

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 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 welcome all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, December 18, 2013 monthly board meeting and holiday party.

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

Roll Call: 6:38PM 32 members present constituting a quorum.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Miriam Cruz moved to accept the agenda as written. It was second by Mr. Cyril Joseph. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The November 2013 meeting minutes was accepted by Ms. Joanne Grant and second by Rev. Grace Aytes. All board members present were in favor.

Chairperson's Report:

No report.

The Chairperson, Ms. Dent welcomed all to the December 18, 2013 meeting of Community Board #4 and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

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, Brooklyn, NY, 718-235-5627

Representatives from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Maggie Mangual – Wyckoff Heights Medical Center – HIV Prevention Program, Positive Health Management, 342 Stanhope Street, 718-508-4669
- 2) Deputy Inspector A. Tasso – 83rd Precinct's Commanding Officer, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 3) Det. D. Franco – 83rd Pct. Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 4) PO N. Robinson – 83rd Pct. Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697

District Manager's Report

Newly Constructed Condominium Units For Sale: Located at 782 Hart Street. Realty Inc. is now accepting applications for 5 affordable housing condominium units that are now under construction. The building is being afforded through the 421-A partial tax exemption affordable housing program of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

The units are available as follows:

Apartments available: 5

Apartment size: 1 bedroom

Household size: 1 – 2

Sales Price: \$188,000

Total Annual Income Range: Minimum = \$25,000: Maximum = \$41,280

Returned applications were originally supposed to be postmark by December 12, 2013, but since the Community Board was not notified in advance about the condominiums the District Manager was able to get the New York City Department of Housing and Preservation to give interested persons a later postmark date of January 9, 2014 an additional 3 weeks.

Ms. Whitted wished all Joy, Peace and Prosperity as we all move into a new year!!

The District Manager acknowledges the presence of Deputy Inspector Tasso of the 83rd Precinct along with Det. Franco and Police Officer Robinson. Ms. Whitted thanked them for attending the meeting.

Mr. Rob Solano, Churches United in Housing: An organization of 50 churches in Brooklyn. The three churches that they have in Bushwick are: St. Barbara's, St. Bridgett's and St. Joseph's
They plan to expand to 31 churches in Bushwick by the end of the 2014 year.

- 1) Bushwick Shelter Rock – 10 newly constructed 3 family homes are being built
There will be a workshop to help interested ones to apply. The workshop will help with translation and mortgage, etc.
- 2) Rheingold – When they presented before the Community Board they offered 24% affordable housing, since then it has been increased to 30% affording housing. These housing will be mandatory and permanent.
There will be over 90 units for seniors.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Committee Chairperson, Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 6PM,
Location: 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue (Muster Room), Brooklyn, NY
Members Attending: Barbara Smith, Linda McKinley, Miriam Lamboy, Freddy Fowler, Mary McClellan,
Rev. Grace Aytes, Victoria Fernandez, Gladys Puglla

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted- CB4 District Manager, DI A. Tasso- Commanding Officer, 83rd Pct., Det. Damarys Franco & PO Robinson Community Affairs Officers

Applicants/Representatives: Sonja Lutnicki, A & Rina Haverly – 146 Wyckoff Avenue
Gerelyn Blackstone-Bridges & Mora Glover – 128 Central Avenue
Ziomara Velez – The Cricket Manor - 567 Wilson Avenue

SLA Applicants/SLA Requests:

- 1) The Bad Old Days – 146 Wyckoff Avenue – Building not constructed as of yet
Committee recommends: ON HOLD
- 2) Blackstone – 128 Central Avenue, applicant requesting a full liquor license for a restaurant. Hours of operation:
Monday through Saturday 11am to 4am, Sunday 11am to midnight. Committee recommends: APPROVED
- 3) The Cricket Manor – 567 Wilson Avenue, Rental space opened since last year, requesting a beer and wine license.
Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday 5pm to midnight, Friday and Saturday 12 noon to 2am and Sunday 12noon to midnight. Committee recommends: APPROVED

All applicants are encouraged to attend both the Community Board Meetings and the 83rd Precinct Council Meetings.

Recommendations:

The PSC made three (3) requests regarding liquor licenses.

The Public Safety Committee requests support for their entire report:

Motion to support PSC report was moved by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Martha Brown. Motion moved.

Old Business:

Ms. Barbra Smith thanked all those who participated in the 83rd Precinct fund raiser. The fund raised \$1,500.

This past Saturday on the 14th of December they were able to give out 400 toys, one toy per child. They also gave out 70 turkeys for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

District Manager: Asked those in attendance to remember the Wolff Alport Site when the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the City of New York Department of Health presented before the board on October 17, 2012 about the radiation that was found near the intersection of Irving Avenue and Moffat Street / Cooper Street.

There are now concerns that radiation maybe found in those persons that worked on cars at that location from the soil.

The chairperson indicated that the site is OK; however some people are still concern.

The Department of Environmental Protection is going out to people homes in order to let them know what is going on in the area.

Thanks to Mr. Martinez stated Ms. Dent for informing the residence.

Announcements:

Celeste Leon: New York State Assembly Member Rafael L. Espinal, Jr. in partnership with Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens cordially invites you to attend "The Time is Now" Forum on Immigration.

Do you currently have a pending case with immigration and would like further advice e and assistance?

Professionals from the immigration arena will be on site to answer questions about the following:

US Passport applications, travel visas, petition, US Citizenship applications, US employment applications and much more.

When: Thursday, December 19, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm – 8pm

Where: St. Rita's Roman Catholic Church, 275 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208

For additional information about this event or any state or local issue, call 718-235-5627

Brandon, Silent Barn: Seeking information on the history of Bushwick.

Mr. Cyril Joseph: Mr. Joseph will no longer be running the Linden-Bushwick Community Garden as of January 1, 2014.

Ms. Hansley is the President and all questions or concerns should be directed to her.

Maritza Davila, Elected Assemblywoman for the 53rd Assembly District: Thanked the Board for the hard work that they have done and continue to do for the Bushwick Community. She thanked those in attendance for attending and supporting the meetings month after month. She wished everyone a happy holiday!

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

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 7:12pm.