

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent introduced herself and welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, March 20, 2013 monthly board meeting at 6:40PM.

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

Roll Call: 29 members present constituting a quorum.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Ms. Martha Brown and second by Ms. JoAnne Grant. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes with any necessary corrections. The previous meeting's minutes was accepted by Rev. Mathew Rae and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All board members present were in favor.

Chairperson's Report

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

- 1) Alexandra Pena Representing Senator Martin M. Dilan, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-573-1726
- 2) Italia Granshaw Representing Borough President Marty Markowitz, 209 Joralemon Street, 718-802-4032
- 3) Celeste Leon Representing Assemblyman Rafael Espinal, 840 Jamaica Avenue, 718-235-5627
- 4) Antonio Reynosa Representing Councilmember Diana Reyna, 217 Havemeyer Street, 718-963-3141

Representatives from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Police Officer McBride - 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 2) William Fitchett, FDNY Battalion Chief – Battalion 28, 392 Himrod Street, 718-965-8328
- 3) Maggie Mangual – Wyckoff Heights Hospital-Positive Health Management 342 Stanhope Street, 718-508-4669
- 4) Zulma Novoa – NYC Department of Mental Health & Hygiene, 485 Throop Avenue, 646-253-5855
- 5) Boniface WeWe, NYC Public Library, Washington Avenue Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-628-8378

As discussed at the Executive Committee meeting it is time for the Board to review the By-Laws in order to make any necessary changes and /or adjustments. Ms. Dent asked to convene an Ad-Hoc By-Law Committee. She asked for approximately five (5) members to volunteer for this position.

- 1) Cyril Joseph
- 2) Elvena Davis
- 3) Cirilo Nunez
- 4) Martha Brown
- 5) Robert Camacho

The Chairperson asked for an Ad-Hoc Nomination Committee. This committee will also conduct the Board of Elections in April 2013. She asked that five (5) members volunteer for the committee.

- 1) Gladys Puglla
- 2) Barbara Smith
- 3) Mary McClellan
- 4) Virgie Jones
- 5) Raul Rubio

The Chairperson and the District Manager and others were invited to witness the **ROSA PARKS FOREVER STAMP CELEBRATION**. The United States Postal Service – Triboro District hosted this magnificent event on

Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Trey Whitfield School. The Stamp revealing was in honor of women's history month.

NYC-Coalition for a Smoke Free City Celebrated a major victory to protect our youth and prohibit tobacco displays in New York City stores. The new proposal would regulate the Tobacco industry's use of power walls in stores and the pricing of tobacco products.

On March 18th the Mayor and the City council announced a proposal that would restrict the use of tobacco displays in NYC retail stores. NYC will become the first city in the United States to take this bold step to protect youth from big Tobacco marketing tactics.

In addition the NYC Council also proposed a new set of Sensible Tobacco Enforcement Pricing initiatives. These would increase the fines and penalties for selling untaxed tobacco.

Some years ago, Community Board #4 partnered with the NYC Coalition for a Smoke Free City, after learning how tobacco advertising is targeted to youth through store placement of ads.

The MESA Charter School has been approved by a vote of 8-0, the Panel for Education policy approved MESA's siting at 231 Palmetto Street. While many co-locations are very controversial, MESA has been fortunate to have tremendous support from the Department of Education, the Charter School Office at SED, and most importantly, the parents, students, educators, and community leaders in Bushwick.

MESA Charter School is seeking to fill the following positions:

- 1) Administrative Positions: Director of School Culture and Operations Associates
- 2) Teaching / counseling: 9th Grade Writing Seminar Teacher
- 3) Algebra Teacher
- 4) Living Environment Teacher
- 5) Bilingual School Counselor/Social Worker

Strong candidates should send resume to asamuels@mesacharter.org

Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School Admissions Instant Decision Day on Saturday, March 23, 2013. The school's admissions committee will interview applicants, answer questions, and inform the applicants of their decisions. Applicants need to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and submit the following information prior to the interview:

- 1) Most recent report card for current school year reflecting results through mid-year
- 2) Full year report card from last year (7th grade from freshman applicant and 8th grade for sophomore transfer applicant)
- 3) A copy of their most recent standardized test results in Math and Language Arts.
- 4) Copy of the birth certificate (Applicant must be 14 by September 2013)
- 5) Contact Ms. Marie Bathelmy-Director of Admissions at 718-455-3555 or visit www.cristoreybrooklyn.org
- 6) An Editor of the NY Times is doing a project entitled: The unofficial "mayors" of city neighborhoods and blocks (with stories, videos, slideshows, etc.) They are looking for nominees.
- 7) The nominee should not be an elected official. However, people young or old with local influence and a reputation of getting things done and for being an unforgettable character is being sought. Send a sentence or two about "mayors" to Ms. Emily S. Rueb at rueb@nytimes.com
- 8) Project Safe Surrender: Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30, 2013 at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. The Court and Defense Attorneys will be available to resolve any outstanding summons and warrants. For more information call: 718-250-3888, www.projectsafesurrender.org

District Manager's Report: 7:01PM

February, 21 2012: Ms. Whitted met with Ms. Lauren Smith from Bushwick Open Studio, who explained her role within the organization as an Art Educator. They are planning to have an event in the Maria Hernandez Park with the groups to display their art work.

Ms. Whitted also met with Mr. J. Ficalora and Mr. B. Ciaravino who are planning an event on Scott Avenue on Sunday June 2, 2013.

February 26, 2013: Attended the United States Postal Service (USPS) Customer Advisory Council (CAC). Mr. Ed Roggencamp, Brooklyn/Queens Post Master stated that the 5 day delivery announcement made by the Post Master General is not 100% concrete yet; perhaps there will be a decision by August 2013. Mr. Roggencamp noted that 450 positions were lost in Brooklyn and that non-career employees will be hired to replace them. These replacements workers will receive no benefits.

Roxanne Hussein – Marketing Representative remarked on the growth in parcels mailing. USPS has GOPOST installed recently at the Williamsburg Post Office located at 263 South 4th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

The premise is you can do shipping and receiving of parcels 24 hours per day, 7 days per week which will eliminated waiting on couriers or going to the post office.

Many community residents and board members have experience poor, unacceptable mail delivery service and have brought the lack of or extremely late mail delivery to the district manager's attention. As a member of the postal Advisory Committee her role is to bring issues and concerns to the powers that be with the hopes of having the problems resolved. It may take some time however this matter has been brought to their immediate attention and they have advised her that they are working on it. Ms. Whitted will continue to a vociferous advocate for the community.

If you are experiencing mail delivery problems please bring them to the District Manager's attention; please call the Community Board's office at 718-628-8400.

February 27, 2013: Met with Mr. Bob Tuttle, Professor of NYU with his students, they are studying the community.

March 4, 2013: Attended the Combined Civic & Religious Committee along with the Health, Hospitals & Human Services Committee Meeting

March 5, 2013: Attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting

The 83rd Precinct Community Affairs Officer hosted a meeting for block association

March 6, 2013: Attended the Executive Committee meeting

March 13, 2013: Met with NYC Transit Authority, NYPD concerning the wall and walk way under the overpass on Stewart Street from Broadway to Bushwick Avenue. This area is where the L train travels from Broadway Junction to the Bushwick Aberdeen Street Station stop.

From observation by several people the brick wall is bulging and huge cracks. The area needs to be better secured.

The TA is investigating and working closely with other agencies to see if the entire pass way could be bricked closed from both sides.

March 14, 2013: ROSA PARKS forever stamp unveiling

OTHER ISSUES: As we embark upon Spring and Summer 2013 many groups, blocks, churches and others plan for activity which involve Street Closing Permits. The requirements are constantly changing. All requests must be submitted to the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) 90 days (3 months) prior to the event. Anyone interested in having an event must come to the Community Board's #4 first to pick up a petition. The petition consists of the residence's signatures, address and telephone numbers in their agreement to having the block closed. Once the petition has been signed by the majority of the residents on the block please return it to the office. We will then give you a date. Thereafter you will finish the processing of your application by going online to SAPO website. The processing fee is \$25.75 using a credit or debit card.

Due to quality of life complaints, shootings, homicides, stabbings, the following blocks must contact the Community Affairs Unit to start a block association and work to improve the quality of life on their block and they must also attend the 83rd PCT. Community Council Monthly Meetings:

1. Aberdeen Street between Bushwick Avenue and the Dead End

2. Bleecker Street between Central / Wilson Avenues
3. Cornelia Street between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
4. Cornelia Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
5. Cornelia Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
6. Decatur Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
7. DeKalb Avenue between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
8. Dekalb Avenue between Irving / Wyckoff Avenues
9. DeSales Place between Bushwick Avenue and the Dead End
10. Eldert Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue
11. Eldert Street between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
12. Fayette Street between Broadway / Beaver Street
13. Gates Avenue between Evergreen / Central Avenues
14. Halsey Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue
15. Hancock between Central / Wilson Avenues
16. Harman Street between Central / Wilson Avenues
17. Himrod Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues
18. Jefferson Avenue between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
19. Linden Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue
20. Linden Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenue
21. Menahan Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenue
22. Moffat Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues
23. Moffat Street between Central / Wilson Avenues
24. Park Street between Broadway / Beaver Street
25. Pilling Street between Bushwick / Evergreen Avenues
26. Pilling Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues
27. Putnam Avenue between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
28. Putnam Avenue between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
29. Schaeffer Street between Central / Wilson Avenues
30. Schaeffer Street between Wilson / Knickerbocker Avenues
31. Schaeffer Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
32. Suydam Street between Wyckoff / St. Nicholas Avenues
33. Stanhope Street between Evergreen / Central Avenues
34. Stanhope Street between Knickerbocker / Irving Avenues
35. Weirfield Street between Broadway / Bushwick Avenue

If your block is listed please contact the 83rd PCT. Community Affairs Officers: PO D. Franco and PO N. Robinson at 718-574-1697.

Last month the District Manager reported on a very informative presentation made by the KCDA Office of Gangs. Now that effort is being duplicated in the community on April 9th at the Bushwick Campus School located at 400 Irving Avenue from 7pm to 9pm. This workshop is being sponsored by the 83rd Pct. and the Kings County District Attorney's Office (KCDA).

NYPD-Community Affairs Bureau's Juvenile Justice Division is sponsoring BROOKLYN NORTH YOUTH SUMMIT on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Location: I.S. 318, 370 Fountain Avenue. The purpose of the summit is to educate the community regarding youth crews/trends in their respective neighborhoods. Teenagers, community leaders, representatives of Community Based Organizations that work with youth are invited and encouraged to attend. The forum is opened to Teachers, Clergy and concerned citizens. The presentation will commence promptly at 6:45PM. Contact NYPD Community Affairs Bureau at 212-343-3707 for more information.

Kings County District Attorney Hynes Office is presenting a contest to stop bullying by sponsoring an Anti-Bullying Video Contest. The winner will have their video shown at the Press Conference. The deadline for all submissions is Tuesday, April 30th, 2013. Students are encouraged to submit their videos as soon as possible. Don't delay and miss out on this unique opportunity to help address the serious topic of bullying.

The goal of the contest is to raise the consciousness of not only students but teachers, administrators and parents to the reality of bullying and how each of them has to take a stand and be a part of solving this problem. If more young people stood up against bullying, then the phenomenon would likely diminish over time.

Guidelines:

- 1) What is bullying?
- 2) How does bullying make you feel?
- 3) What does a bully look like?
- 4) What should you do if you are being bullied?
- 5) How can you stop a bully?

Videos will be judged on the level of creativity and content. Students are encouraged to use music, dancing or pictures to effectively deliver an anti-bullying message.

Once completed, students enter the contest by uploading their video as a response to the "DA Hynes Announces Anti-Bullying video" which can be found at: www.youtube.com/kingscountyda.

At the last Community Board Meeting the District Manager was told by a reporter that we are the only community board that refuses to tell residents what businesses have applied for liquor licenses. While this has broadened the scope of how the board disseminates information the board will now state the names and addresses of businesses that are approved or disapproved.

Another incident that deserves a response is the article written by the NY Post Newspaper which stated that while Mayor Bloomberg wants to encourage tourism in outer boroughs, folks should be careful because Bushwick is an "unsettled" community. Gentrified residents are afraid to invite relatives from places like Florida to visit because they wouldn't understand loft living.....

The article should have been about how the NYPD subdued an EDP (Emotional Disturbed Person) without shooting him or killing him.

The 1st Vice Chairperson, Ms. Martha Brown stated that she will send a letter to the New York Post.

The Department of Transportation gave the Community Board a schedule of the Milling and Paving that is now being done in the Bushwick Community. The work that is being done, was scheduled for last year but wasn't able to be done until this year.

Committee Reports: 7:27PM

Civic and Religious Committee (CRC) & Health, Hospital & Human Services Committee (HHH): Ms. Elvena Davis and Ms. Mary McClellan, Committee Chairpersons, March 4, 2013, 4PM

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: M. McClellan, E. Davis, Rev. M. Rae, A. Hansley and Rev. Aytes

Others Attending: N. Whitted-District Manager, M. Mangual-Wyckoff Heights Medical Center (PHM), C. Fuksman-NYPCC, Z. Novoa-NYC-DHMH, Rev. L. Phillips-Weill Cornell College, S. Davis-Woodhull Hospital

Items Discussed:

1. 2013 Parade and festivities date: Thursday, June 6, 2013 Theme: Shape-Up Bushwick
2. The host location-Irving Square Park located on Halsey Street. Unfortunately the park does not have an electrical source; therefore Ms. Davis volunteered the use of two generators which will need to be transported to the park on the date of the event.
3. Parade Route Adjustment-Beginning at Chauncey Street and Bushwick Avenue (parking lot of 1420 Bushwick Avenue) Chauncey Street to Evergreen Avenue to Weirfield Street to park.
4. Letters written with responses:
 - DPR-K. Koch – Director of Shape Up NY (We will have an aerobics instructor who will headline the parade and conduct an aerobic session at the park)
 - Wyckoff Heights Hospital – will provide 150 wrap sandwiches for lunch
 - Cornell University Cooperative Extension – will prepare healthy snacks: salsa and pineapple freeze
 - Power-Gy LLC.- Fitness workout session and yoga session at the park
 - EcoStation: NY- on board for healthy snacks
5. Awaiting Responses from the following:

- Health First – requested clown and give away bags for children
- Health Plus- requested balloons, tooth brushes, tote bags, hand sanitizers
- Bogopa Corporation- requested water, seltzer, juice, fruit vegetables yogurt, etc...

6. On June 6th Brooklyn/Queens Day schools will be in session-Letters were sent 36 district schools requesting a minimum of 25 students with accompanying supervisors to partake in the festivities.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 4:00PM at the Community Board's office located at 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370.

7. Work in Progress:

- Letters to local learning centers and day care centers
- Investigating the cost of portable toilets for the park
- Letters to Elected Officials, CBO, Churches and Block Associations
- Development of Registration Form
- Development of Save the Date / Press Release

Parks & Recreation Committee (PRC): Mr. Robert Camacho, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 3PM

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: Robert Camacho, Committee Chairperson, Carlos Feliciano

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted-District Manager, Police Officers Franco & Robinson-83rd Pct. Community Affairs Unit, PO Vickie Bedore-NYPD PAL, Katherine Medina, Narcisa Carvajao, Carmen Gonzalez-NYC Councilmember Reyna's Office, Roy Martin-Million Trees NYC

1) Million Trees NYC – Roy Martin spoke on the 2007 mayoral goal to plant 1 million trees in New York. Mr. Martin spoke about the care workshops that he presents to any organization including churches, schools, block association, etc. This workshop is available any day during the week including Saturday and Sunday. At the workshop attendees learn tree care and are offered tools, flowers and other gifts. They will spend the day beautifying the trees on the block. The only requirement is that at least 10 people partake in the workshop and adopt the trees.

The Tree LC Handbook was made available to the committee and there was a small supply left at the office. These workshops are given in English and Spanish. Mr. Martin can be reached at roy.martin@parks.nyc.gov. To schedule a workshop please call 212-360-1360 or 917-662-5244.

2) NYPD – 83rd Pct. /PAL Dialogue: Offering something positive to youth instead of youngsters looking to involve themselves in gang activity.
Programming Idea:

Parks Recreation Committee offer slots in local parks for the NYPD and Youth ages 8-13 years of age to interact. The Beacon has year round programs for children and parents, such as baseball, basketball etc. These programs will help kids to see that they can approach a Police Officer. A suggestion was made to advertise the program informing person of the day of the week (once a week) where community can meet the organization.

This program will help children at this age to stay busy and out of trouble since they will not be able to get summer jobs.

Ms. Gonzales representing NYC Councilmember Reyna is interested in developing a pamphlet with all the youth organizations funded in the community.

PO Franco identified two Public Schools where recreational activities can begin after dismissal:

- PS 299 – 88 Woodbine Street: from 3PM to 5PM, volley ball and handball (6 weeks)
- PS 45 – 84 Schaeffer Street from 3PM to 5PM, basketball, track and field (6 weeks)

During the months of July and August a basketball/baseball dialogue where leagues teach the fundamentals of the sport – similar to a sport clinic. Community Board members Mr. Robert Camacho and Mr. Carlos Feliciano agreed to run the sport clinics. As a finale an activity like Obstacle Course at Hope Park during the month of September where all youngsters can participate was suggested.

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 6PM, Location: 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue (Muster Room), Brooklyn, NY
Members Attended: Barbara Smith –Committee Chairperson, Freddy Fowler, Mary McClellan, Rev. Grace Aytes, Victoria Fernandez, Cirilo Nunez, Avellar Hansley, JoAnne Grant, Takiyah Ali
Others Attending: Nadine Whitted- District Manager, NYPD Police Officers: D. Franco & N. Robinson, T McBride, and Silent Barns representatives G.L. Crane and A. Moore

The PSC Chairperson asked that her report be read by the District Manager.
This meeting was hosted in two sessions

Session Number One – NYS Liquor License Requests

- 1) Myles Atherton/Michael Ireland Partners (Terry Flynn Representatives) 3 Country LLC – 211 Knickerbocker Avenue between Troutman & Jefferson Street – Application ON HOLD
- 2) Eva Sanchez – Los Marineros Corp. Claribel Restaurant 128 Wyckoff Avenue – Renewal Application for WB/Restaurant/Juke Box – Application APPROVED
Committee Recommends Sunday Closing at Midnight, with APPROVAL
- 3) Rachel Nelson/Erik Zajaceskowski Partners (Anthony Caraballo Representative) Happy Fun Hideaway (intended to be a Café and Art Gallery) functioning mainly as a Café with food and drinks – 1211 Myrtle Avenue between Charles Place & Bushwick Avenue) New Application for LWB/Tavern/Gardens (ONLY AT THIS LOCATION) – Application ON HOLD
- 4) Brain Vasquez – Arianita’s Restaurant Corp. 1576 Greene Avenue (Corner of Cypress Avenue) New application WM/RESTAURANT/JUKE BOX.
The Committee Recommends Sunday Closing at Midnight, with APPROVAL
- 5) Maritza Rosa-EI Gran Malecon Restaurant Inc. 234 Knickerbocker Avenue between Starr and Troutman Streets. New Application for WB/RESTAURANT/JUKE BOX. This location was previously closed for Quality of Issues, now under a different operator. Under new operators was told that Sunday Closing is Midnight, with APPROVAL.

Session Number Two – Block Associations

The purpose of the meeting was outlined by NYPD Officer D. Franco – Community Affairs Unit
The Block Associations Registration Form and Guidelines and Tips were distributed at the meeting. PO Franco stated that this is the second meeting where local block associations are invited to the precinct to interact with the Community Affairs Unit. PO Franco and her partner PO Robinson are available to attend block association meetings. Their phone number is: 718-574-1697 and their email addresses are damarys.franco@nypd.org and Natalie.robinson@nypd.org for contact purposes.

The new FTAP – Police Officer McBride was introduced and he spoke of the program and invited the block associations to contact him regarding buildings which are abandoned, opened, or have absentee owner with a lot of traffic.

PO Franco said that she will continue to invite the block associations to both the 83rd Community Council and the Community Board’s general meetings.

With respect to street closure requests the following information was given:

- All no parking signs and sound permits must be obtained the Wednesday prior to the Saturday or Sunday events
- Applicants are responsible for notifying each resident of the block as well as placing copies of NO PARKING SIGNS on all vehicles.
- Churches requesting permits must share time with residents on the block – 4 hours a piece. The 83rd Pct. asks that the Church and the block residents work together.

- All requests must comply with requirements set forth by Community Board #4 (A petition of signatures, addresses and daytime working phone numbers are required by the majority of the residence living on the block)
- No vehicles can be used to block the streets from traffic
- Applicants are responsible to make sure that emergency vehicles can get through on the date of the event

Youth and Education Committee (YEC): Ms. Virgie Jones, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 5:30PM Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Members Attending: Julie Dent

Members Excused: Virgie Jones

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted –District Manager, Jose Gonzales-Bushwick United Head Start, Rebecca Rodriguez-Grand Street Settlement, Susan Bakst-Ascend Learning (Manager Community Outreach and Student Recruitment)

Items Discussed:

Educational facilities within the district have new sponsorship and or affiliates, the meeting presented an opportunity for the community to learn of any changes or adjustments in operations.

Grand Street Settlement, formerly Bethesda Day Care Center located at 319 Stanhope Street

The Grand Street Settlement applied through the RFP –Early Learn and was awarded five sites – one of which is the 319 Stanhope Street site, which consist of 4-class rooms. They are merging the stand alone day care into Early Learn by implementing the Performance Standards.

Ms. Rodriguez spoke of a collaborative Model with components involving:

- Family workers-social services-described as family and Community engagements partnering with different programs within the community
- Dual Center –“Cool Culture” program with head Start –parents can take cultural centered trips to museums, etc.
- Assessments are performed –where help is needed they now have the community referral sources throughout the community.
- Disability – from the Head Start – 10% of the students must have a disability –speech delayed, functioning below level. The disability coordinator does observation and makes appropriate referral.

Ms. Rodriguez gave a breakdown of the four classes at 319 Stanhope Street:

2 – UPK (Universal Pre-K) 4 years old	-	20 students
1 – Classroom – with 3 years old	-	16 students
1 – Classroom with 3 & 4 year olds	-	17 students

Enrollment capacity: 74, there no after school programs. The day will begin at 8AM and end at 6PM

Bushwick United Head Start program – Mr. Jose Gonzalez Executive Director gave an overview of his organization which started here in the Bushwick Community in 1974. Today the organization has 8 centers; five of them are in the Bushwick section. The program’s total capacity is 695 children between child care and head start with 14 classes of integrated services for special needs children. Mr. Gonzalez noted that lack in services for the special needs population is what drove the collaboration with the United Community Services organization. 36% of Bushwick United Head Start’s children are those with special needs. He employs a staff of 150.

Mr. Gonzales noted that the Early Learn RFP was a great move for the NYC. He noted how organizations must adapt to incorporate the two programs together.

Mr. Gonzalez suggested implementing clusters around the community to share information with all directors so that they know what exactly to do and what they can gain from each other.

Mr. Gonzalez gave the location of which his organization now has: 741 Flushing Avenue, 600 Hart Street, 200 Central Avenue and 152 Manhattan Avenue

Audrey Johnson learning Center: Ms. Julie Dent noted that the center applied for the Dual Program under the RFP after looking at the big pictures and recognizing that survival on city dollars was not enough to sustain the center. Therefore they applied under dual which also incorporated Federal dollars.

LIFE (Labor Industry for Education) main office is in Cedarhurst. They are the sponsoring board of programs in Williamsburg and Coney Island. They have collaborated with John Coker and Audrey Johnson under the Early learn Initiative as of October 2012. Ms. Dent stated that the Audrey Johnson Learning Center has been serving this community for the last 40 years and Ms. Dent has been the Executive Director for the past 16 years. She listed her various positions in child care from a Teacher's Aide to Educational Director. Today she holds the dual title of Executive /Educational Director.

During Women History Month – prominent women from the community will read to the children and tell them a little bit about themselves and also have lunch with the children. Ms. Dent gave a copy of her brochure describing the core of the program, although the brochure is being revised to eliminate DYDC. The AJ Learning Center does have 4 class rooms with 100% enrollment, 75 Pre-school and 60 after school.

Ms. Dent clarified her center from the LIFE Program in which is now the operators of the former Roundtable Child care Center as there is no affiliation.

Recommendations: 7:50PM

The PSC Recommendations to approve the following:

1).Los Marineros Corp., 128 Wyckoff Avenue (Corner of Stanhope Street) they are requesting a renewal of their Liquor License.

Motion to approve was motioned by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Mr. Robert Camacho. No abstentions. All members present were in favor. Motioned Carried.

2).Happy Fun Hideaway (Intended to be a Café and Art Gallery) 1211 Myrtle Avenue between Charles Place and Bushwick Ave. Requesting a full liquor License. The approval is only for the 1211 Myrtle Avenue address and not for an adjacent lot- which constituted another address.

Motion to approve was motioned by Ms. Elvena Davis and second Mr. Victor Villamar. Mr. Austen Martinez opposed. No abstentions. Motioned Carried.

3) Arianita's restaurant Corp., 1576 Greene Avenue (corner of Cypress Avenue) New application for a full liquor license. The Committee recommends approval with closing at midnight on Sunday. Motion to approve was motioned by Rev. Grace Aytes and second by Gladys Puglla. All in favor. Mr. V. Villamar abstains to the closing at midnight on Sundays. Motion Carried.

4.) El Gran Malecon Restaurant Inc., 234 Knickerbocker Avenue between Starr and Troutman Streets. A request for a wine, beer restaurant license. This location is under a new operator. The new operator was told that Sunday closing is at midnight. The Committee's approval is with the closing at midnight on Sundays. Motion to approve was motioned by Rev. Matthew Rae and second by Ms. Virgie Jones. All in favor. Abstentions were made by Mr. Victor Villamar, Mr. Raul Rubio & Mr. A. Martinez. Motion Carried.

Old Business

The Housing and Land Use Committee working closely with the District Manager along with the Community Board's intern. They are working on a letter that is to be sent to the Elected Official concerning the need to look at the zoning issues in Bushwick.

Ms. Martha Brown the committee chairperson updated the board on the letter thus far.

Ms. Brown read the letter to the Board Members. Ms. Brown stated that if there were no objections the letter will be sent to the Elected Officials.

The motion to send the letter to the Elected Officials was motioned by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Barbara Smith. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

Rev. M. Rae: The garbage on Bushwick Avenue and Furman Avenue will be finally getting removed.

Ms. Julie Dent: New Board Member applications are available. Those members who have yet to renew should return their applications to the Borough President's Office as soon as possible. New Board Members are needed; people interested in helping the district to be a better community should apply by contacting the Brooklyn Borough President's Office of the board's office for an application.

Announcements: 8:10PM

Antonio Reynosa Representing Councilmember Diana Reyna: Congratulation on “Women’s History Month!!!”

Mr. Reynosa stated that he will work on starting block associations on the blocks that are not being allowed to Conduct street activities.

Youth Conference: Friday, April 4th at the Bushwick United Methodist Parish at 4:30PM, located - 1139 Bushwick Avenue for kids 14-19 years of age. The event will then move to the Salvation Army on and Saturday April 5th. Please contact Councilmember Reyna’s office for more information.

Celeste Leon Representing Assemblyman Rafael Espinal: Local Office Hours are earlier in April. Also there will be a Town Hall Meeting at the end of April 2013, more information is forthcoming.

Evelyn Cruz Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez:

National Deficit	Section 8 cuts, \$88 million cut for low income families. 8,000 vouchers being cut
Closing of the Social Security Office	Veterans - \$185 million cut
Education – Head Start programs being cut- which would include teachers, teacher’s aide	Paid Sick Days for workers
	Wage Increase to \$10 -12 per hour increase

Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library Washington Avenue Branch: The branch reopened March 4th. There are two branches that were closed due to Hurricane Sandy: Coney Island & Dayton Beach The Red Hook Branch will reopen at the end of March. The mayor is seeking to cut their budget by \$30 million. This will cause young ones to not have a place to go and loss of jobs, etc.

Silent Barn: Upcoming Events. See Flyers for more Information

Charles Hynes Kings County District Attorney’s Office announces the 3rd Annual Legal Lives Anti-Bullying Video Contest (See District Manager’s report)

Ms. Italia Granshaw, Brooklyn Borough Presidents Marty Markowitz Age –Friendly NYC - BWICA Educational Fund, Inc. & NYC Business Solution invites you to their Brooklyn Senior Banking Summit. Topic Includes: NYS Basic Banking, Community Reinvestment Act, Age Friendly banking, Age Friendly Commerce, Banks and Credit Unions in Brooklyn Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 9:00AM to Noon, Place: Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dine in Brooklyn: 22 restaurants listed in Williamsburg. Ms. Granshaw will see why there are no restaurants listed from Bushwick.

Board Members vacancies, please call her office if interested at 718-802-4032.

Corbin Carroll, National Association of Letter Carriers Need your Support!!! Please call your Elected Officials to keep Saturday Postal Delivery. Please Contact Hakeem Jefferies at 202-225-5936 and your local Senators at 888-987-3602 Tell them you would like to keep mail delivery 6 days a week.

Ms. Dent thanked the Hope Gardens Multi service Center for allowing Community Board #4 host their meetings at their facility.

83rd Precinct gang Workshop: April 9th, 2013 at 7PM to 9PM at the Bushwick Campus, 400 Irving Avenue Between Putnam Avenue and Woodbine Street. For more information contact: PO Robinson or PO Franco at 718-574-1697 or Yanuski Rodriguez at 718-250-2565.

Wyckoff Pediatric Care Center has moved to 1411 Myrtle Avenue (corner of Harman Street) Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 8AM to 8PM
For more information please call 718-907-4301

Shape Up NYC: Cardio Sculpt, free aerobic workout open to the public every Wednesday at 5:30PM, conference room ABC, 5th Floor. Workout gear and yoga mat are required – maximum of 40 persons
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, 374 Stockholm Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237
Contact: Allison Smith, 718-963-7345/ Daniella Fairbairn, 718-302-8490

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 8:30PM