

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 2010
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (Corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, December 15, 2010 Community Board meeting at 6:50pm.

The Chairperson stated that tonight's board meeting will be shortened in order to say thank you to the many people that regularly attend the meeting in order to make sure that the Bushwick Community is doing well.

The abbreviated meeting will also allow the Chairperson to thank the Board Members who give their time and effort for the community and whose help and support is deeply appreciated.

The Chairperson asked the District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted call the first roll.

Roll Call: 30 members present constituting a quorum.

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

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The previous month's was accepted by Ms. Martha Brown and seconded by Mr. Cyril Joseph. All members present were in favor.

Chairperson's Report:

The Chairperson's report is informational and all was asked to read the information attached to the agenda.

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

- 1) Italia Guerrero – Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz' Office, 209 Joralemon Street, 718-802-4032
- 2) Debra Dilan – NY State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, 59 Maiden Lane, 212-383-2665
- 3) William Harris - Assemblyman Vito Lopez, 53rd Assembly District, 434 South 5th Street, 718-963-7029
- 4) Benjamin Fleming – Assemblywoman Annette Robinson, 56th Assembly District, Restoration Plaza – 1360 Fulton St., Suite 417, 718-399-7630
- 5) Alejandro Echeverri – Councilmember Diana Reyna, 34th Council District, 217 Havemeyer Street, 718-963-3141
- 6) Johnny Joyner – Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 17th Senatorial District, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-573-1726

Mr. Jason Otano – Attorney for the Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz's Office: Mr. Otano introduced himself to the Board and audience. Any issues, interest or concerns regarding Borough Hall should be directed to Mr. Jason Otano at 718-802-3862.

Mr. Otano also mentioned that more board members are needed; anyone interested in becoming a board member can apply.

District Managers Report:

The District Manager wished all a happy holiday season and good health.

Committee Reports

Economic & Development Committee (EDC) – Meeting will be held in the upcoming weeks.

Environmental Protection/Transportation Committee Meeting (EPT) Held on Thursday, December 9, 2010 – Informational, attached to agenda.

Housing & Land Use Committee Meeting (HLU) Held Tuesday November 30, 2010 – Informational, attached to agenda

Public Safety Committee Meeting (PSC) Held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 – Informational, attached to agenda

New Business:

In November 2010 board member Ms. Avellar Hansley recently lost her husband. Ms. Hansley thanked everyone for their prayers and support as she goes through her difficult loss.

Ms. Dent stated that the board appreciates and thanked Ms. Hansley for always being there and for her continued service to the Bushwick Community.

Announcements:

Sharon Wong, Community Development Manager: NYC Food Fitness Partnership

Their 1st Initiative is to help change or improve the quality of school lunch room food. On December 16, 2010 there will be a Parent Engagement Training Program at IS 291 from 6pm to 8pm. This training will help parents understand how the Office of School Food works.

Ms. Wong hopes to make a presentation to the board in the near future.

Oscar Heath Jr., NYC Department of Health & Hygiene: Mr. Heath is working with the bodegas in helping them to stock healthier foods in their stores. The Health Department would also like for the bodegas to stock these healthier items at the front part of the store thus allowing these items easier accessibility to patrons.

Hillary Klein, Making the Road New York: "New York City Coalition for a Smoke Free City"- In their effort to make more public places such as parks and beaches smoke free they ask the everyone to call their local council person and ask them to support that effort.

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, December 16, 2010 at: 7:30pm. A representative from Wyckoff Hospital will be there.

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm. **Meeting adjourned.**