kids ages 6-13.

When: June 30 – July 3; Time: 10AM to 12PM; Where: Maria Hernandez Park

Register online at: www.swervechurch.com/bball

Williamsburg Houses Employment Resource Fair Wednesday, June 24th, 11AM -3PM. Meet representatives with employment information, recruiters, and higher education opportunities. Submit your resume or fill out applications. Resume Clinic: 9am -11am Location: 254 Maujer Street. To register & for more information contact: Tevine Willis, Community Organizer – 718-963-3141 / twillis@council.nyc.gov; <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/employment-resource-fair-tickets-6858673477>

Silent Barn: Intersectional Activism a weekly class on intersectionality incarceration decolonization. Sundays 2-4PM

March to Stop the MTA Proposed Bus Reroute: Join us for a March/Protect and let your voice be heard. Location: Putnam & Wyckoff Avenues; Date: Saturday, June 27, 2015
March Start at 12 Noon

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thomson Presents LGBTQ Pride Month Recognition Ceremony: Featuring Keynote Speaker Honorable Carlos Menchaca: New York City Council Member, 38th District, Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 12:30PM-2:30PM at the Forchelli Conference Center at Brooklyn Law School. 205 State Street – 22nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201
Refreshments will be served, please RSVP to Rodolfo J. Mendoza Nadal at Mendozan@brooklynDA.org or call 718-250-3007.

MW Enoch Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. Star of Bethlehem Grand Chapter O.E.S. and National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Brooklyn Section: Annual Health and Education Fair Saturday, June 20, 2015; 11am TO 4:30pm at Von King's Park between Tompkins Avenue Between Lafayette and Greene Avenues, Brooklyn, NY
Screening for Blood pressure, sugar, HIV, Bone Marrow, Insurance information, Child support, food stamps and more...Free health screenings and information 718-789-6764 or 347-627-8203

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Construction Workers Needed!

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Pass a math and reading test

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St. Nicks Alliance Workforce, 790 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11206 (J/M train to Flushing Avenue and B/46/47/57/15 buses to Flushing Avenue)

The NYPD offers FREE security surveys for Residential Homes & Commercial Establishments. Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer to schedule an appointment. Visit website at www.nyc.gov/nypd (click the Crime Prevention link) to sign-up for Emails alerts.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center: PHM H.I.V. Outreach & Prevention Program
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REWARD up to \$500.00 for the arrest and conviction of anyone who commits graffiti vandalism. Call 911 for crimes in progress, call 311 to provide information

If you suspect terrorism call the NYPD at 1-888-NYC-SAFE (1-888-692-7233)
All calls will be kept confidential. The NYPD needs you to be its eyes and ears!!

Wyckoff Height Medical Center: What Would Happen? If you took the HIV Test... You can learn how to take care of yourself & others!
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342 Stanhope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237 (across from the hospital Emergency Room) for more information call: 646-702-0278 or 718-508-4669

Cash for Guns \$100.00: No questions Asked. \$100 for each handgun, assault weapon or sawed-off shotgun; up to maximum payment of \$300. Guns accepted at any Police Precinct, PSA or Transit District.

Did you know the NYPD runs a Summer Youth Police Academy? Visit www.nyc.gov/nypd (click the community affairs link for more information)

Auto Safety Reminder: Never leave your car key in the ignition unattended. It only takes a car thief a few seconds to steal your car.

Are you worried about losing your home? Do you want to be a part of a positive, active community fighting gentrification? We are hosting a North West Bushwick Community Group Potluck, Saturday, June 20th between 2pm-5pm @ Silent Barn, 603 Bushwick Avenue.

Need Stuff? Need to get rid of stuff? Find out where to donate, buy or sell gently used goods in New York City at www.nyc.gov/stuffexchange

2nd Roll Call: Meeting Adjourned 9:35PM