

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (Corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

-Public Hearing Items-

- 1) Co-naming of Bleecker Street corner of Knickerbocker Avenue in honor of A. Chineda Carter.
Various people spoke highly of Ms. A. Chineda Carter
 - Mr. John Dereszewski, the first District Manager of Community Board#4
 - Mr. Elliot Yablon- Director of HPD- Neighborhood Preservation Office during the 1970s (not present, however his letter was read)
 - Ms. Eleanor Cooper
 - Ms. Mary Highsmith-Dorsainvil
 - Rev. Mathew RaeEveryone spoke of her humbleness and her wiliness to put the community first instead of herself.

- 2) Co-naming of Suydam Street between Knickerbocker & Irving Avenues in honor of Dr. Edward V. Salerno, MD
Mrs. Noemi Salerno and Mr. Massimo Salerno the wife and son of Dr. Edward V. Salerno came before the board. Mr. Massimo Salerno stated that his father served the Bushwick Community for 40 years until his death in 2002. He worked at Wyckoff Hospital from 1962- 2001 and stopped when he became sick.
Mr. Salerno said that he seen how other persons were honored in the community by having a street named after them so he wanted the same thing for his father.

- 3) Our Drinking Water at Risk – Safe Water Movement (SWiM) – presentation by Laura Sheinkopf
Ms. Sheinkopf presented a five minute presentation:
Even though this problem takes place far outside of Bushwick the problem is relevant to all of us.

She noted that the process called Hydraulic Fracturing which mixes water with sand and 250+ toxic chemicals to develop a significant gas resource in the Marcellus Shale through the use of horizontal drilling and a hydraulic fracturing technique known as “slick water fracturing” which requires large volumes of clean water.

Whereas, the 2005 Energy Policy Act exempts companies who employ Hydraulic Fracturing methods from having to comply with many public health laws which were specifically written to protect our natural resources and well being (e.g. Safe Drinking water Act, Clean Water Act, Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-know Act). Chemicals contained in hydraulic fracturing fluids cause a variety of irreversible and catastrophic damages to the air, water, public health, wildlife and integrity of local communities.

Hydraulic fracturing presents risks of water contamination during drilling operations and During the storage and disposal of millions of gallons of the water and chemical additive required for each well that is created.

No amount of careful planning and operation can guarantee there will be no chemical spills that could flow into reservoirs, underground migration of fracturing fluids toward the water supply or other accidents resulting from the drilling operations.

Therefore, let it be resolved, this method for accessing natural gas is FAR TOO DANGEROUS in the air, water, public health, wildlife and integrity of local communities to be approved by any Federal or New York State entity.

Therefore, be it further resolved, Brooklyn Community Board 4 calls on the New York State Legislature, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and New York State Governor David Paterson to prohibit Hydraulic Fracturing drilling for natural gas within New York State.

- 4) BSA Application #17309 BZ – 845 Broadway between Locust & Park Streets presentation by Mr. Chris Wright, Esq. of the law firm of Howard Goldman, LLC for an application for a variance to construct a mixed use affordable housing development in the Bushwick area. The site comprises of approximately 15,000 sq. ft. on a parcel of land that is split-zoned of C8-2 and M1-1 zoning, with 100 sq. feet on the Broadway side and 150 sq. feet on the Park Street side. This site is encumbered by old foundations that must be removed. The site was developed decades ago with multiple buildings and multiple below grade foundations. The foundations are about 100 years old.

The POKO Partners specializes in developing and managing affordable housing in New York City. The proposed project would be a seven story building containing 60,000 square feet of floor area. POKO Partners wants to develop the property into affordable housing with approximately 48 apartments consisting of 1/2/3 bedrooms. Most of these apartments units will be retailed at the area AMI, usually 60% of the AMI. Rents will range from \$600 to \$1,000 allowing Bushwick residents first choice of 50% of the apartments. The plan is to have a set- aside for a specific hardship, yet to be identified. The site will have on the ground floor approximately 100 sq. feet retail space and they will be looking for quality retail tenants to fill the approximately 5/3/2 spaces for commercial rentals.

The building will use Energy Star appliances in the apartments; they will have building maintenance and security personnel on the site.

Mr. Austen Martinez asked is there going to be a lottery for the apartments or who will have the responsibility in making sure that the Bushwick community has first preference?

Mr. Ken Olsen, the principal developer of the project stated that they are at present only here before the board for the BSA application. They will be back to talk to the board in approximately 60-90 days. At that time, they will reach out to the community groups regarding tenanting and they will be speaking to the board and explaining what they hope to do with the project. There will be community preference of at least 50%.

Mr. Olsen noted that a lottery is not required on the state level. Applications will be made available and a community preference will likely be made available. The POKO Partners will look forward to working with a community partner of some kind.

Mr. A. Martinez stated that there are a lot of developers in Bushwick and the people that are moving into Bushwick are not from Bushwick which is causing a lot of the residents to move out of Bushwick because they can not afford to stay here. These are the same developers that come before the board and say that they are going to give a 50% preference to the Bushwick residents which never happens.

Mr. Olsen said that he would be happy to stipulate this in this project. They have done so in the past with other projects of theirs and they have no problem in doing so in this case as well.

POKO Partners need a variance through BSA (Board of Standards & Appeals) in order to bring this proposal projection to fruition. Therefore, they need Community Board #4's approval for the variance to be made in order for them to move forward on this project.

The proposed action is the approval of a use variance by the BSA to permit the construction of a seven story mixed use development with one floor of retail and 48 residential units.

The Chairperson stated that there have been many developers in the past that had made promises and did not keep them.

The Chairperson requested Mr. Chris Wright to put the following in writing:

1. A fifty-percent (50%) community district preference for the future tenant occupants
2. As quoted by the developer rents will range from \$600 to \$1,000 for one through three bedroom apartments respectfully.
3. The availability of the rental units will be advertised in the local newspapers of which the board's office will supply at the appropriate time.

Mr. Olsen said that when they come back for the financing application they will provide the community Board with a detailed schedule of what the rents will be, it will be part of their financing application with the State, also they will included the community preference.

Questions were entertained.

The Chairperson stated that the board is concerned about the residents of Bushwick and the surrounding areas. People are in need affordable housing which is affordable for them. The majority of the residents of Bushwick can not afford to buy a co-op or a condominium. Everyone is working very hard to improve our community. Chairperson Dent acknowledged the hard work that Mrs. Dorsainvil and others had done while serving on the board to assure that our community have an ample supply of housing for everyone while at the same time rebuilding the community. Therefore, the development that POKO Partners is hoping to build is not to be confused with NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority) developments which was once called "Projects", she noted that affordable housing is good for the community.

The District Manager closed the public hearing items and called the first roll call:

Roll Call: 40 members are present constituting a quorum.

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Raul Rubio and seconded by Saundria Simmons. All members present were in favor.

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes with the necessary corrections. The previous meeting's minutes was accepted by Cyril Joseph and second by Freddy Fowler. All members present were in favor.

Chairperson's Report:

Ms. Dent expressed her gratitude and appreciation to all who were in attendance for coming and supporting the meetings.

The Chairperson then asked that the Elected Officials and/or their representatives stand to introduce themselves and give out their respective telephone numbers.

- 1) Karen Cherry – Congressman Ed Towns' Flatlands Office, 718-272-1175
- 2) Italia Guerrero – Brooklyn Borough President's Office, 209 Joralemon St. 718-802-4032
- 3) Allison Frost – Assemblyman Vito Lopez, 434 South 5th Street, 718-963-7029
- 4) Johnny Joyner – Senator Martin Dilan, 786 Knickerbocker Ave., 718-573-1726

5) Alejandro Echeverri – Councilmember Diana Reyna, 444 South 5th Street, 718-963-3141

- 1) Bushwick Playground on Putnam Avenue between Knickerbocker and Wilson Avenues has been completed far ahead of the scheduled date. The Board is grateful to NYC Council Member Erik Martin Dilan for appropriating the funds needed to make this project a reality. She will be in contact with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to assure that the re-naming celebration will take place this spring.
- 2) The Brooklyn Public Library will be closing the Dekalb Branch at 790 Bushwick Avenue to replace its severely deteriorated roof. The last day of service at the branch was Friday November 13th. The branch plans to reopen on Monday, December 14th at 10:00am with the new roof in place. During the interim there will be a Bookmobile on Wednesdays from 1 to 6pm and on Fridays from 11am to 4pm. The Brooklyn Public Library staff encourages customer to utilize other district libraries.
- 3) Committee recommendations will now be addressed under new business. This new policy is a result of people leaving the board meetings after their recommendations is passed, which is rude and disrespectful to the board members and community at large.
- 4) After visiting other Community Board offices and noting our District Office, the Chairperson was appalled and decided to write to the elected officials asking for their help. (her letter was attached to her report)
- 5) The NYC Department of Buildings vacated an illegal SRO (single room occupancy) located at 34 Woodbine Street. Inspectors said the building was chopped into SRO units where 16 women will be vacated due to no secondary egress and no fire escapes.
- 6) The Wyckoff Heights Medical Center is recruiting Volunteers candidates for support & crisis intervention to victims of sexual & domestic violence. For more information call 718-906-3857 or 718-963-7261.
- 7) The Chairperson welcomed the newly appointed Community Board #4 board member, Mr. Victor Villamar.

District Manager's Report

The Public Safety Committee have been dedicated to SLA – licenses both renewals and new applications. Due to the sensitivity of these matters, the board is advised to be mindful of how the locations are described.

October 29, 2009 - The District Manager and a staff member attended a meeting at the Mayor's CEMC (Citywide Event Coordination and Management) training office. The SAPO (Street Activity Permit Office) announced the release of a new online e-permitting system that will modernize and increase the efficiency of the overall permit application process.

The system will allow applicants to conveniently apply for a street activity permit for block parties, religious ceremonies, street clean-up, etc. and submit processing fee payments on line via the CECM website. The city is attempting to change the way in which these permits can be applied. The Community Board's District Office will still play a vital role in the processing of these applications because the applications will still need to be approved and signed off. Once an application is submitted the board will be able to review and even upload files pertaining to the event.

This process causes some complications for the District Office:

- The District's Office requires a petition from the residences of the block being considered, which would include their signature name, address and telephone number. This petition will still be required.
- The District Office has a Denied Block Party List that is supplied to them by working closely with the 83rd Precinct. This list changes from year to year and is constantly being updated.

At the time of the training session with SAPO, we were informed that the NYPD which would include the 83rd Precinct will be receiving training as well.

The District Manager feels that this new system has both good and not so good points. However she does believe that over all it will work out for the good.

The District Office will keep the board abreast of all future developments concerning this matter.

October 29, 2009 – Sanitation Committee Meeting was attended only by the District Manager and the Committee Chairperson which was disappointing.

District Manager asked that members please attend the meetings, doing so will keep them informed so that items that were discussed at the meetings do not have to be continually repeated.

The new Superintendent of BK4, Mr. Jarret Scotti gave the district office 50 copies of the new NYC Sanitation Rules and Regulations which was distributed to the board members. The office will be receiving additional copies of which they will be distributed to the public.

November 10, 2009 - The Borough President's Office hosted their monthly District Service Cabinet meeting. A presentation was done on the new and improved 311 system and how well it works.

The Borough President spoke about smART ("Be art smart") highlighted Brooklyn's Gallery Hop will take place the weekend of November 21st and 22nd from 1-6pm and features visits to Brooklyn's unique art galleries. Free buses will run from five different hub locations allowing people to see the galleries throughout the borough. Each bus will be staffed with art docents to inform people about Brooklyn's Art Scene and to discuss and distribute smart tip sheets containing important information about buying and collecting art.

On Saturday, November 21st one of Bushwick art studios is on the itinerary, Norte Maar located at 83 Wyckoff Avenue this is one of our board member's studio, Mr. Jason Andrew. For those who are interested in taking the bus tour are asked to call 718-802-3530.

November 12, 2009 – Attended the Coalition of Brooklyn Chairpersons and District Manager meeting along with the Chairperson, Ms. Dent.

- CB 21st Century – this issue was presented in a way that sparked controversy and confusion as the two people who represented the Brooklyn Coalition did it without the knowledge of the others. One of the representatives no longer is a chairperson and was asked to leave the meeting. The meeting was finally tabled for another time.
- The other issue discussed was the Mayor Office of Citywide Event Coordination & Management (CECM) proposed new online e-permitting system. This issue is causing a lot of controversy from the Community Boards. Many Community Boards feel that the Mayor's Office is trying to take away a lot of the power from the Community Boards.

The District manager stated that no ones knows the board better than those who work with the boards. The Police Department is not going to allow all the block parties and other street closings applications go through without some type of conversation with them and or the community board.

November 17, 2009, 83rd Precinct Community Meeting – The Deputy Inspector S. Capasso reported that in the area of Lafayette Avenue enforcement has been increased and local residents have shown their appreciation. He noted that the statistics show an 8 ½ % decrease in all major reporting categories since last year. However, as the holiday season approaches he warns residents to be careful and mindful of the surroundings. The following are some tips:

- Do not leave anything visible in your vehicle
- Do not leave car running with the key in it
- Hold on to your pocketbooks

He did report an increase in robberies along the Wyckoff Avenue corridor particularly around the Dekalb Avenue and the Jefferson Street train stations. The 83rd Precinct is working with the Transit Police District #33 to resolve these issues.

Captain Mifsud reported that traffic accidents are down with the exception of the area of Bushwick Avenue/Myrtle Avenue resulting in increasing enforcement activity over the holiday season. Captain Mifsud noted the 282 Graffiti arrests made last year. He encourages parents to check their children's bag-packs and book bags.

The Community Board #4 website is being revamped. The new website's address will be made available in the near future. The site will contain: CB4 Officers, a message from the Chairperson and the District Manager, meeting schedules, newsletter and minutes, news and events, the SLA application can be downloaded, elected official listing, parks listing and more.

Academy of Urban Planning's second annual Community Geography Night will be Thursday, November, 19th from 4:30-7:00pm. Please join them for an evening of geography, food and fun. For more information please contact Adam Schwartz at aschwartz@aupnyc.org.

At last months board meeting a resident mentioned that the United States Postal Service was closing the station located at Broadway and Gates Avenue, fortunately that will not happen, that station will remain open.

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent thanked the District Manager for her report. The Chairperson acknowledges the presence of the New York Finest, the 83rd Precinct and thanked Police Officer Damarys Franco for coming to tonight's meeting. She also thanked her for all the fine work she and her department is doing for the community.

The Chairperson also acknowledged the New York Bravest for also attending the meetings.

The Chairperson thank the representatives from the Municipal Art Society, Steven Sanchez and his coach Jessica Rivera, they are present to assure that any items in need of mapping are shown; and they have the ability to provide power point presentations.

Committee Reports:

Civic and Religious Committee - Elvena Davis Committee Chairperson, highlighted information from the November 12th CRC meeting:

- 1) An update on the request for the co-name Bleecker Street / Knickerbocker Avenue to A. Chineda Carter Square. (Former Chairperson, Community Board #4) The committee discussed attaining endorsements for the recommendation. Ms. Davis suggested and Mr. Joseph volunteered to physically take a petition around to the merchants surrounding the immediate location of Knickerbocker Avenue and Bleecker Street in order to have the petition sign in support of the co-naming. The goal of the committee is to have all the endorsements and letters of support in so all involved entities could approved the request and the co-naming can be done by the spring or summer of 2010.
- 2) Bushwick parade for 2010 was discussed and the focus of the parade will on the youth in the community who excel in academics or in some type of extra-curricular activity. Mr. Victor Villamar a new board member suggested that children who have shown the most improvement in academics should also be mention in order to motivate them to do even better.
The parade theme title and route and other suggestions will be discussed at the next Civic & Religious Committee meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010. All are welcomed.
- 3) The tree lighting festival for the Linden Broadway Bushwick Block Association will be held on December 5, 2009 at 2:00pm. Lights donation can be given to Mr. Joseph, Ms. Davis or Ms. Hansley.

Recommendations for the co-naming of Bleecker Street / Knickerbocker Avenue to A. Chineda Carter Square and the co-naming of Suydam Street / Knickerbocker Avenue in honor of Dr. Edward V. Salerno, items 1 and 2 from the agenda will take place at new business.

Environmental Protection & Transportation, Mr. Eliseo Ruiz Committee Chairperson: Ms. Rachel Devlin presented: Information from Thursday, November 5, 2009 meeting
Item discussed: "Our drinking water at risk" (to create less dependency on foreign oil)
Lise Brennan – SwiM/NYH20 delivered a very compelling presentation on the issue which involves:

- Natural gas drilling in the upstate watershed which accounts for the water supply. Fuel companies plan to use technology call Hydro-fracturing which is a new process that makes it easier to extract natural gas from shale (rock of dark sediment and clay).

Ms. Devlin: Hydro-fracturing uses millions of gallons of clean water, sand and chemicals which are pumped underground to break apart the rock and release the gas. This process adds over 250 toxics chemicals to the water. This process has already resulted in contamination of the water supply in other states including Wyoming and New Mexico. No amount of careful planning can guarantee that there will be no chemical spills. These chemical spills will flow into reservoirs, underground migration of fracturing fluids toward the water supply, or other accidents resulting from the drilling operations.

The City of New York will be required by the Environmental Protection Agency to build and operate a water filtration plant in which the cost has been estimated to be anywhere from \$10 to \$50 billion, which would be borne by New York City taxpayers. There is also no proof that the chemicals can be completely filtered and there is no possible remedy once contamination has occurred. Therefore the resolution is that this method is FAR TO DANGEROUS to the air, water, public health, wildlife and integrity of local communities to be approved by any Federal or New York State entity. We call as the Brooklyn Community Board #4 on the New York State Legislature, the New York State department of Environmental Conservation and New York State Governor David Paterson to prohibit Hydraulic Fracturing drilling for natural gas within New York State.

Resolution will be voted upon in New Business.

Housing and Land Use Committee, Ms. Martha Brown Committee Chairperson: Report was scheduled for last months meeting.

1) BSA Application #17309 BZ 845 Broadway between Locust & park Street represented by Chris Wright, Esq. of the law firm of Howard Goldman, LLC fro an application for a variance to construct a mixed use affordable housing development at 845 Broadway in the Bushwick area.

Recommendations will be voted upon in new business.

2) Presentation on Foreclosure Prevention and President Obama's making homes affordable plan (Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project) NEDAP by Mr. L. Caridad. Mr. Caridad presented the committee with informative and timely information regarding NEDAP's efforts to convey to the public and homeowners who are suffering with oppressive mortgages and under threat of foreclosure by the banks and lending institutions. Bushwick has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the City and according to the map (enclosed with her report) of 2008 foreclosures there are some blocks with 3-4 homes that are foreclosed. However, in 2009 the rate has increased in Bushwick.

NEDAP is partnering with the Center for NYC Neighborhoods who coordinates comprehensive legal, mortgage counseling, and outreach educational foreclosure prevention services for NYC residents to combat the foreclosure crisis. It is noted that neighborhoods of color mostly (Latino and African American) are more readily targeted by sub-prime lenders and predatory practices. President Obama's "Making Home Affordable" plan is to help homeowners avoid foreclosures. Under the plan, homeowners who meet certain requirements may be eligible either to modify or refinance their mortgage loans. The plan is available to owner-occupants of 1-4 family homes. There are no income limits, but you must be able to afford loan payments going forward. Homeowners are advised to look out for scammers who are looking to charge fees to get their mortgage problems straightened out and then scam the homeowners out of more money. The Center of NYC Neighborhood offer services to help the homeowner mediate their mortgage problems before they fall into foreclosure. If the homeowner have taken out a loan before 1/1/2009 and does not fit in the aforementioned it was stated that NYS Law requires that homeowners with sub-prime loans, non-traditional loans or high cost loans must meet in front of a court referee for a settlement conference with the lender.

3) Bridge Street Development Corporation

Mr. Mitout Gomez presented the committee with timely information regarding the Bridge Street Development Corporation's homeowner seminars and mortgage foreclosure prevention assistance.

Public Safety Committee, Ms. Barbara Smith Committee Chairperson – Meeting held Tuesday, October 26, 2009

Items discussed: SLA Applicants – original request and renewal request - (NYS liquor Authority) Licenses

Nine (9) establishments came out to the meeting in order to get their liquor licenses either it was a renewed request or an original request. A lot of information was presented.

(See her report for detailed information)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the 83rd Precinct.

Sanitation Committee, Mr. Raymond Yrally Committee Chairperson – Meeting held Thursday, October 29, 2009:

- BK4 Sanitation Department has a new Superintendent named Mr. Jarred Scotti.
- The overflowing of dumpsters in the community often causes rodents if not picked up on a timely basis. Please call the District Office if anyone knows of dumpsters that need to be picked up by the Sanitation Department.
- The recently changed law states that residential premises can only receive summonses for dirty sidewalk, dirty area and for a lack of cleaning 18 inches into the street during the following times: Mornings from 8:00am to 9:00am and Evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
- The committee would like for all schools and daycare centers to receive the Department of Sanitation's Recycling program literature and to partake in the Recycling program. The website is:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/at_agencies/at_school_requestform.shtml
- Garbage receptacle: Adopt a basket program – Any organization that adopts a basket is responsible for the basket, the department of sanitation is willing to work with any merchant organization or CBO who is willing to adopt the receptacle. Contact the board for more information.
- The board would like to encourage residents to submit information for example the location, time, individual's name is possible/and or address regarding residents who are not properly curbing their dog. This information will be submitted to the Department of Sanitation so that action can be taken.
- Graffiti is rampant in the community. The committee suggests and encourages all businesses to invest in security cameras which would help to deter the graffiti activity. The 83rd Precinct can also be called for graffiti removal. Property owners must sign an affidavit.

Superintendent Scotti visited the community board's office on Tuesday, November 17th and introduced himself to the District Manager leaving her with 50 copies of the book "Sanitation Rules and Regulations", which was handed out to the board members at tonight's meeting; more books will be forthcoming and will be given to the public.

Senior Citizens Committee, Mrs. Victoria Fernandez Committee Chairperson held the meeting on Thursday, November 05, 2009:

Items Discussed:

- 1) The Committee will be visiting local senior programs:
 - Diana H. Jones at Noll Street corner of Bushwick Avenue, December 15, at 10:30am
Topic to be discussed – Safe City-Safe Streets, The Department of Transportation
 - During the month of January 2010-Gates Gardens, 1349 Gates Avenue

Topic of discussion – Crime Prevention, Elder Abuse, services available, The 83rd Precinct' PO Swanson and DFTA

- During the month of February 2010-Duncan Genns, 725 Evergreen Avenue
Topic of discussion – Crime Prevention: The 83rd Precinct's F-Tap program application updates and hallway safety procedures.

New Business

Recommendations:

Civic and Religious Committee Recommendations requested by Ms. Elvena Davis

- 1) Co-naming of Bleecker Street, corner of Knickerbocker Ave. in honor of Chineda Carter.
Motioned accepted by Ms. Saundria Simmons and second by Mr. Austen Martinez.
Motioned passed - all board members present were in favor.
- 2) Co-naming of Suydam Street from Knickerbocker/Irving Avenues in honor of Dr. Edward V. Salerno.
Motioned accepted by Ms. Avellar Hansley and second by Mr. Cyril Joseph
Motion passed – all board members present were in favor

Environmental Protection / Transportation Committee resolution requested by Nadine Whitted

- 1) Save Our Drinking Water as presented by Ms. Rachel Devlin
Motioned moved by Ms. Martha Brown and second by Ms. Saundria Simmons
Motioned passed by General Consent

Housing and Land Use Committee recommendation requested by Ms. Martha Brown

- 2) BSA – POKO Partners' Application #17309BZ-845 Broadway between Locust & Park Streets as presented by Mr. Chris Wright
Motioned moved by Ms. Rachel Devlin and second by Ms. Elvena Davis
Motion passed – all board members present were in favor

Recommendation:

Public Safety Committee recommends – Supporting the following SLA licenses based on reports from the 83rd Precinct

- 1) The Glorious Deep – 40 St. Nicholas Avenue
 - 2) Gotham City Lounge – 1293 Myrtle Avenue
 - 3) Cibao Restaurant – 1542 Gates Avenue
 - 4) Dominican Flavor – 338 Knickerbocker Avenue
- Motioned moved by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Rev. Grace Aytes
Motion passed – all board members present were in favor

Announcements:

Barbara Smith, President of the 83rd Community Council: The 83rd Precinct is collecting money and turkeys for families that are in need in Bushwick. Baskets will be delivered to those in need at their homes on November 23rd at 5:30pm.

Fundraiser will be held on December 4th. Donations are still being accepted.

Rachel Devlin, Green Fitness Studio: Community Wellness Health Fair on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 10am to 6pm located at 232 Varet Street, Brooklyn, New York. There will be free food, workshops, health screening, blood pressure testing, body fat testing and much more. Diana Reyna will also be there for the event.

Mary McClellan, Community Representative of Broadway Bushwick Community Coalition:
The next meeting will be held at 871 Bushwick Avenue (corner of Himrod Street) on Thursday November 19, 2009 at 7:00pm on improving the community.

Georgetta Williams, City of Faith Church located at 626 Bushwick Avenue. Pastor Odolph Wright 5th Anniversary celebration. The first service: Friday, December 13th at 7:30pm

Bushwick Starr Theatre: located at 207 Starr Street between Wyckoff and Irving Avenues. Next show: "Montessori Circus Show" December 3-5 & 10-12 at 8:00pm. There will be Trapezes, acrobatics, hula hooping, puppets and antics. For tickets: thebushwickstarr.org

Raul Rubio, Family Service Network: Bushwick Brownfield Program – Handed out a survey that he asked to be filled out and returned to him. This program has identified some of the vacate lots in the neighborhood and this survey will help him in building a vision that would help in the decision in what is going to be done with the vacate lots.

A community vision workshop was conducted at the end of September, 2009. Since September other presentations have been conducted at other CBO and schools in an effort to get more community feedback in what some of the needs are in the community.

Rev. Mathew Rae: HPD has sent out notices regarding fire prevention, those who have received the must respond.

The Congressman Ed Towns and Assemblyman Darryl Towns will host their 24th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Boys and Girls High School on Thursday, November 26, 2009 from 11:30am to 2:30pm. For more information contact Karen Cherry at 718-272-1175

Ms. Dent: The RBSCC is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors at 319 Stanhope Street at 11am Thanksgiving Day. Drivers and volunteers are needed.

The Chairperson and the District Manager thanked all for attending the meeting and for all to have a nice and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm