

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, June 21, 2017  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street, Corner of Wilson Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

The Brooklyn Community Board #4 Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent opened the Public Agenda portion of the meeting at 6:25PM.

- Public Hearing Item -

- 1) NYC Emergency Management, Warehouse at 930 Flushing Avenue: Presentation on and seeking support for their Land Use Review Application (Reference # 170352 POK) to expand and renew their lease.

Presenting Mr. Henry Jackson, Deputy Commissioner at the Office of Emergency Management and with him is Ms. Jill Larson from the Office of Citywide Administration Services.

The Dept. of Emergency Management has 4 missions: A) Prepare the City for emergencies B) Educate the public about being prepared for emergencies C) Coordinate emergencies response and recovery D) Collect and disseminate critical information

Mr. Jackson encouraged everyone to Get Notified!!! Get notified about emergencies via email, phone, text, twitter, fax, BBM and instant messenger. Get notified about severe weather, school closures, subway disruptions, traffic advisories. Sign up now to get FREE information from the City's official emergency notification system: Visit [www.NYC.gov/notifynyc](http://www.NYC.gov/notifynyc), call 311

Look at the "Ready New York – My Emergency Plan" booklet.

They were created in 1996. In 2001 they lost their location at 7 World Trade Center. Since that time they moved to the Eastside in the city and then approximately 8 year ago they have been at 930 Flushing Avenue.

When Sandy occurred, the building was used as a crossover to move supplies into the city and deploy them anywhere they needed to go.

OEM is now looking for a new space and to expand. The Office of Emergency Management tries to have equipment in case there is an emergency.

Some of the things they store are: generators, command vehicles, tents, sand bags, tractors, trailers, medical equipment, light towers, shelter supplies etc. They need to be located out of all hurricane evacuation zones. They need about 200,000 sq. feet of space and they also need to be centrally located so that they can respond to emergencies quickly and in different locations throughout the city. They were looking at location where it would be easy to get trucks in and out of, and near mass transit and somewhere that is zoned for warehouse activity.

To look for a space a search was done. They looked at over 100,000 sites. Out of those 100,000 sites 12 locations met what OEM was looking for, however some sites were not available to rent or buy. Later on the space that they are currently located at became available, so the negotiation process to stay at the current site began.

OEM has an application before the Community Board. They are requesting to go going from 100,000 square feet to 300,000 square feet.

Questions were entertained:

Question: Will this warehouse service just Brooklyn or throughout the city?

Answer: Mr. Jackson: Throughout the city, but it is here, so if there is an emergency it will get to your community first.

Question: Mr. Camacho – How much is it going to cost us?

Answer: Ms. Jill Larson: Until to support of the Community Board is secure and until they are able to execute a lease, then they will be able to fully disclose through a public hearing all actual financial cost, until that time we can tell you the range. The range is from a rent prospective in the high 20's, low 30's dollars per square ft.

Mr. Robert Camacho: When I do my calculations that comes up to \$9 Million which equals to \$750,000 per month. I do not know if the people want to pay that in their taxes, especially since the landlord is the same landlord, that we change the zoning in that area for and then he sold the property to someone else, and the one that brought it does not want to put low income residence in that area.

Ms. Jill Larson: The current owner of the property is actual a joint venture, the primary principle is the READ Property group, which is Mr. Robert Wolf and Princeton Holdings.

All boroughs should share the expense. Ms. Larsson stated that she will get more information and forward it to the board.

Ms. Annette Spellen: Asked them to come back when they have the correct numbers.

Ms. Jill Larson: Currently they are under contract at \$1 per square ft. at \$28.00. It will escalate every couple of years over a 20 year term.

Chairperson Dent: The Community Board as well as the community at large is concern, because it is a lot of money, not that Bushwick is going to be charge the whole amount but because it is a lot of money across the board.

Why did they feel that Bushwick is good to store this equipment? Why specifically was Bushwick chosen?

Ms. Jill Larson: Very specific requirements had to be met. i) Access: had to be located where they can quickly deploy equipment ii) They needed to be out of a flood zone, out of evacuation zones. iii) A three borough wide search was done, not specifically in Bushwick. The warehouse can be located anywhere. Staten Island would be challenging so to be located in Staten Island was eliminated. Manhattan would be very hard to store equipment and did not meet the requirements. In Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens we had folks that walked block per block looking for a space. Availability over the findings was when they were systematically eliminated due to supply and demand. 60 places were looked at and it was narrowed down to 12. Places was eliminated due to (a) they were not available (b) if the owner was not interested in working with the City of New York, etc. When we first started where we are at was not available. As we were illuminating the expansive space became available at the property and since we are already there it obviously made all the criteria. Bushwick was not targeted by any means.

Mr. Cirilo Nunez: What are the steps? From experience when a city agency want us to approve or vote on something they are already far along in the process. We are lead to believe that we have a voice but in reality we do not. We have voted no on some projects and 2 - 3 weeks later they are being implemented.

Ms. Jill Larson: At present we are under a contract. It will be cancelled if we do not secure your vote. We cannot enter a long term binding contract without the board's vote of approval. The ULURP process is the Community Board reviews and their recommendation is submitted to the Borough President and he will review the matter and make a recommendation. Then it goes to the City Planning Commission where there will be a public hearing. The City Planning Commission will hear the matter and about two weeks later, after considering it the City Planning Commission will also vote on the matter. They will write a report. That report will be referred out to the City Council. The City Council will review the matter, they will vote on it and then return their findings to the City Planning Commission. The Borough President and the City Planning Commission and the City Council will have opportunities to meet with them to get more information and to ask questions that may support their decision.

Mr. Robert Camacho: How many jobs will be there?

Mr. Henry Jackson: 10 People work there, with the Urban Search and Rescue Team is there throughout the week which is about 50 people. During Hurricane Sandy there was an emergency team consisting of about 200 people.

Mr. Jackson thanked the board for their questions and consideration.

The District Manager welcomed Council Members Antonio Reynoso and Rafael Espinal. She also welcomed Deputy Chief Charles McEvoy, from the North Brooklyn Command. She invited him to say a few words.

He is here on behalf of Chief Jeffery Maddrey who had a previous engagement whom the board is presenting a certificate to.

The Borough is doing very well, there is a 5% decrease in crime. All major crime is down with the exception of burglaries, however there are measures in place to combat them. Violence and shootings are down 13%. Usually shootings have been linked to gang activity and there is a Gang Violence Task Force in place to combat that. The men and women in Brooklyn North are working very hard to keep everyone safe.

The NCO (Neighborhood Coordinating Officer) Program at the 83rd is the last command within the borough that will have the program. The program will start next month in July. After the program is implemented at the 83rd Pct. all of the 10 Precincts that patrol Brooklyn North will be under the NCO program. Out of the 8 patrol boroughs in New York City, the Brooklyn North will be the only borough that every command will be a NCO command. We are working with the community solving their problems and having a connection with the people in the community. Having a direct connection with the NCO within a particular geographic area of the precinct is certainly working and this shows that all throughout New York City that we are working hard to decrease the violence and to decrease crime. This is a tribute to the men and women who are out there every day getting the job done.

Question Entertained:

Ms. Jo-Ena Bennett: There was an article in the NY Post stating that the police department will no longer respond to noise complaints, if that is true, how are we expected to respond to that?

Deputy Chief McAvoy: That is incorrect, we will respond to the noise complaints, especially if it is an ongoing problem.

Deputy Chief Charles McEvoy thanked the board and those present for their time and for the privilege to speak.

District Manager, Celestina Leon welcomed Captain Dominguez, the new captain of the 83rd Precinct.

Captain Dominguez: Starting at the 83rd Precinct 2 weeks ago and stated that he is happy to be in Bushwick. He is the 2nd in command. Crime is down 11% for the month and down 4% for the year. There has been 7 shootings so far this year and they are working hard to get violence and crime down.

Robert Camacho: What Precinct did you come from?

Captain Dominguez: I have been with the NYC Police Department for 16 years. The last 10 years at Brooklyn North, served as a sergeant for 5 years in District 30 which is transit, located downtown Brooklyn. Part of those 5 years I was assigned Brooklyn Wide in transit and then I was promoted to Lieutenant and then I went to the 84th Precinct located downtown and I worked there for 5 years as a commander dealing with patrol, I then was promoted and was assigned to the 83rd Precinct two weeks ago by choice. So he is very happy to be here.

Chairperson Julie Dent: Invited Both Councilmembers to speak since the (OEM) Office of Emergency Management proposal will be going to them for review.

Councilmember Reynoso in referring to OEM: How much is the rent and how long is the lease?

Mr. Jackson: The lease is a 20 year lease and the rent will be 9 million per year.

Councilmember Reynoso: Will there be any increases?

Ms. Jill Larsson: There will be increase every couple of years at the rate of 5% per increase.

Councilman Reynoso: This is a manufacturing space that is usually 18-22 dollars per square feet. Since the city will be already paying 25-30 dollars per square feet others will want to charge that same amount which will make it very hard for businesses in our community to stay here and continue to provide good jobs. The Evergreen site (HRA) at 95 Evergreen and this site together will make prices keep going up. I want you guys to do a better job about being competitive with these prices. I want our tax dollars saved. I am never going to rezone that area so it will stay manufacturing forever.

The Bushwick Community Plan will come to you in a ULURP process, so we are still in the beginning stages of formulating a project so that you can see it. My question is that we have 3 parking lots, PSA3 which is one across the street from Noll Park, the others on Central Avenue, two blocks from Hart Street/Myrtle Avenue. We want these parking lots to be 100% affordable housing. This is one of the only few chances we have to get, during this rezoning project 100% affordable housing. This would mean extremely low rates at 30, 40% with \$400, \$500, \$600 & \$700s for a one bedroom apartments. This is what this community want and needs. The City says that we cannot have the parking lots because they need parking. I am going to say no with stipulations that the city moves all emergency vehicles from the PSA3 to this site, so that we can open up that site for 100% affordable housing. If you do not figure out how to get the cars from PSA3 to across the street you will have a very hard time getting a yes from me. This is very important because then we can empty out the lot and build affordable housing. "Thank you very much."

Chairperson Dent asked Councilmember Espinal to speak.

Councilmember Raphael Espinal in referring to OEM: The councilman stated that he did not have much to say regarding OEM because it seems as though the community has it under control and because the location is not in his district. He stated that Reynoso has his full support and he is in agreement with having the City move the parking lots so that 100% affordable housing can be built. The community is in support of that and we will push for that. "Thank you."

2) Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), Louise Carroll, Associate Commissioner of Housing Incentives – Presenting on Voluntary Inclusionary Housing at the former Rheingold Brewery site:

Information regarding the application from All Year Management to build Inclusionary Housing at 54 Noll Street and 123 Melrose Street.

There was a meeting on January 9, 2017 with All Year Management informing them that they needed to go back to the Community Board to make sure that all the promises that were made in the ULURP application were satisfied. A meeting was set up with the councilmember's office and the Rheingold Coalition to try to figure out what the requirements were. At the time we set up the meeting we thought the requirement was 24% affordable housing, however during that meeting we found out that 30% affordable housing was promised, stated Ms. Carroll.

HPD went back to the developer and made several presentations to them. We received letters back from their lawyers stating that we did not have any legal right to require any more housing from them that was required by the zoning resolution.

Our office went to the NYC Law Department and asked for an opinion about what our legal rights were and what our authority was. The NYC Law Department came back to HPD and said that we had no legal right to require anything more than 20% affordable housing as stated by the zoning resolution. They further stated that even what was stated in the City Planning

Commission report was not a legal threshold that the legal threshold existed in the zoning resolution, and therefore we have no power to do anything more on that site than what the resolution requires.

We reported back to the councilmember and we agreed to come here to report this informant to you the Community Board. We have tried, we have sort advice and that is the limit of our authority.

District Manager: This is a follow up, we had a meeting earlier this year. HPD is here to let us know what they are able to do legally.

Chairperson: (speaking to Ms. Carroll) I thank you for all the effort you put forth. This is the reason why I tell my members that we must always be respectful when people come before us to present. That is why some of them are so angry because when these developers come before us, they promise us one thing and then we come back and they say something else. People have to come before the Community Board right and with the truth. If they do not the members will always be doubtful. It must stop!!! Too many games are being played between all of these agencies and these developers. COME RIGHT!!!! If we are going to get 20%, just tell us that. Do not promise us one thing and we vote favorable and then we hear something else. It has to stop!!! HPD and other governmental agencies are supposed to protect the community. That is why we are here. We are volunteers. We are not getting paid, but we care about our community. Even if we were getting paid you still have to do the right thing. This is what we are asking: You know as HPD that you have the lawyers, why wait until something happens? Why not use preventive measure and do all that is required before it comes to the Community Board? It does not look good.

Ms. Carroll: I understand your frustration. I personally was not part of this rezoning. When this project came to us, we looked at what documentation there was about what was promised and we tried to do the right thing. We sent the developer out to the Community Board. We tried to meet with the coalition. We've met with the councilmember. We had several conversations with the developer, explaining to him that if he ever needed to come back to the Community Board that his history was not good.

At the end of the day, stated Ms. Carroll, I am a public servant and I have to abide by whatever the rules are and whatever the NYC Law Department says.

What I would say to us is that these promises are not binding. If there is something in the rezoning resolution, on the statue, in a tax statue and you are told that they are going to give you more than that, these promises are not binding.

Ms. Carroll was reminded by her assistant that accompanied her: Future rezoning will have a mandatory requirement of a minimum of 25% affordable housing with at least 10% at 60% AMI. There is another option for 20% affordable housing at 40% AMI. A third option for 30% affordable housing at an average of 80% AMI, and there is also a 4<sup>th</sup> option.

Future rezoning, future area wide rezoning or where the city allows developers to build more residential housing there will be a mandatory requirement which is more than 20%. This does not change this situation, but the City recognizes that more affordable housing is needed. And thanks to the Community and Councilmembers we are able to past this registration.

Councilmember Reynoso: We did meet with the Read Group, they are the bad guys, they are the ones who brought the property and are only doing what is legally required.

Usually developers do what they say they are going to do because word will get out in other communities if they don't, and communities are told that they are not people of their word.

Rabsky Group has a project in Williamsburg called the Broadway Triangle. They want to build thousands of affordable housing. They are supposed to start construction in December or January, if we allow it. There is a Broadway Coalition that is fighting to stop it.

I would like to recommend Community Board 4 Bushwick to make a recommendation to the Borough President and let him know about your experience with this group. If he does not hold them accountable for what they did here, how they abandon this community, then all these developers are to run wild, making huge commitments and backing out of them.

3) Department of City Planning, Sarit Platkin, City Planner Brooklyn Office: Presentation on the Self-Storage Text Amendment.

The proposal will require that new self-storage facilities in industrial businesses will require a special permit.

This permit will be requires in 4 boroughs, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. In recent years it is been determined that there has been a proliferation of these self-storage facilities around New York City's industrialize business zones. Communities and industrial advocates around the City have been increasingly concerned, and the City is now responding with this Text Amendment. The City recognizes that a balance is needed in order to preserve the most important industrial areas as well as recognizing that there is a growing demand for these self-storage facilities. This action plan arose originally from the Mayor's Office as well as City Council in November 2015.

Self-storage Text Amendment In November 2015, Mayor de Blasio announced a 10-point Industrial Action Plan, which aims to strengthen NYC's most active industrial areas, invest in industrial and manufacturing businesses, and advance workforce development opportunities for New Yorkers. In this context, self-storage facilities are seen as a low job-generating use that occupies sites, which could provide future siting opportunities for industrial, more job-intensive businesses. As a result, the NYC Department of City Planning proposes a zoning text amendment to require a CPC Special Permit for new self-storage facilities within NYC's most active industrial areas. The industrial action plan is:

- Protect industrial neighborhoods and incentivize development – Limit personal storage in IBZs to support economic growth
- Align City services to help industrial businesses start, grow and thrive
- Train the city's workforce to meet the needs of the sector

Proposed designated areas:

Northwest Bushwick area conterminous with North Brooklyn IBZ

Northeast Bushwick area conterminous with Ridgewood IBZ

Why targeting Self-storage sites:

The unregulated development of self-storage detracts from the City's long term goals for Designated Area in M districts:

- Low job-generating use (5 employee per facility)
- Primarily serves households (70-80% of customers)
- Tends to occupy large sites along truck outers highways, which would be optimal sites for industrial business

A CPC Special Permit is proposed for the development of self-storage in Designated Areas in M District.

A case-by-case, site-specific reviews process will ensure that self-storage development doesn't represent a significant lost opportunity for the future siting of an industrial, more job-intensive business.

Self-storage shall be subject to the proposed restrictions.

Warehouse and moving companies shall NOT be subject to the proposed restrictions.

Self-storage development shall be permitted by Special Permit on sites that are not appropriate for conforming industrial uses, based on such considerations as:

- Zoning lot size, lot or building configuration
- Proximity to truck routes
- Capacity of local streets providing access to zoning lot
- Investment in comparable sites in the vicinity
- Need for environmental remediation
- Potential for conflict between potential industrial uses and existing uses in the surrounding area.

Existing self-storage facilities will be permitted to remain and extend or enlarge within the existing zoning lot.

Special Permit Application Process:

A Special Permit is a discretionary action subject to bulk ULURP review which may modify use, bulk, or parking regulation if certain conditions and findings specified in the zoning resolution are met.

\*Pre-application Process – Land Use & Environmental Applications

\* (15 Months) ULURP – Community Board Review

Borough President Review

City Planning Commission Review

City Council Review, subject to call-up

(7 Months) Receipt of Special Permit

The process takes approximately 2 years for someone to receive their permit.

Text – Amendment Timeline:

1. First Announcement
2. Proposal Development
3. Pre-scoping outreach with Borough Boards and Borough Presidents
4. Scoping Hearing
5. Referral of zoning text amendment
6. Community & Borough Board & Borough President Review
7. CPC Public Hearing & City Council Review

Chairperson Ms. Julie closed the public hearing item. She asked Board Member Ms. Martha Brown to call the first roll call.

**First Roll Call: 7:46PM** – 32 members present constituting a quorum

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Barbara Jackson motioned to accept the agenda as presented. It was second by Mr. Robert Camacho. Motion moved.

**Chairperson's Report: 8:02PM**

Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, June 21, 2017 monthly meeting.

Ms. Dent thanked District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon for her help in finding why the street re-naming after Ms. Chineda Carter never was realized.

The board voting their approval in 2009. Everything was approved in 2010. As soon as we can find Ms. Carter's family members we will set a date for the ceremony. Ms. Dent asked if anyone knows any of Ms. Chineda Carter's family members, to please let the District Manager know.

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

- 1) Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 34<sup>th</sup> Council District, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211
- 2) Boris Santos Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 718-963-3141 & 212-788-7095: He represents the section West of Hart Street and South of Central Avenue up to Cornelia Street.
- 3) Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 27<sup>th</sup> Council District, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 4) Paula Melendez Representing Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 5) Armando Fuentes Representing Councilman Rafael Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 6) Yamilky Crisostomo Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3809
- 7) Tahirah Moore Representing the Office of Mayor Bill de Blasio, Community Affairs Unit, 253 Broadway, New York, NY 10007

Ms. Dent asked those from Federal, State or City Agencies to introduce themselves and state their respective contact information with their address and phone numbers.

- 1) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library Irving Branch, 260 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-628-8378
- 2) PO Ezequias Gomez, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697
- 3) Magdalena Mangual, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, 374 Stockholm Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237

The Community Board #4 District Manager and the Chairperson Ms. Dent attended a meeting regarding Still Water in a Storm Afterschool Program located on Irving and Knickerbocker Avenues.

The co-naming of Bleecker Street and Knickerbocker Avenue to A. Chineda Carter Square has been supported by Community Board #4 since 2009. Ms. Carter was a former chairperson of Community Board #4. Council Member Rafael Espinal's office has and is continuing to work on making this project a reality.

#### **District Manager's Report: 8:09PM**

Greetings to all, from the District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon and the staff of Brooklyn Community Board #4.

She asked for a moment to acknowledge the new board members that are joining the Community Board meeting for the first time.

New Board Members are:

Jose Guzman, Cheryl Jones, Desmond Monroe & Acire Polight

#### **Meetings Attended:**

Thursday, May 18, 2017: St. Nick's Alliance Career & Resource Fair – Attended with the Chairperson, Ms. Dent. The fair organized in partnership by the Office of Assembly Woman and

St. Nick's Alliance. The event was well attended and we commend the organizers on their outreach.

Monday, May 22, 2017: Bushwick Community Plan (BCP) Open Space Subcommittee Agency/Liaison Check-in – Hosted a meeting at the Community Board's office to regroup and discuss next steps for the subcommittee, given a couple upcoming transition in staff. Representatives from Hester Street Collaborative, the Department of City Planning and the Department of Parks and Recreation attended.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017: Bushwick Community Plan Historic Preservation Meeting – Hosted a meeting at the Community Board's office to begin the conversation about additional preservation opportunities through the Bushwick Community Plan. A follow up meeting is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Audrey Johnson Learning Center. All are invited to attend. Representatives from the Office of Council Member Reynoso, the Office of Council Member Espinal, the New York City Council Land Use Division and the Historic Districts Council attended.

BCP Community Health and Resources Subcommittee Meeting – Attended the meeting held at the Mayday Space at 176 St. Nicholas Avenue. The subcommittee primarily discussed the agenda and activities for the upcoming Economic Development and Community Health and Resources Summit on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, May 24, 2017: BCP Executive Committee and Department of City Planning working session – Joined fellow Bushwick Community Plan Executive Committee members, which included representatives from Brooklyn Legal Services Corp. A, Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, Make the Road NY, Churches United for Fair Housing, and CB4 Board Members (Anne Guiney and Edwin Delgado), for a conversation about the analysis and methodology for determining the potential development of both market rate and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing units. The group also discussed and prepared the agenda for the next BCP Steering Committee meeting. Representatives from Hester Street Collaborative, the Office of Council Member Reynoso, and the Office of Council Member Espinal also attended.

Thursday, May 25, 2017: Attended L Canarsie Tunnel Project Meeting  
Attended 9 Moffat Street Community Garden Meeting

Tuesday, May 30, 2017: Attended Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting at Community Board #4 Office

Wednesday, May 31, 2017: BCP Executive and Department of City Planning follow up working session

Thursday, June 1, 2017: Environment Protection and Transportation Committee Meeting at Community Board #4 Office  
Civic and Religious Committee & Health, Hospital and Human Services Committees Meeting – Final Annual Parade planning Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2017: NYPD & Mayor's CAU present "Together as One NYC" – Joined fellow board members, including the Chairperson, Me. Dent to attend a diverse and inclusive interfaith

service. The event was very well attended and successfully brought together by the NYPD and clergy communities. Chief Maddrey from Patrol Borough North and Commanding Office Sergio Centa from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct also attended along with other personnel from the North Brooklyn Command and the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. A big thank you to Ms. Barbara Smith and Commanding Officer Centa for arranging for a van to drive members to the event.

Tuesday, June 6, 2017: Attended Public Safety Committee Meeting at the Community Board's Office

Wednesday, June 7, 2017: Held Executive Committee Meeting at Community Board's Office

Thursday, June 8, 2017: Annual Parade - Shape-Up Bushwick V

Friday, June 9, 2017: Community Board #4 Redesign Call with the NYC Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications

Tuesday, June 13, 2017: Borough Service Cabinet Meeting – Attended the meeting at Borough Hall and listened to a presentation by DOITT about NYC Open Data, which helps New Yorkers and others interested to use and learn about City data.

Also held the Youth and Education Committee Meeting at the Community Board's Office.

Bushwick Community Plan Economic Development and Community Health & Resources – Sharon attended the Summit and participated in the activities for the Community Health & Resources Subcommittee. The event was well attended by business owners and other local organizations.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017: District Service Cabinet Meeting – Held second DSC Meeting in the Community Board's Office. Representatives from the Department of Sanitation, Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, FDNY, NYC Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation and the Department of Social Services (DHS and HRA) attended. All agencies provided updates and responded to questions relating to concerns within the district.

Friday, June 16, 2017: Evergreen Middle School performance in collaboration with the House of Yes.

#### Announcements:

MTA Headquarters Job Openings: How to apply. Qualified individuals may apply through the MTA's online application and recruitment system. Please visit their website at:

<https://www.mta.info/mta/employment/> and select MTA headquarters.

Please check the website frequently because new opportunities are posted daily.

2017 Session at Swim Strong!!! Bushwick High School, 400 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237  
Two month classes. Need financial help? <http://swimstrongfoundation.org/apply-for-a-scholarship>

Con Edison: Customers can report downed power lines, outages and check service restoration status at [www.conEd.com](http://www.conEd.com) or by calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633). When reporting an

outage, customers should have their Con Edison account number available, if possible, and report whether their neighbors also have lost power.

### **Committee Reports, 8:17PM**

**Civic and Religious Committee (CRC)**, Committee Chairperson, Ms. Elvena Davis

Meeting Held: Thursday, June 1, 2017, 3:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Present: Ms. Elvena Davis, Committee Chairperson, Ms. Mary McClellan, HHH Committee Chairperson, Virgie Jones, Annette Spellin, Jo-Ena Bennet

Others Attending: Sherry Davis, Woodhull Hospital; Police Officer Oscar Lopez, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct CAU; Jennifer Clarke, Healthcare Education Project; Police Officer Ezequias Gomez, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct CAU; Hunter Forman, Swerve Church; Danny Torres, Swerve Church; Kurt Barnes Jr., Cooper Street Community Association (CSCA)

Items Discussed: Update on the Parade

Parade Event Date: Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10:00AM to 3:00PM, Location: Irving Square Park  
Theme: Bushwick Cares

Parade Route: Start at Wilson Avenue & Weirfield Street to Putnam Avenue to Central Avenue to Halsey Street to Wilson Avenue and Weirfield Street

Activities: Rock Climbing, Youth Bike Raffle, Fitness Classes, etc.

**Environmental Protection and Transportation Committee (EPT)**, Committee's Chairperson  
Mr. Eliseo Ruiz

Meeting Held: Thursday, June 1, 2017, 10:00AM, Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members present: MS. Martha Brown and Mr. Robert Camacho

Others in attendance: Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manage, Andy Ingelsby, NYC MTA; Matt Kroll, NYC MTA Transit; Dan Zajackowski, NYC MTA; Aaron Saguir, NYC DOT; Meta Raul, NYC DOT

Items Discussed:

MTA New York City Transit met with the EPT Committee to give a planning update on the shutdown and repairs of the tunnel for the L Train from Bedford, Brooklyn Avenue through 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Manhattan. There will be repair work on the M Line from Metropolitan Avenue to Myrtle Avenue and Broadway.

- 1) Beginning July 1, 2017 through September 1, 2017, repairs will be made on the M Line tracks and retaining wall at Broadway and Ditmars Street. There will be shuttle bus service from Metropolitan Avenue to Broadway and Myrtle Avenue. Passengers can connect with the train J train at Broadway and Myrtle Avenue for travel to Manhattan and Jamaica Center. Also, the M Train will connect with the Second Avenue Subway Line in Manhattan therefore enabling the passengers to make connections into Mid-Town Manhattan. The M Line structure repair work is to begin July 1, 2017 through September 2017. The M Train will run on the local tracks. The J Line will continue as an express during the repair work in the M Line segment. The M Line will also run to Broadway Junction on the J Track.
- 2) L Train service during tunnel reconstruction due to Hurricane Sandy Damage:
  - a) There will be no L Train Service from Canarsie to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue during the repairs of the tunnels which is scheduled tentatively to be for 15 months (down from 18 months). The contractor has agreed to meet the scheduled deadline for reconstruction of the tunnels.

- b) There will be additional service on the G, J and M lines. Free out of system transfers on the Livonia Avenue (Junius Street Stations) on the L Train and also free out of system transfers on the G Line at Broadway and Union Avenues on the J Line (Lorimer Street Station).
- c) Plans are being developed for ferry service from Brooklyn to Manhattan from North 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Williamsburg to 20<sup>th</sup> Street Manhattan. The ferry will hold approximately 149 passengers.
- d) Plans are to have additional SBS (Select Bus Service) in Manhattan going uptown to the Hospital District and across town on 14<sup>th</sup> Street to the West Side. Mr. Camacho suggests speaking with DOT regarding Bike Stations to park the bicycles for bike riders traveling to Manhattan.
- e) MTA is exploring the re-opening of the Fayette Street Station's Exit at the Flushing Avenue stop on the M/J Line.
- f) EPT (Mr. Camacho) suggested that the DeKalb Avenue Exit at Kosciuszko Station on the J Line also be re-opened since this is a very busy stop that connects to the B46 Bus (Utica Avenue); the Ralph Avenue Bus (B-47), the B38 DeKalb Avenue Bus.
- g) The EPT Committee also suggested that the L Train riders should be encouraged to pick up the A/C Train at Broadway Junction to get into Manhattan. It is a quick ride and the A Train makes all connections into other parts of Brooklyn via the Jay Street – Boro Hall Stations; G Train at Hoyt & Schermerhorn Station, all parts of Manhattan at Fulton Street Station. The A and C trains stop at 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 59<sup>th</sup> Street, etc. The Port Authority Bus Terminal and Peen Station all can be accessed from the A/C Line.
- h) It was suggested that platform advisors be places at the Broadway East New York/Broadway Junction Station to guide passengers to these other routes in Manhattan.

**Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting (HLU)**, Committee Chairperson, Ms. Martha Brown.

Meeting Held: Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 5pm, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Present: Committee Chairperson, Martha Brown; Robert Camacho, Joshua Brown, James Wiseman, Victoria Fernandez, Jo-Ena Bennett

Others in Attendance:

Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Alfonso Abreu, Cameron Orr, Kathy Ling Pena, The Honorable Diana Reyna, Deputy Borough President (Brooklyn Borough President NY) ; Olga Chernomerett (Borough President, Brooklyn, NY); Mr. Henry Jackson, Mr. James McConnell, Mr. Craig Bonney, & Ms. Rachel Sulaymanov, NYC Office of Emergency Management; Mr. Keith Kinch, NYC Retrofit and BlocPower – One NYC Community Retrofit; Ms. Sarit Platkin, NYC Department of City Planning; Kerensa Wood, NYC Department of City Planning; Mr. Michael Cox, of the NYC Mayor's Office; Ms. Esther Galleon, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila's Office; Mr. Louis Noe, Douglas Elliman.

Items Discussed:

Item #1 - NYC BlockPower Community Retrofit Program – Presentation by Mr. Kinch regarding the Community Retrofit program. This program has been in existence in the designated areas and is a free program provided by the City of New York that involves the designated communities and building owners to have repairs done to their property for little or no cost for buildings that contain 5 to 50 units mainly located in central Brooklyn and Southern Queens. The NYC Retrofit Program involves making upgrades to residences by providing financial assistance in the repair and upgrade of homes/residences. Under this program owners may be able to receive assistance in the following areas:

- i. Identify opportunities to save energy, water and money on their property
- ii. Owners may apply for financing and incentives to upgrade their buildings and receive loans for the necessary upgrades
- iii. Owners can find contractors certified by NYC Retrofit to make repairs and upgrades
- iv. The program also reduces the greenhouse gasses and air pollution in small and mid-sized buildings to achieve the City's goal of 80% reduction in greenhouse gasses by the year 2050.
- v. The program encourages homeowners to create more affordable housing opportunity for their tenants by offering upgrades and improvements to the housing stock thereby keeping older and long term tenants in the community instead of displacement of long term residents by raising rents to the scale of the market rates that are taking place in localized areas. (i.e., Bushwick, South Jamaica)
- vi. Some examples of building upgrades are:
  - a) LED lighting
  - b) Water saving faucets and shower heads
  - c) Stem distribution improvements
  - d) Fuel switching to natural gas and clean energy
  - e) New controls for better operation of property
  - f) Solar Paneling
- vii. Loans are available for up to 15 years evaporating repayment plans with low cost financing
- viii. Interested parties should contact Keith Kinch at Community Retrofit (347) 762-4792; Email: [Keith@Communityretrofit.org](mailto:Keith@Communityretrofit.org)

This program will include J-51 Tax Credits. In Bushwick currently there are 107 building engages in this program. 66 Building with retrofits are in the process of being retrofitted or being completed. Buildings with current violations are eligible to participate in this program as well. Councilman Espinal has partnered with Retrofit to promote this program through community events. Retrofit will be presenting at a future meeting.

#### Item # 2 - City Planning Commission - North Brooklyn Industrial Study

Presentation by Ms. Wood she gave a status update on the North Brooklyn Industry and Innovation Plan for North Brooklyn for Community Board #4's area located along the industrial area border of Flushing Avenue where Community Board 4 intersects with Williamsburg. This program study reflects new models under the Mayor's Action plans create and grow 21<sup>st</sup> Century Industrial Jobs in the Bushwick Community. The Mayor's plan is to attract hundreds of jobs in the community.

Creating new employment centers outside of Manhattan, to create space for innovating and emerging sectors of industry, i.e., technical jobs, jobs in IT and industrial jobs. The proposal includes for the community to support the ongoing growth of sectors critical to New York City's economic growth. The proposal includes flexible work places making sure that the zoning reflects attractive office space in the core industrial areas.

#### Concerns:

Note that the Housing and Land Use Committee counters that the economics of the IBZ zoning proposal does not benefit our youth of this community, hence, CB4 has to really take a good look into the review of these proposals made by CPC with good sound judgment as it pertains to CB4. The hotels proposed needs special permits to build and operate and we need to find a way to have CB4 residents find job opportunities in this area. With the advent of Boutique

Hotels in this area, the IBZ is being compromised as well as the housing as the warehouses are being used as lofts and for residences in that part of the community.

Also, with regard to the technical innovations, HLUC wants to know where our young people, and high school/college graduates from Bushwick and our adjacent contiguous communities, where do jobs for them fit in in these grand plans to create jobs in our community.

It was remarked that since these new technical innovation companies are located in our communities, why are there no programs or affiliations with the high schools in our community for jobs and training programs in the CB4 area?

Also, we need to have outreach to our CBO's for opportunities for training programs for our young people in these technical and industrial jobs. Further, we request that we be included in the planning of the IBZ zones. Our youth need technical training in coding jobs, computer technology, IT Technology.

We need open lines of communication and outreach into our community for young people of the community and young entrepreneurs of CB4.

The City Planning Commission (CPO) will be presenting this proposal for the Industrial Business Zoning sometime in the fall of 2017.

#### Item #3 - New York City Office of Emergency Management

1. In Reference to Land Use Review Application #170352 PQQ – NYC Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”) – Warehouse at 930 Flushing Avenue seeking a Letter of Support for premises located at 930 Flushing Avenue, between Evergreen and Noll Street. M-1 Zoning) to expand the warehouse facilities at this location. This is an OEM storage warehouse.
2. This site contains a 2 story warehouse structure built in 1988. It contains a small vehicle storage parking lot at the corner of Evergreen Avenue. For 10 years the OEM has operated a warehouse and ancillary office space within the 96,800 sq. feet. Of the first floor area permitted by the previously approved 2006 application. The additional 207,000 sq. feet of space in the warehouse is the subject of this new application for approval for a lease for 7 years is unoccupied and not currently in use and will be used for an additional 87 on-site parking spaces for emergency vehicles.
3. OEM wants the additional space for storage of emergency supplies in this area and for emergency storage of vehicles, water, emergency supplies in case of further hurricane or emergency activity such as flooding.
4. The OEM wants CB approval and a letter of support for this space which is necessary for the storage of supplies and vehicles during emergencies that affect our community. The approval and Letter of Support will allow OEM to Lease the space of Read Group (landlord) for the next 7 years.

#### Item #4 – New York City Department of Finance, Community Assistance Program (CAP) SCRIE/DRIE PROGRAM EXTENSION OF THE RENT FREEZE PROGRAM

Presentation by Mr. Abreu from the NYC Department of Finance on the SCRIE Program/DRIE Program. This program is a rent freeze program which provides rent freeze assistance in the community for residents who cannot pay the high rent increases. Assistance is mainly for those on SSI and/or social security whose incomes make it a financial burden to pay rent the increases. Since a lot of people are not aware of this program, NYC/CAP is trying to reach out to the community to advise the elderly and people on SSI/VA Benefits, etc. that they are eligible to apply for this rent assistance program.

The office is located at 66 John Street, New York, New York 10007, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor and the CAP has set up a mobile unit to reach out into the communities mainly at the Senior Citizen's Centers and various locations throughout the boroughs.

Interested parties must bring their lease, letter from Social Security, SSI award letters, Veterans Benefits letters, Income Tax Statements and any kind of documentation necessary to fill out the applications for assistance for the SCRIE/DRIE NYC Rent Assistance Program.

**Public Safety Committee (PSC)**, Committee Chairperson Ms. Barbara Smith

Meeting Held: Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 6:00PM, Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Present: Barbara Smith, Committee Chair; Mary McClellan, Annette Spellin, Victoria Fernandez, and Maria Gomez Caceres

Others in Attendance:

Celestina Leon, CB#4 District Manager; PO Ezequias Gomez & PO Oscar Lopez, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Unit; Adam Sacks, Rudy Aragon, Ahaira Aragon, and Danny Garcia

Invited to meeting but did not attend:

108 Wyckoff Avenue, MRSC LL; 238 Wyckoff Avenue, Bushwick Pizza House, Inc.; 567 Wilson Avenue, Bar'Chaa Inc.

- 610 Bushwick Avenue – Rebecca's: Requesting support for a liquor, wine beer and cider license at this full liquor bar & snack location. Opened in August 2016. Hours: 4:00PM to 4:00AM seven days a week. No liquor is to be served after 12AM on Sundays. It is recommended that the full board vote on a letter of support for their SLA application although they already obtained their license.
- 664 Knickerbocker Avenue – Chimi Mundo on Wheels, Inc.: Requesting support for a wine, beer, cider license at this restaurant/bar location. This business started in a truck (Myrtle and Wyckoff Avenues) and has been running for 14 years. Hours: 4:00PM to 6:00AM Monday to Saturday and 8:00PM to 6:00AM on Sundays. It was recommended that the business owner apply for a full liquor license now, as they were planning to obtain one for this location in the future. No alcohol is to be served after 12:00AM on Sundays. There was an issue with an employee and a customer in August 2016 and the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct responded. There was also a problem in January 2017 with a customer. (See report for more information) It was recommended to the business / employees to always call 911 in case of emergency or when there is a highly disgruntled customer. It is recommended that the full board vote on a letter of support for the applicant's application.
- 219 Central Avenue between Stanhope and Stockholm Street – First Live: They are requesting support for a wine, beer & cider license at this Coffee House and Bar/Tavern location. Five Live is a multimedia production company that provides livestreaming services for companies and a venue to connect musicians/artists. This location is also a coffeehouse that has been open since 2015, it is also a live internet production studio with soundproofing. Their hours are from 7:30AM to 5:00PM, Monday to Friday and 9:00AM to 4:00PM on Saturdays. They are closed on Sundays. It was recommended that they apply for a full liquor license to safeguard against any potential issues in the future. There have been no 311/911 call or complaints at this location. It is recommended that the full board vote on a letter of support for their SLA application.

**Sanitation Committee (SAN)**, Committee Chair Mr. Raul Rubio

Meeting Held: Monday, June 12, 2017, 4:30PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: Raul Rubio (Chair) and Barbara Jackson

Others Attending: District Manager, Celestina Leon, Sandy Nurse & Renee Peperone, BK Rot; Erycka de Jesus & Renee Whittick, NYC Composting Project hosted by Big Reuse.

Items Discussed:

The composting projects that have been going on in Bushwick and the new City program of Brown Bin for residential food disposal which should be completely up and running by spring 2018.

BK ROT is a collection and composting service in Bushwick that employs Bushwick Youths. It was mentioned that BK ROT is the largest community run composting program in the country and are the model for newer projects. BK ROT is looking to expand their space. They currently reside in a garden space known as "Know Waste Lands" on 1278 Myrtle Avenue in Bushwick.

They currently process 50,000 lbs. of material daily and their compost is for sale on Sundays from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. They wish to expand in order to have more space to store woodchips, mulch and the newly composted soil. They are requesting a letter of support from the Community Board.

The next Sanitation meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2017 at 4:30PM at the Community Board #4 office.

**Youth and Education Committee (YEC)**, Committee Chairperson Mrs. Virgie Jones

Meeting Held: Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 3:00PM, Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Present: Mrs. Virgie Jones (Chair), Jo-Ena Bennet, Christopher Graham, Mary McClellan

Others in attendance: Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager; Boris Santos, Office of Council Member Antonio Reynoso; Carlos Hernandez, We Make Noise; Anya Sapozhnikova, House of Yes; and Denise Pagan, Hostos Community College

Items Discussed:

Item #1) Carlos Hernandez, We Make Noise: Presented on their current NYC Rock Camp program and plans to grow their after-school music program at the Silent Barn.

The NYC Rock Camp is free or on a sliding donation scale. It is a five day long program taking place from July 16<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> this year at the Williams Charter School from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Lunch is provided throughout the school year for ages 9 to 17. Youths will have the opportunity to take part in lessons in various instruments, write a song, and participate in a live performance at the venue Baby's All Right. The program can accommodate approximately 55 to 65 youths. Suggested donation: \$50 - \$500

For more information: [WWW.WeMakeNoise.org/NYCRockCamp](http://WWW.WeMakeNoise.org/NYCRockCamp)

Contact Info: [info@wemakenoise.org](mailto:info@wemakenoise.org) ; 615-403-1081

Item #2) Anya Sapozhnikova, House of Yes: Presented on a new project in collaboration with the Evergreen Middle School. House of Yes is a local nightlife venue that is located at 2 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237. The program is new. The motivation for the project arose from the challenges artists face in getting involved. Through the business they have access to a wide variety of artists, including performers, musicians, filmmakers, etc.

The program is an opportunity for students produce and bring their stories to life.

Item #3) Denise Pagan, Allied Health Career Pipeline Program at Hostos Community College: Presented on the Allied Health Career Pipeline, which has been awarded a 10 million dollar health profession opportunity grant for the US Department of Human Services Administration of Children and Family. The grant is to offer completely FREE the Allied health Career pipeline Program to those who meet the requirements and criteria. They are part of National Impact Study (on the individual that participates) and the final selection is based on a lottery. Two third of the qualified candidates are selected through random selection computer program.

Find out if you qualify for Free healthcare training:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN)
- Community Health Worker (CHW)
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- Patient Care Technician (PCT)

Program participation will require that you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Pass a background check and drug screening
- Have an aptitude, experience and /or strong interest in health care in allied health
- Meet minimum eligibility requirements
- Meet minimum education and English language requirement (High School Diploma/GED preferred)
- Provide proof that you can legally work in the United States
- Provide documentation to determined eligibility
- Be able to attend, fully participate, and successfully complete all aspects of the program

Intake and Assessment:

In addition to meeting the above eligibility requirement, student candidates:

- Take a TABE Test in Reading and Math to meet educational levels for specific coursed
- Complete and submit medical and drug clearance forms
- Participate in the intake conference session

For more information call 718-664-2548; [Pipeline@hostos.cuny.edu](mailto:Pipeline@hostos.cuny.edu)

**Recommendations – 8:42PM:**

- 1) Office of Emergency Management Warehouse, 930 Flushing Avenue: Requesting letter of support to renew their lease and to expand their site.  
The board voted YES with stipulations. 3 board members opposed, 2 abstained, Motion Moved.
- 2) Self-Storage text Amendment that will require the self-storage company to obtain a special permit that would come before the Community Board before building a self-storage facility in the industrial business zone. The vote is not necessary, however the Department of City Planning would like the board's feedback. Otherwise a commentary would be shared with them in the future in form of a letter. Board voting on whether in the future a self-storage facility would require a special permit before building in an industrial business zone. Motion moved by Ms. Barbara Smith and second by Mr.

Robert Camacho. Board voted yes in support of self-storage companies obtaining a special permit before building a self-storage facility. All board members in favor, motion moved.

- 3) Motion to give the three addresses in the PSC report a letter of support. A) 610 Bushwick Avenue, Rebecca's B) 664 Knickerbocker Avenue, Chimi Mundo in Wheels, Inc. C) 219 Central Avenue, First Live. Motioned moved by Ms. Barbara Smith and second by Mr. Robert Camacho. All board members were in favor with 1 abstention. Motion moved.
- 4) Letter of support recommended by the Sanitation Committee for BK ROT to expand their site. Community Board #4 support the type of work that they are doing by employing youths from the Bushwick Community. Motion to give a letter of support to BK ROT was made by Mr. Raul Rubio and second by Ms. Annette Spellen. All board present were in favor. Motion moved.

### **Old Business, 9:02PM:**

Mr. Robert Camacho: We must go back to the bike lanes and bike parking. The board must take a vote regarding the bike parking spaces on the corner of Wilson Avenue and Flushing Avenue. If a vote is not made than more of our parking spots will not be available.

Chairperson Dent: Ms. Mentioned that she has spoken to the young lady that owns the business and she stated to Ms. Dent that she would like to work with the Community Board and she is not in favor of taking parking spaces. The bike corral will be on the sidewalk and not in the street which will cause the loss of parking spaces.

### **New Business, 9:04PM:**

Ms. Barbara Smith: On July 11, 2017 the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council present FREE ID for children. Children will get their picture taken and their thumb print put on a card for identification purposes in case anything happens to them. Children must be accompanied with a parent. Hours: 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

### **Announcements, 9:05PM**

NYPD – 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct N.C.O.: The NYPD invites you to join them in a meeting to discuss the upcoming Neighborhood Coordinator Officer Program (NCO) that will be starting shortly in the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. You will have the opportunity to meet the NCO officers that will be assigned to your neighborhood and have the chance to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to the program and hope all can attend. Light refreshments will be served. Monday July, 31, 2017 at 6:30PM. Location: 321 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237  
Please RSVP by July 24, 2017 with the number of attendees. Contact us at 718-574-1697 or by email: [Oscar.Lopez@nypd.org](mailto:Oscar.Lopez@nypd.org) or [Ezequias.Gomez@nypd.org](mailto:Ezequias.Gomez@nypd.org)

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adam in partnership with NYS Energy Audits, Inc. invites you to apply for EmPower New York. The program is funded by NYSEDA through EmPower, you may be eligible to receive FREE SERVICES. For renters and homeowners: One to four family homes

Home energy audit, tune & clean boiler and water heater, check combustion appliances for gas leaks and carbon monoxide, brand new energy efficiency refrigerator and /or freezer (if qualified), installation of high efficiency lighting LED, installation of smoke /CO detectors, installation of low flow shower heads, attic, rim joist and crawlspace insulation and door weatherization & air sealing

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New York State Energy Audits: Office # 718-372-3000, Fax # 718-339-8331,  
[www.nysenergyaudits.com](http://www.nysenergyaudits.com)

Please Join Us To Celebrate the Opening of Bushwick Montessori at the Julie Dent Learning Center, Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM to 7:00PM, 803 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Please RSVP at [info@bushwickmontessori.org](mailto:info@bushwickmontessori.org)

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Mental Health in Your Community Tell Us Your Thoughts: Help us promote mental health in New York City. Join us for a panel on how to talk about mental health and increase access to services. Receive \$150 for you participation. Discussion will last a full day, from 8:30AM to 5:30PM. Participants must speak, write and read Spanish fluently. Call 347-396-7998 for more information, including dates and locations.

CSCA (Cooper Street Community Association Inc.) Bushwick along with Hope Gardens & NYPD Presents: Hope Gardens vs. the City of New York Police Department Basketball Game!!! 7:00PM to 9:00PM, Thursday, July 27, 2017  
Get to know Hope Garden's youth, family, friends and the 83<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct. Free and open to all!! 422 Central Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221  
Hope Gardens 718-919-1673 / CSCA 917-676-4055/ 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs 718-574-1697  
Sponsors: NYC Dept. of Youth & Community Development, Coalition for Hispanic Family Services, NYC Housing Authority, Life House

FREE Legal Services for ALL at "The People's House", Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

- Foreclosure Intervention and Prevention: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 2-5PM.
- Housing Matters, Trust and Estates, Elder Law and Government Benefits: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 2-5PM
- Veteran's Issues: Every Tuesday from 9AM to 5PM
- Domestic Violence: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 10AM to 4PM
- Family Law: Wednesday from 4-7PM

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Operation C.A.R.E.: Child Abuse Response and Engagement Presented by: AMA Dwimoh, Esq. Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, 718-802-4042  
Protecting Our Children Protecting the Future, [OperationCare@Brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:OperationCare@Brooklynbp.nyc.gov)

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DeKalb Library: Tuesday and Thursday 11AM to 1PM, 790 Bushwick Avenue (at DeKalb Avenue), Brooklyn, NY, 718-455-3898

Washington Irving Library: Tuesday 3PM to 5PM, 360 Irving Avenue (At Woodbine Street), Brooklyn, NY, 718-628-8378

Saratoga Library: Mondays, 3pm to 5pm. 8 Thomas S. Boyland Street, Brooklyn, NY, 718-573-5224.

Washington Irving Library, Has Children's Programs.

Tuesdays: Toddler Time at 10:30AM

Wednesdays: Story Play at 10:30AM and Kids Tech Time at 5PM

Thursday: Build with Lego at 4PM

Fridays: Kids Create at 3PM

Saturdays: Ready, Set, Kindergarten at 11AM and Saturday Story Time at 2PM

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Tuesdays: Resume and Career Help at 3PM

Wednesdays: Resume and Career Help at 2PM, Creative Space at 4PM and English Conversation Group at 6PM

Thursdays: Chess Workshop at 4PM, Computer Class at 5PM, Microsoft Office Class at 6PM and Citizenship Class at 6PM

Fridays: Yoga for Beginners at 11:15AM and Teen Tech Time at 4PM

St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development Center, 790 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11206, 718-302-2057

Free Training & Placement Assistance, Adult Education classes, Career GPS & Opportunity Youth. For more information please call 718-302-2057

New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer: Bureau of Public Affairs- Community Action Center  
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North Brooklyn Coalition, Against Family Violence: The North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence provides the following services to victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Sexual Assault (In English and Spanish):

- Case Management and Legal Advocacy, including Court Accompaniment
- Domestic Violence Counseling
- Support Groups
- Community Education Workshops
- Information and Assistance with filing an Office of Victim Services (OVS) Claim Application
- Training for staff of local organizations

If you or someone you know needs support or to make an appointment, please reach out to them at 718-302-4073, [help@northbrooklyncoalition.org](mailto:help@northbrooklyncoalition.org)

**2nd Roll Call:** Meeting adjourned - 9:05PM – 35 Members present