

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, May 15, 2013  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

The District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, May 15, 2013 monthly board meeting at 6:40PM.

Ms. Nadine Whitted called the first roll call.

**Roll Call: 6:40PM** 21 members present constituting a quorum.

Ms. Whitted asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Ms. Miriam Lamboy and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Whitted asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes with any necessary corrections. The previous meeting's minutes was accepted by Ms. Martha Brown and second by Mr. Freddy Fowler. All board members present were in favor.

**District Manager's Report: 6:47PM**

Ms. Whitted attended many meetings during the past month since the last board meeting here is a brief summary of such meetings:

Tuesday April 23, 2013 –

Attended the United States Postal Service Community Advisory Meeting in which they spoke about the 5 day mail delivery which was supposed to start in August 2013-has been placed on hold for now.

PASSPORT – You can apply for a passport without an appointment at the Cadman Plaza Post office located at 271 Cadman Plaza East. The office has dedicated additional windows for obtaining a passport. The extended hours are Monday through Friday from 9AM to 7PM and Saturdays from 9AM to 4PM. There is a passport photo service available on-site with on-site express mail service for an additional charge.

Ms. Whitted attended the Borough Board Meeting on behalf of the Chairperson, Ms. Dent.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 –

Kings County District Attorney's Community Meeting

District Attorney Charles Hynes gave an update on several issues that have been addressed at recent past meetings:

TBO (True Bosses Only) Gang arrested: Out of the 41 arrested, 9 Pleaded Guilty and 18 are still incarcerated

14 Woodbine Street: Unoccupied three story building is now sealed

22 Woodbine Street: Now occupied

30 Woodbine Street: Padlocked

Since 2011 there have been 339 prostitutes arrested in the area

There has been a tremendous amount of NYPD Officers increase due to a report of sexual assaults within the confines of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., during the 4-12 shifts in the area of Knickerbocker Avenue towards the East boarder or the 104<sup>th</sup> Pct. There is increase patrol by NYPD Transit District 33 at Halsey Street, Dekalb Avenue and at the Wyckoff/Myrtle Avenue Train Stations.

The District Attorney complimented the work that the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., Fire Dept., the Kings County District Attorney's Office and the other agencies have done in closing down 18 Stewart Street due to their horrible work conditions.

Thursday, April 25, 2013 –

The District Manager met with Mr. Robert Camacho the Parks and Recreation Chairperson and the NYPD's 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs with respect to the upcoming parade for the Sports Organizations being held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 9AM to 5PM. The host location of the event will be at Hope Park. The District Manager applied for the permit from the Department of Parks and Recreation. If more than 1000 participants are involved the NYPD can charge fees for

manpower overtime. The \$45 sound permit is required for the event. Each participating organization will have 30 minutes at the podium to speak.

No vehicles will be allowed. The meeting point is Hope Park. Each league or organization will be assigned to an area in the park which they are responsible for cleaning.

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 –  
Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2013 –  
Civic & Religious Committee / Health, Hospital & Human Services Committee (See report)

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 –  
NYU invited the District Manager along with other guests to listen to an Urban Planning Method class whose mission was to gather and analyze information on Bushwick. Zoning in Bushwick was one of the main issues discussed at the meeting.

Attended the Public Safety Meeting (See report)

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 –  
Toured the Brooklyn Navy Yard (wonderful things going on there)

Monday, May 13, 2013 –  
Hosted the nomination Committee

Other Issues-

MTA- Transit Authority

The normal L line subway service between Lorimer Street in Brooklyn and the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Manhattan will be replaced by shuttle buses in Brooklyn to the Marcy Avenue Train Station J station and augmented M14 bus service in Manhattan during the weekends of May 25-28 and June 22-24, 2013 due to important repair work in the line's pump rooms. The June 22-24 weekend has replaced the weekend of June 15-17, which originally had been scheduled.

NYC Department of Transportation – Will install a speed humps at the following locations:

Linden Street between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue

Jefferson Avenue between Irving and Knickerbocker Avenue

Street Activity Guidelines has been submitted by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. for each individual applying for a street closes permit. Thus far the Community Board has approved 54 street closures. The next available date for a street closure is in September.

Greenest Block in Brooklyn –

The purpose of the Greenest Block in Brooklyn Contest is to promote streetscape gardening, tree stewardship, and community groups. The contest is free to enter. Winners will receive cash prizes for gardening tools and all participants will be awarded a recognition certificate. In addition to prizes for residential and commercial blocks, prizes are also awarded for Greenest Storefront, Best Street Tree Beds, Best Window Box, and Best Community Garden Streetscape.

To enter the Greenest Block in Brooklyn Contest – First Prize is a \$300 check for each top residential and commercial block winner. All other finalists will receive cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$200.

Best Window Box, Greenest Storefront, Best Street Tree Beds and best Community Garden Streetscape winners will receive cash prizes or gardening tools and all participants will be awarded a recognition certificate.

Winners will be announced in August 2013 at a press conference held on their block.

The Community Board's office received an interesting Fed-Ex package today from a new organization called the Bushwick Restaurant and Bar Alliance. It is the District Manager's hope that this organization works with assisting organizations particularly the NYPD and their Safe Spot Initiative. Ms. Whitted hopes that this organization invites other restaurants and liquor establishments that are not included on their list of 19 members. The District Manager stated that there have been a lot of people that have been in operation in this community and have had really nice establishments and for anybody to

come up with a new organization and leave them out is very hurtful. So she is hoping that at least invitations will be extended. As was stated last month we are not going to have a lopsided kind of a situation. If the board is going to endorse anybody we want to be holistic and we want to be inclusive.

North Brooklyn AIDS Awareness Coalition – Invites you to a NorthBrooklyn AIDS Awareness 3 mile walk on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 9AM. Starting at: Maria Hernandez Park between Knickerbocker Avenue and Suydam Street

Finishing at: La Nueva Esperanza on Humboldt Street between Johnson & Montrose Streets

Join us after the walk for our Fair for free food & talent show. Pre-register by calling Valery or Aisha at 718-497-7592 or email: [bkaidswalk2013@gmail.com](mailto:bkaidswalk2013@gmail.com)

Job Fair: Bring your resume and dress for success!! Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 10AM to 3PM.  
New Jerusalem Methodist Church, 484 Knickerbocker Avenue @ the corner of Menahan Street

Protect Your Identity – Shred your personal papers for FREE!  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Shred Fest, Sunday, May 19, 2013, 10AM to 4PM  
Contact or visit [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov) and search “shredfest” for more information

### **Chairperson’s Report: 7:00PM**

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent apologized for her tardiness; she was at a previous meeting. She extended a very belated Mother’s Day!!! Happy Mother’s Day, she stated to all mothers, grandmothers and mothers to be from her and the members of Community Board #4.

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

- 1) Celeste Leon Representing Assemblyman Rafael Espinal, 840 Jamaica Avenue, 718-235-5627
- 2) Alexandra Pena Representing Senator Martin M. Dilan, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-573-1726
- 3) Debra Dilan Representing NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, 59 Maiden Lane, NY, NY 10038, 212-383-2665
- 4) Chris Londi Representing Congressman Hakeem Jefferies, 55 Hanson Place, 718-237-2211

### **Representatives from City, State or Federal Agencies:**

- 1) PO Natalie Robinson, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs Unit, 718-574-1697
- 2) PO Damarys Franco, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs Unit, 718-574-1697
- 3) PO Melvin Kendall, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Youth Officer 718-574-1735 – Summer Camp available for youths 7 to 12 years of age
- 4) Boniface WeWe, NYC Public Library, Washington Avenue Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-628-8378
- 5) Maggie Mangual – Wyckoff Heights Medical Center -Positive Health Management Program, 342 Stanhope Street, Prevention Health Manager, 718-508-4669
- 6) Zulma Novoa – NYC Department of Mental Health & Hygiene, 485 Throop Avenue, 646-253-5855
- 7) Diane Williams - Treasurer of the Community Education Council for District 32
- 8) Jacquelyn Velez, Family Services Network, Outreach Program, 718-573-3358
- 9) North Brooklyn Coalition Against family Violence, 718-302-4073

Board Business – A draft copy of the By Laws were attached to the Chairperson’s report, she asked the board members review them and submit any comments to the Community Board’s office via email to [bk04@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bk04@cb.nyc.gov) or by calling the District Manager at 718-628-8400

Summer Emergency Meeting – The Department of City Planning has two Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) applications that are scheduled for certification and the Community Board’s response would be due during the July & August Summer break. The board will anticipate an emergency meeting in order to respond to the application.

Summer Youth Employment Program applications have been extended. The new deadline is Wednesday, May 22, 2013. SYEP will provide six weeks (July 8 – August 16) of entry level work for summer youths. Younger youths will work 20 hours per week and older youths will work 25 hours per week. For more information and to apply visit [www.nyc.gov/dycc](http://www.nyc.gov/dycc) or call 800-246-4646.

Relocation of the Cristo Rey High School located at Aberdeen Street in the Bushwick Community will close in Bushwick in June and re-locate to the East Flatbush neighborhood to a more modern suitable building (the former Catherine McAuley High School). Although they have been here for only five years, they have become a partner in the education system in the community and we will miss them and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

The Department of Education will host a public hearing on the proposal to Co-locate a new public charter school Pave II with existing schools, I.S. 347 and I.S. 349 in Building K-111, 35 Starr Street on June 11, 2013 at 6PM. Registration will begin at 5:30PM.

On June 13, 2013 at 6PM the Department of Education will host another Public Hearing on the Co-location of a new Charter School – Achievement First North Brooklyn Prep-Grades K-4. The location for the co-location is PS 377 located at 200 Woodbine Street.

All are invited to attend both of these very important Public Hearings. You do not need to be a parent to attend the Public Hearings.

### **Committee Reports: 7:14PM**

Civic and Religious Committee (CRC) & Health, Hospital & Human Services Committee (HHH): Ms. Elvena Davis and Ms. Mary McClellan, Committee Chairpersons, Monday May, 6, 2013, 4PM

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

Members Attending: Mary McClellan, Rev. Grace Aytes, Cyril Joseph, Rev. Matthew Rae

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted – DM, NYPD Officer Robinson, Karen Campbell, Magdalena Mangual- Wyckoff Heights Hospital PHM, Cruz Fuksman- NY Psychotherapy, Emilio Llopiz-Dept. of Parks & Recreation and Lula M. Phillips – Cornell medical College-CTSC

#### Items Discussed:

Community Board #4 plans for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Brooklyn Queens Day Parade and Celebration - Shape-Up-Bushwick Parade.

The Food Bazaar Supermarket will sponsor the event with a monetary voucher to be used in their store as in the past. Community Board #4 will present the Bogopá Food Corporation with a token of our appreciation and list them on the Program for the day. Ms. Whitted will contact Mr. Cruz twice prior to the event to schedule the shopping day.

Drivers and volunteers are needed to assist with shopping and storage of food items the day before the parade. The following individuals have volunteered their services: Ms. Elvena Davis, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs Unit, Ms. Cruz, Ms. McClellan, Rev. Rae, Ms. Dent and the District Manager

Coolers are needed to store appropriate food items the day before the parade.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the following volunteer members will be called the “Team” for the set-up and distribution: Mr. Cyril Joseph the team leader along with Rev. Aytes, Linda McKinley, Mr. Odolph Wright, Raul Rubio, Karen Campbell and Cruz Fuksman

All participating vendors and organizations must be at the park by 9AM for set-up.

On Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1PM the “Team” will meet at Irving Square Park with the Department of Parks.

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent acknowledged the presence of Judge Kathy King at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Whitted: The Community Board #4 started having their parade on Brooklyn/Queens Day since June 2006. This is the board’s 8<sup>th</sup> parade. There will be exercising, zumba, aerobics, yoga and a food demonstration and much more. The Wyckoff Heights Hospital will be providing healthy sandwich wraps.

The idea of having a parade was started by Mr. Cyril Joseph and each year a different theme is selected to highlight the parade. Past parades have honored our children, our fallen heroes, leaders in the community, organizations and much more. The parade gives the Community pride and a chance to honor ourselves.

The Health, Hospital and Human Services' Chairperson, Ms. Mary McClellan asked the Ridgewood Times to cover the parade.

Ms. Barbara Smith asked the District Manager to read her report.

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 6PM

Location: 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue (Muster Room), Brooklyn, NY

Members Attended: Freddy Fowler, Mary McClellan, Rev. Grace Aytes, Victoria Fernandez, Miriam Lamboy, Linda McKinley, Gladys Puglla and Avellar Hansley

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted- District Manager, NYPD Police Officers: D. Franco & N. Robinson, Kseniya Rozhkova, Marilya Kaushansky

Items Discussed:

NYS Liquor Authority License Requests:

1) Dillingers Café Inc., 146 Evergreen Avenue: New application for LWB Tavern application.

The venue is between Troutman and Jefferson Streets. The operators Kseniya and Mariya plan to outreach to artists with a summer country theme. Their plan is to serve coffee, tea with the out sourcing of salads, pastries and sandwiches. Their proposed time of operation is seven days per week from 7AM to Midnight.

The committee supports the above.

Other Items Discussed:

Due to the Community Board's activity in June, the next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will take place on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 6:00PM.

NYPD – 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct all NYS Liquor Authority applicants must present a picture ID at the desk when attending the meeting. Additionally, your representative name must be given to the District Manager prior to the meeting in order for them to attend; they must also have a photo ID. All board members must also present their ID at the desk.

Under the role of the Public Safety, the committee must address many items including NYS Liquor License Applications of which we have been receiving a great number, thus concentrating all of the committee's attention and resources on liquor licenses. Beginning in the month of September 2013 the Public Safety Committee will host two meetings per month to address all public safety issues and concerns, the following is the schedule:

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 – SLA  
Monday, September 9, 2013 – Public Safety

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 - SLA  
Monday, October 7, 2013 – Public Safety

Monday, October 28, 2013 – SLA  
Monday, November 4, 2013 – Public Safety

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 - SLA  
Monday, December 9, 2013 – Public Safety

**Recommendations: 7:26PM**

The PSC request support of the Dillingers Café Inc. located at 146 Troutman Street.

Motion to support PSC report was moved by Ms. Julie Dent and second by Ms. Gladys Puglla. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

Mr. Victor Villamar – abstained

Ms. Martha Brown – opposed

Recommendation Passed

**Election of Officers: 7:30PM**

Nominating Committee:

Ms. Barbara Smith

Mr. Freddy Fowler

Ms. Mary McClellan

Ms. Luisa Jose-Olea

Ms. Gladys Pullga

Mr. Cyril Joseph assisted the committee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call: 7:35PM** – 25 Members Present

Election was conducted and these are the results of the elections for the 2013-2014 year:

The Election of Officers was conducted and yielded the following results:

- 1) Chairperson – Ms. Julie Dent
- 2) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson – Ms. Martha Brown
- 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson – Ms. Victoria Fernandez
- 4) Recording Secretary – Mr. Cirilo Nunez
- 5) Corresponding Secretary – Ms. Virgie Jones
- 6) Financial Secretary – Mr. Eliseo Ruiz
- 7) Treasurer – Ms. Avellar Hansley
- 8) Parliamentarian - Mr. Odolph Wright

**Old Business: 8:10PM**

Ms. Dent thanked PO Franco for her years of support and dedication to the Bushwick Community.

PO Franco, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct.: To clarify the Community Board #4 SLA Meeting and the Public Safety Meetings

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct calls it "Quality of Life Issues": As regarding 311 calls or 911 calls & all community complaints that come through the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. office.

SLA Request: Meetings taking place at the Precinct is a closed meeting; only the people who are putting in their request will be attending. NO PRESS will be allowed at that meeting.

Please note that the only time the press can attend the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct is during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting; this meeting is separate from the SLA Meeting and the Public Safety Meetings.

At One Police Plaza the list that allows the press to attend a meeting during the Community Council Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE UPDATED INFORMATION: Starting in September 2013 with regards to the SLA request, only the applicant and their representative are will be allowed to attend. The Public Safety Meeting will be open to the public only if they live or work in the Bushwick Community. However this meeting will not be open to the press. If anyone is observed having any kind of press credentials, that person (s) will kindly be escorted out of the meeting.

PO Franco stated that she is here to serve everyone however there are guidelines that she must follow through her DCPI. (Deputy Commissioner, Public Information)

If anyone is interested in getting any information on any nightlife establishment that has put in a SLA request they will have to call DCPI (Deputy Commissioner, Public Information) at One Police Plaza. Unless DCPI gives her permission she cannot discussed anything that was discussed at a closed meeting.

At the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Council Meeting which is held every third Tuesday of the month at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., it is at this meeting that the Commanding Officer will discuss the problems that are occurring in the community as well as the highlights of the community.

**New Business:8:12PM:**

Quebradillas Baseball Organization – Grand Opening Day Parade on May 18, 2013

Location: Hope Park Baseball Field, corner of Knickerbocker Avenue between Menahan and Groves Streets

The parade is in memory of the 26 children of New Town Connecticut. The Grand Marshal: Fire Fight Benny Ortiz from Engine 277.

For more information call: Mr. Carlos Feliciano, the league president at 347-251-1458 or Mr. Roberto Cervera the League Commissioner at 347-920-0447

**Announcements: 8:14PM**

United States Congressman Hakeem Jeffries: New Office located at the Shirley Chisholm State Office Building, 55 Hanson Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor invites you to his Central Brooklyn Office Open House on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 12:00PM To 3:00PM. Please R.S.V.P. and register online at [Jeffries.house.gov](http://Jeffries.house.gov), if you have any questions call 718-237-2211

Judge Kathy King: She came before the board 10 years ago and was elected. The Judge covers Bushwick, East New

York and a small portion of Brownsville, Brooklyn, New York.

Judge King is asking for the communities support as she runs for re-election.

What does a judge do? Not only does a judge make decisions but they make sure that there is a fair playing field for those who come into the court. The lawyers may argue the case but she does not advocate. She makes sure that the evidence is properly admitted. She makes sure that the rules of law are followed. Proper decorum and respect is given not only to the court but for the parties who have a dispute.

What does a civil court judge do? What kind of papers do I preside over? Cases when someone is suing for money damages, such as property damage, motor vehicle accident, medical malpractice, etc.

Judge King stated that she is a Judge who is fair, impartial and a person of integrity. No matter whom you are your case will be tried fairly.

Spencer Robertson, PAVE Academy Charter School: PAVE Charter Schools is proposing to open a new K-8 school in Bushwick in September 2014. PAVE prepares students to thrive in competitive high schools and colleges and is one of the highest performing charter schools in New York City. Based on the core values of Perseverance, Achievement, Vibrancy and Excellent character, PAVE students work hard, exceed state standards, enjoy school and demonstrate strong character in their interactions with others.

A PAVE Academy Charter School is located in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. If you are interested in learning about PAVE, please email [Bushwick@paveacademy.org](mailto:Bushwick@paveacademy.org)

North Brooklyn AIDS Awareness Coalition: Saturday June 1, 2013, 9AM, A 3 mile walk starting at Maria Hernandez Park located at Knickerbocker Avenue & Suydam Street and finish at Humboldt Street between Johnson & Montrose Streets. Join us after the walk for our Fair

Family Services Network (FSN) and Bushwick Multi-Service Center Annual National HIV Testing Day and Community Health Fair: Friday, June 28, 2013, 10AM to 3PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue (Parking Lot) between Chauncey and Moffat Streets

HIV Testing, Education, Health Insurance, Foster Care Information, Giveaways, Games, Music, Fun, Food and much more!!! For more information or to register call Vanessa Davis at 718-455-6010 ext. 146 or Danielle O. Keith at ext. 155

Arts in Bushwick: You are invited to host a FREE information booth at Arts in Bushwick's Open Studios Community Day Festival, Maria Hernandez Park, Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11AM to 4PM  
To register your organization and participate in the Community Day Festival please contact them at: [community@artsinbushwick.org](mailto:community@artsinbushwick.org)

The Silent Barn: An Arts Space & Organization have a series of upcoming events. For more information contact Silent Barn at [silentbarnispeople@gmail.com](mailto:silentbarnispeople@gmail.com), see Flyers for events day and times.

PO Robinson: United Parade against Drugs and Gangs: May 18, 2013 at the Maria Hernandez Park (Suydam Street & Knickerbocker Avenue) Meet at 10AM, Parade starts at 12PM, Unity Service at 1:30PM

For more information call Bishop Julio Mercado at 347-220-4534 or Obispo Luis Paniagua at 646-338-5164

Sponsored by the Association of Hispanic Ministers, 83<sup>rd</sup> & 90<sup>th</sup> Precinct Clergy Councils

NYPD 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Blood Drive; Thursday, June 13, 2013, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue at 1PM to 7PM

For questions regarding medical eligibility, please call 800-688-0900

Borough of Brooklyn Ecumenical Advisor Group: Invites you to "Cut the Salt, Brooklyn!"

Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 10AM to 4PM, Location: Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Brooklyn Public Library: Where would you be without Brooklyn Public Library? Brooklyn Public Library is facing a 36% cut in funding. This means you will lose access to FREE:

- Computers and WiFi service

- Job search assistance

- Story time activities

- Technical skill programs

- Cultural events

Speak up for the Library! Contact your elected officials by signing our online petition and protect your Library from budget cuts today!!!

<https://bpl.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/speakup>

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Roll Call:** Meeting adjourned 8:35PM